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Mass Meeting Speakers Discuss Food Production

The mass meeting for Runnels county farmers and business men, held here Friday evening at the court house to discuss farm mobilization and other plans to increase food production this year, was attended by only a small crowd. Speakers for various groups asked for increased production requested by the government, and leaders will continue to carry this message to the people of the county.

Meade McShan called the meeting to order and presided during the evening. County Agent John A. Barton stated the purpose of the gathering. He gave in a few words some of the increased goals and also referred to the labor shortage facing the farmer in his new task. He said it was difficult to get the people to realize the need and start crop planning in time to meet these needs. The food situation can become one of the greatest bottlenecks this year, he speaker pointed out, unless all producers do their share in meeting this condition. Where farm families have only been called on to produce enough for one other family, they are now being asked to produce enough for five, the speaker declared.

W. J. Halfmann was the first speaker and discussed swine production. He advocated good stock, good care, good equipment, self feeders and pasturage as some of the means of meeting the demand for increase. In care of pigs, he pointed out that losses in dead pigs could amount to the fifteen per cent increase sought. He stressed care of "runts" and told farmers they could solve part of their labor shortage by building self-feeders.

G. E. Kemp talked on milk production and emphasized herd improvement, rationed feed and plenty of water of the proper temperature. The speaker pointed out that milk was 85 per cent water and showed how milk production would drop unless water was always available and ready for perfect drinking. Warming in winter and placing under shade to keep cool in summer were two pointers given to get cows to drink their full share every day.

Thomas E. Ballow told of dairy herd increases in the county during the past twelve months. He stated that 25 registered bulls, 50

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B. C. D. Members Are Urged to Vote For 11 Directors

All members of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will receive post card ballots in the next few days on which twenty-two names will be printed and will be asked to vote for eleven of the men for directors in 1943 and return the cards to the office. This method is being used to elect the eleven new directors to serve with the eleven hold-overs during the ensuing year.

As soon as the ballots are returned and tabulations made, a meeting of the entire board will be held and officers for the new year elected. Neil G. McAlpine is retiring president of the organization and Harry Lynn is first vice-president.

Standing committees will be appointed and the year started immediately after the election of officers. During the past year much of the work of the commercial organization has centered around war work and the retiring officers expect that work to increase during 1943. Two of the last official acts of the old board and retiring officers will be the sponsoring of the football banquet this week and making plans for the annual B. C. D. membership banquet in February.

Members are urged to vote for the eleven men of their choice on the ballot and return the cards to the B. C. D. office as soon as possible after being received.

Red Cross Work In County to be Heavy This Year

The Runnels county chapter of the Red Cross has shipped 100 soldier kits and is making plans to fill and ship 300 more early this year. Material has been received for making all the kits and a large part have been completed. Articles for filling the bags have been bought and the first quota of 100 completed and sent to foreign ports.

County Chairman Ernest Caskey stated this week that articles purchased to go in the bags to date amounted to \$140 and that \$130 has been collected for this purpose. The cost of items in each bag is \$1 when bought through the Red Cross and all war taxes are remitted. This leaves a total of \$270 more than is needed to fill the remaining bags which will complete this county's quota.

Red Cross war work for the first part of 1943 will be extremely heavy and will require hundreds of women and girls. There are 300 more soldier kits to be finished, a quota of war sewing is to start soon and will require much effort to complete. A knitting quota is soon to be completed and another shipment of yarn is to be received within a short time for an emergency quota for the use of the army and navy and the surgical dressings plant is in full operation five days a week in an effort to deliver the first shipment of 16,200 dressings by January 25. As soon as the first quota is completed, another of the same size will be started and materials are already here for this quota. A room has been opened at Winters and work will be conducted there on a full schedule.

Gilligan Presents Last Concert Here; \$3,340 in Bonds Sold

The Ballinger Bearcat band presented a concert Tuesday evening to a full house at the high school auditorium. The concert was presented at this time in an effort to sell war bonds and stamps and each 25-cent admission ticket was exchanged for a war stamp at the door or more stamps or bonds could be bought. At the conclusion of the concert a check-up disclosed a total of \$3,340 in bonds and stamps had been sold.

Gurthal Gilligan, director of the Bearcat band for the past several years, made his last appearance with the organization and the last of this week will go to Sweetwater to become an instructor in the ground school of the army flying field there. Near the end of the concert Supt. Nat Williams told the audience of the fine work done by Mr. Gilligan while with the local band and expressed regret that he was leaving. Mr. Gilligan responded, saying he had enjoyed living in Ballinger and thanked all who had in any way cooperated with his work to make one of the best bands in Texas possible in the Ballinger school system. He stated that he would be coming back to Ballinger often to see the many good friends in this city.

This year Mr. Gilligan has produced one of the best bands in the history of the school. He is beloved by all his students and in state and national contests has ranked high since coming to Ballinger.

The board of trustees and school officials have not announced a successor to Mr. Gilligan, to take over the band and military drill work in the local school.

Mayor C. P. Shepherd was able to be downtown Monday afternoon after an attack of influenza which kept him at home several days.

Personalities in the News



Shown at left is Gen. Henri Giraud, successor of the slain Adm. Jean Darlan as high commissioner of North Africa, who said he will raise an army of 300,000 Frenchmen in North Africa to fight on the Allied side. Center: Juhos Rangel, prime minister of Finland, who, according to reports, attended the Jap "victory party" on December 7 in Helsinki. Since then the state department has ordered the Finnish information center in New York to cease issuing news releases and pamphlets. Right: William Hodson, New York city commissioner of welfare since 1933, who will undertake a confidential mission for former Governor Herbert Lehman, director of foreign relief.

Combine Maize is Urged To Save Labor on Farm

Planting combine varieties of maize will be one of the practices of Runnels county farmers in 1943 according to County Agent John A. Barton. This will save labor and the acreage increase will be large over that of 1942.

The three kinds of combine maize favored are Martin's, the Plainsman, and the Caprock. All three were grown in Runnels county in 1942 and proved to be good in this area, giving a fine yield the first year.

The Plainsman and the Caprock were grown in 1942 by A. C. Minzenmayer, of near Winters, and by Henry Ripple & Sons, of the Rowena section.

D. I. Jones, superintendent of the Lubbock experiment station, has this to say about the three varieties: "The Plainsman is from 7 to 10 days earlier than the Caprock. The Caprock, however, when planted at the usual time and with plenty of moisture will outyield the Plainsman. Ordinarily the Plainsman will outyield the Martin, which, in turn, is about ten days earlier than the Plainsman. The Plainsman and the Caprock have a better maize color than the Martin and a heavier stalk." Mr. Jones goes on to say that in his judgment all three of the combine varieties of maize should be planted in Runnels county during 1943 and until results determine which is the best in this county. He goes on to recommend that the largest acreage be planted in Martin and Plainsman.

G. P. Gordon, of Miles, who is chairman of the Runnels county victory council seed committee, states that the committee is anxious that demonstrations be established in all the 41 communities of the county to test the three kinds of combine maize. Those who would like to try any of the three are asked to see their community victory council committee-men and place the order. The Lubbock station can furnish only a limited amount of Plainsman or Caprock.

TWO METAL WORK CLASSES WILL MEET IN EVENINGS

J. M. Williams, vocational agriculture teacher in the Ballinger high school, stated this week that the two metal working classes being instructed in the defense school here would meet at night. Last week it was announced that a new class was being formed and would meet in the mornings, but this has been changed in order to accommodate more students.

There is still room for a few students in these classes and anyone interested should contact Mr. Williams or D. J. Patterson at the Patterson Shop on Ninth Street.

LOCAL F. F. A. CHAPTER HAS PARTY AT COUNTRY CLUB

Members of the Future Farmers of America chapter of the Ballinger school staged a party last Friday evening at the Ballinger country club. Each member of the chapter invited one guest and a total of 45 attended the party.

Miss Dorothy Miller, chapter "sweetheart" was one of the honor guests. Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Agnew and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams were chaperones for the affair.

Games provided entertainment, after which refreshments were served.

Annual Meetings Of Ballinger Banks Are Held Tuesday

Annual meetings of Ballinger banks were held Tuesday with the directors in session to look over annual reports and elect officers for the ensuing year. Local banks closed a good year with deposits reaching an all-time high, there being approximately \$3,500,000 in the two institutions.

No changes were reported in the directors or officers of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Officers reelected include Mrs. J. F. Currie, president; R. E. Bruce, vice-president; Edward Sommer, cashier; and S. F. Price, assistant cashier.

Directors are: Mrs. J. F. Currie, R. E. Bruce, Edward Sommer, R. W. Bruce, and C. H. Wylie.

The annual meeting of the First National Bank of Ballinger was held Tuesday afternoon, only one change being made in the board of directors. J. A. Walker, long-time director of the local institution, and who recently passed away at his home in Brownwood, was not replaced on the board. All other directors and officers will continue to serve the bank during the current year.

Directors are: F. M. Pearce, C. L. Baker, J. G. Douglass, Paul Petty, Harry Lynn, Drury P. Hathaway and R. G. Erwin. Officers are: R. G. Erwin, president, F. M. Pearce, vice-president and chairman of the board; J. G. Douglass, vice-president; Harry Lynn, cashier; W. R. Bogle, assistant cashier; Joe Forman, assistant cashier; J. G. Tuckey, assistant cashier.

There have been numerous changes in the employee personnel of the bank during the past year. Three regular employees have entered the armed forces and five girls have been added to the force, making a total of six in the regular personnel and another girl working on special occasions.

During the past year the bank added a special war bond department where customers are served in making investments of this nature.

CITY COLLECTIONS IN DECEMBER HIGH; MUCH WATER USED

City collections in December were high, a total of \$12,271.56 being reported at the end of the month. The funds were distributed as follows: taxes, \$9,638.30; delinquent taxes, \$362.24; penalty and interest, \$107.67; water collections, \$1,848.43; farm, \$9.30; plumbing, \$9.00; sanitary, \$128.50; fines, \$5.40; paving receipts, \$78.40; and general fund, \$84.32.

The street department was busy the entire month, grading 129 blocks and blading 48 blocks. In addition 131 drainage ditches were opened, culverts were cleaned and intersections and gutters were cleaned.

Water consumption in the city during December totaled 7,330,000 gallons, and the airfield, 1,326,000 gallons.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

W. A. (Bill) Green, lieutenant, senior grade, in the navy, was in Ballinger this week for a visit with friends. Lieut. and Mrs. Green at present are at Pensacola, Florida. Before entering the service Lieut. Green was with the West Texas Utilities Co. here for a number of years. He has been in the navy the past two years.

E. W. Grey has received a letter from his son, Willard Grey, written on January 1, in which he informed his father that he completed a course in an officers' training school on December 29 and was made a second lieutenant. The letter did not give his location but he has been in Australia since December 22, 1941, and from remarks in the letter is believed to still be there.

Grey was en route to the Philippines when the ship he was on was stopped and headed into an Australian port, as war had been declared and the Japs had attacked the Philippines.

Harold Carter Chapman has been certified to the local draft board as a volunteer in the army air corps. His assignment was not given in the memorandum received here.

Mrs. J. E. Fowler left Friday for El Paso to visit her son, Lieut. J. E. Fowler, who is critically ill in the William Beaumont general hospital. He has been in this hospital for eight months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wetsel, of Wingate, received information last week that their son, Arlee Wetsel, was a Japanese prisoner of war. He was a member of battery E, second battalion of the 131st field artillery. The information was picked up in a short wave radio program in which Arlee was permitted to say that he was all right and looking forward to the day when he could come home.

Richard M. Zedlitz, son of Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz, will graduate at the army flying school at Lubbock this week and receive his wings and the rating of a flight officer. He has been training at the advanced school on two-engine planes and will begin his regular service as soon as assigned after graduation. He has been in the army for almost two years and for the past thirty weeks or more in the army air corps.

Flight Officer Tom Anderson Crockett, Jr., of Winters has reported at Hobbs, New Mexico, for transition training as a multi-engine bomber pilot, according to information received from the Hobbs army field. He received his pilot's wings at Roswell, New Mexico, and since then has been on duty. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Crockett, of Winters route 3.

A letter received this week from Corporal George M. Beard gave a change in his address and expressed his affection for Ballinger. In part, he said: "I am now working in the induction station here in Providence, Rhode Island. We induct from 100 to 200 men every day. We handle all selectees for the state of Rhode Island and my main job is to fingerprint the selectees and the WAACs for the state.

"I like my job very well but am

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75 Runnels County Men To Report January 25

Surgical Dressing Work Progresses; Knitting Wanted

Ballinger women working Monday night, Tuesday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday night and Friday morning, are speeding up as much as possible in the making of surgical dressings for the United States army and navy. On account of short attendance at classes the quota has been slightly behind but those on duty have been working longer hours and attending more than one session in an effort to catch up and be ready to ship the first consignment of 16,200 bandages by January 25.

Regular sessions will be held at the work center on the third floor of the court house next week and additional workers are invited to join any class when it will be convenient for them to work.

Knitting supervisors have been asked to get in all sweaters now underway as soon as possible and a number were completed and turned in last week. Shipment is to be made as soon as all are finished and another shipment of yarn is expected within a short time for an emergency quota.

Those completing sweaters this week were: turtle-neck, navy—Mrs. Troy Simpson, Mrs. Drury Hathaway, Mrs. Jim Duncan, Mrs. Lee Roy McAulay; olive drab sleeveless—Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., Miss Mary Simpson, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, Mrs. Mark Davis, Miss Marryatt Smith (2), Mrs. W. E. Middleton, Mrs. W. O. Middleton, Mrs. W. H. James, Mrs. R. M. McMillan, Mrs. John Loveless, Mrs. Ross Causey, Mrs. Lottie Paris, Mrs. Ed Sommer, Mrs. Wells, Mrs. Theo Bell, Mrs. Levy Lee, Mrs. E. C. Tinsley, Mrs. Sam Malone.

Miles women brought a large number of finished Red Cross articles to Ballinger Wednesday afternoon. These included 88 soldier kits, one navy sweater, fifteen army sweaters, and a \$2 cash donation to be used in filling kits for overseas-bound soldiers. They still have a few unfinished sweaters which will be turned in soon.

Finished garments should be turned in Mrs. Troy Simpson, Mrs. E. C. Tinsley or The Ledger office.

Red Cross officials are looking for a new county production chairman and as soon as the position is filled a sewing program for refugees will be started. A large amount of material is already on hand for this work.

TWO COMMISSIONERS ILL AND UNABLE TO ATTEND MEETING

R. A. Perry and Ralph Burns were in Ballinger Monday to attend the January meeting of the commissioners' court. Fred Bedford, of Winters, was ill and unable to be present, and H. E. Fulcher was also on the sick list and not present. Only routine business was brought before the court Monday.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN DIES AT SAN ANTONIO

Robert McKinney, former resident of Ballinger, died at his home in San Antonio on Christmas morning. While a resident of Ballinger he was employed by C. J. Lynn, E. P. Talbot and J. A. Williams.

He was married here about twenty-five years ago and since then had lived in a number of Texas cities, while working for the state highway department.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods
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111 S. Eighth Street
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A total of 75 Runnels county men have been advised to be ready to take army physical examinations on January 25. Cards were mailed this week to all those included in the January quota to be ready to leave for examinations on that date.

This list takes in a large number of 19-year-olds as well as a few older. The February quota will probably call for some of recently registered 18-year-old group.

Those notified this week were the following:
Ervin Wilfort Little, Winters
J. P. Drake, Winters route 1
Dee Bilbrey, Jr., Ballinger
Alby Odell Merck, Winters
William Thelston Howard, Winters

Carlos Manley McWright, Pecos
Robert Henry Williams, Winters route 1

Roy William Bagwell, Wingate
Dewey Arnold Heathcott, Wingate route 1

Lee Roy Wiesepepe, Ballinger route 1

Horace Eugene Traylor, Winters
Ben Henry Droll, Rowena route 1
Lonnie Lee Williams, San Diego, California

Fred Frank Edwards, Ft. Worth
William Vernon Howell, Seymour
Robert Lesley Wright, Winters route 1

Judge Poindexter Snow, Ballinger route 2

Kendall Mullin, Winters
Rufus Eugene Coody, Houston
Arthur Hamby Clark, Bryan
Isidor Andrew Fisher, Miles route 1

Harold Morman Allen, Winters route 1

Robert Henry Block, San Diego, California

Richard William Routh, Ballinger

Henry Clyde Lee, Jr., Winters
Jose Valdez Pena, Ballinger
Homer Fay Guin, Wingate

Theodoro Lopez, Miles
Billy Baca, Jr., Miles route 1
Edgar M. Gordon, Norton

Lloyd Harold Keese, Levelland
H. Innocencio Gomez Rodriguez, Ballinger
Charles D. Wright, Winters route 2

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Tire Inspection Time Extended By OPA Order

Because motorists are taking better care of their tires, the office of price administration Tuesday postponed the deadline for the first official inspection, and out the required number of subsequent examinations.

Instead of the original January 31 deadline, OPA established a stagger system which gives holders of the basic A book until the end of March for their initial tire inspection, and holders of B and C supplementary books until the end of February.

At the same time, the office of defense transportation postponed the deadline for the first tire inspection for commercial vehicles from January 15 to February 28.

After the first inspection, motorists holding A books must have their tires examined once in each six-month period, instead of the original requirement of once every four months. Holders of B books must have subsequent inspections every four months, those with C books every three months. Previously the requirement was an inspection every two months for both B and C card holders. After the first inspection, commercial vehicles must have tire inspections every six days or every 5,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

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Women's Society and Club News

Miss Louise Wenzel is Bride of Robert J. Barney
Miss Louise Wenzel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Wenzel of Yoakum, became the bride of Robert J. Barney, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Barney of Chapin, Iowa, last Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the St. Mary's rectory with the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., reading the single ring service.

The bride wore a two-piece suit of light weight beige wool with white blouse and gloves. Other accessories were black and her corsage was of blue Dutch irises.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fronkier were wedding attendants. Other guests were Lt. James W. Walker, George W. Berg and K. E. Harman.

Mrs. Barney is a graduate of the Yoakum High School and of the Seton School of Nursing at Austin. Before her marriage, she was a surgical nurse at St. John's Hospital in San Angelo.

Mr. Barney is a graduate of Iowa State College at Ames, Iowa, and is a flight instructor at the Army Air Forces Training Detachment at Bruce Field. The couple is at home at the Weeks Apartments, 300 Phillips Avenue.

Mrs. Ingram is Club Hostess

Mrs. E. L. Ingram was hostess to her contract club last Saturday, entertaining with a one o'clock luncheon at the Central Hotel, followed by games in her Wilke Terrace home.

Pretty vari-colored ghesdia blossoms formed the table centerpiece where clever hand-made cards, adorned with colonial girls in dresses of cotton print and hats of felt, marked places.

In games, high club and high guest score prizes were won by Mrs. K. K. Hoffman and Mrs. Jack Williams, low by Mrs. Julian Hadley, and bingos by Mrs. Virgil Reynolds, Hadley, Fred Harman, and Williams. Others were: Mrs. W. L. Barker, Roy Worley, and Tommie Hall.

Miss Smith Hostess to Presbyterian Circle

The Business Women's Circle of the First Presbyterian Auxiliary met Monday evening in the home of Miss Marryatt Smith on Sixth Street.

Mrs. C. J. Bell conducted the routine business with plans being made to co-operate in the school of missions to be held at the First Presbyterian Church the first week in February. Miss Margaret Crocker gave the study, a continuation of lessons on the Gospel of Luke.

A salad plate was served with potato chips and cookies. Others present were: Mrs. Emma Mann, C. R. Stephens, Misses Maggie Underwood, and Virginia Holman.

Eighth Street Society Hears Secretary of National Missions

Women of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society attended an all-day meeting in the church parlors Monday in attendance at a leadership training conference conducted by Miss Esther McRuer, field secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., of New York city.

At the morning session, Miss McRuer gave general and inspiring information regarding the entire national missions work and in the afternoon she talked specifically of the work in Alaska. Miss McRuer is an accomplished whistler and gave a group of selections, playing her own piano accompaniment.

At the noon hour a delicious no-hostess luncheon was served. Others present were: Mrs. W. A. Erwin, A. W. Sledge, W. A. Taylor, H. T. Russell, J. A. Ostertag, Mary Spreen, Ed Killingsworth, B. H. Erwin, Dee Oliver, J. D. Coulter, Velma Daniels, Laura Ferguson, J. W. Black, R. M. McMillan, J. W. Mackey of Norton, Carroll Bell, Rufus Allen, A. H. Wiesepape, Roy Hill, Misses Maggie and Eva Lilly, Mae Stubblefield, and Mae Mackey.

Mrs. Murphy Entertains Sew and Chat

Mrs. W. R. Murphy, Jr., entertained Sew and Chat members last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Henry Moody in West Ballinger.

Potted plants graced rooms where Red Cross knitting was done. A plate of sandwiches and cookies with coffee was served.

Included were: Mrs. Mmes. Leyton Hill, E. C. Tinsley, Tom McEntire, W. O. Middleton, Leon Russell, J. C. Ward, Ross Causey, and Fred Middleton.

Officers Re-elected for Shakespeare Club

As a war-time measure, all officers of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club were re-elected for the 1943-44 club season. Mrs. Ernest Caskey will again direct activities as president. Others who will serve with her are: Mrs. C. R. Stephens, vice-president; Mrs. Simeon Cottelle, recording secretary; Mrs. E. A. Saunders, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Skinner, critic; Mrs. Horace Murphy, parliamentarian; Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, historian; and Mrs. R. T. Williams, federation counselor.

Mrs. Caskey presided over the business session and presented the program "Rights of a Child in a Democracy." She spoke on "The Right to Physical Fitness and to Mental and Emotional Soundness." Other topics were "The Right to a Spiritual Heritage," discussed by

Mrs. Saunders; and "The Right to Education" by Mrs. W. J. Hembree. Mrs. Ford Taylor, program chairman, announced that at the next meeting, January 21, Mrs. Caskey would review "And Keep Your Powder Dry" by Margaret Mead. Each member will be allowed to invite two guests.

Walker-Smith Employees Feted by Denny

Walker-Smith employees were guests at a quail dinner party given last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Denny in their home on Broadway.

Pink carnations combined with Scottish heather centered the dining table where Miss Virginia Denny assisted in serving. Games of forty-two were the supper aftermath.

Included were: Messrs. and Mrs. Bill Clark, Francis Allison, R. C. Bledsoe, Jack Cook, Claude Powers, and L. C. Tinsley and Miss Jerry Stanley.

Hargrove-Mathis Nuptials in Winters

Miss Betty Jo Mathis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Mathis of Hatchel, became the bride of Lyndon Hargrove of the United States Coast Guard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hargrove of Winters, in a twilight service read on Wednesday evening of last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brian of Winters.

The Rev. Ray, pastor of the Hatchel Baptist Church, read the ring ceremony in the presence of relatives and close friends before an improvised altar of tall baskets of pink carnations and white chrysanthemums placed against a background of ivy and other greenery.

The bride wore an afternoon dress of powder blue crepe trimmed with sequins. Her accessories were brown and her arm bouquet was of pink gladioli.

Miss Dorothy Brian was maid-of-honor and Dudley Hargrove was best man.

Mrs. Hargrove is a graduate of Winters High School and attended Draughon's Business College in Abilene. Mr. Hargrove, also a graduate of the Winters High School, is an apprentice seaman in the U. S. Coast Guard, enlisting last September.

For traveling, Mrs. Hargrove wore a black suit with black accessories. After a short wedding trip, the couple will be at home in Galveston.

Mrs. Hargrove is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Mathis of Ballinger.

Lt. Eric Behrend and San Angelo Girl Marry in North Dakota

Miss Mary Strand Dellinger of San Angelo, daughter of Mrs. E. B. Dellinger of Santa Anna, became the bride of Lt. Eric Behrend, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Behrend of Rowena, in a full military ceremony read by Dr. F. L. Eversall in the Moorhead Congregational Church in Fargo, North Dakota, December 27.

Mrs. Walter Ericson played the nuptial music and accompanied

'One Can to a Customer' at This Store



Grocers can do much to prevent hoarding of canned foods between now and the time that rationing of such foods gets under way in February. Joseph Tannenbaum sets an example here by putting a limit of one can of each food to a customer at his store in New York. Most citizens put up with the restriction without complaint.

Mrs. John Thompson, who gave the pre-nuptial solos, "At Dawning" and "Oh, Promise Me."

Mrs. John Hammerick was matron-of-honor.

The bride, given in marriage by Lt. Hammerick, wore a tailored white wool suit trimmed with green wool embroidery. Her accessories were green and an orchid formed her corsage.

Lt. Behrend was attended by Lt. Eugene Hartlein and forming the guard of honor were Major Ernest Kalsow, First Lt. Lawrence Steiner, M. W. Miller and Paul Boyd; Second Lt. G. H. Edgell, Jr., and Robert Teague.

Mrs. Behrend is a graduate of the Santa Anna High School and the Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital School of Nursing. After his graduation from the Ballinger High School, Lt. Behrend attended the University of Texas, and returned to Ballinger where he was employed by the Ballinger Cottonoil Co. He received his commission at Army Air Forces Candidate School in Miami Beach, Fla., in August, 1942, and attended the Adjutant General's school at Fort Washington, Md., for two months, going to Fargo O. C. S. in September. He is an instructor in the O. C. S. No. 1, Army Administrative school at NDAC.

Mrs. Douglass is Forty-Two Club Hostess

Mrs. J. G. Douglass was hostess to her forty-two club last Friday afternoon in her home on Broadway.

Lovely potted azaleas graced party rooms where Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, Mrs. E. E. King, Mrs. A. W. Sledge, and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw assisted in serving a delicious Mexican supper plate with fruit cake and coffee after games.

Others included: Mrs. E. C. Baskin, A. B. Stobaugh, B. C. Kirk, James Wear, E. L. Hagan, Ed O'Kelly, J. F. Currie, John A. Weeks, Elmer Sheppard, and Hamp Byler.

Eastern Star Holds Meeting

A stated meeting of Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of Eastern Star was held Monday evening, January 11. The following were present: Paul Petty, Bob Lindsey, Jr., Dr. W. B. Halley, Mrs. Zoe Brock, Lydia Norwood, Velma B. Halley, Beulah Rape, Rachel Boswell, Hazel Lindsey, Luna Mae Foy, Ora Willingham, Edrie Petty, Effie Hulsey, Nellie Campbell, Dale O'Neill, Rama Saunders; Misses Annie Shelburne, Pauline Morley, Lola Eubank, Agnes Glover, Mary Jane Kiechle, and Marie Norwood.

Mrs. Vista Courtney of Coleman chapter was a visitor. The degrees of the order were conferred upon Mrs. Katherine Chabysek. A talk was given by Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr., in behalf of Miss Mary Jane Kiechle, who will leave soon to

become a member of the W. A. A. C.

Bethel 4-H Boys' Club Has Program For 'Victory Year'

As the regular meeting of the Bethel 4-H club last Thursday afternoon the program for 1943 was adopted. The club accepted responsibilities of doing all it can in the war effort, during the current year. The club program as adopted is as follows:

1. Form a 4-H club council composed of 4-H club leaders and club leaders;
2. To encourage through 4-H club demonstrations an increase in food and fiber to help meet the war production goals of 1943;
3. To enroll at least 150 members in the county during the victory year of 1943;
4. That each club have an active adult leader;
5. That the club support and sponsor 4-H club shows, exhibits, camps and other similar activities;
6. To work and create greater interest of parents in 4-H club work;
7. That clubs take part in the war bond and stamp sales, salvage collections, and other types of victory campaigns;
8. To help in such phases of club work as accident prevention on the farm, fire prevention, first aid, machinery repair, and farm labor problems;
9. That the club members sponsor at least one community night meeting during the year to promote the great war necessity food program.

Duties to be accepted by individual members are:

1. Carry on an active and standard size demonstration;
2. Consider a duty and obligation to learn all about one project in order to accomplish the greater results returns;
3. Enter 4-H club contests where offered;
4. Exhibit livestock, poultry or field crops some time during the year;
5. Keep record books up to date, complete, and turn in when project work is completed;
6. Attend all club meetings during the year;
7. Each boy to strive to attain the goal of producing enough food for himself and one soldier;
8. Let no boy forget that this is victory year and that each boy will do his "dead level best" to reach his goal;
9. That each boy will try to keep the pledge, and live up to the 4-H motto: "to make the best better."

Jim Bob Bradshaw was elected vice-president to fill a vacancy caused by another member moving from the community.

The club was divided into two military groups with Jim Harris and Glyn Whitworth leaders of the squads.

BALLINGER MAN AWARDED MEDAL FOR SPECIAL SERVICE

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Esmond received a telegram last week stating that their son, Lieut. Marlin Esmond, had been awarded an airman's medal for special services while on active duty on Wake Island. Lieut. Esmond entered the air corps December 19, 1941, and received his wings at Lubbock last August. He left the United States October 27 and is now stationed somewhere in the Hawaiian Islands.

MILES OF VEGETABLES FEED NEW ZEALANDERS

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Jan. 13.—Miles of vegetables—eighty-five of them—have been planted at Opiki, New Zealand, to supply the army's mess tables. The project, under the direction of the department of agriculture, will include 21 miles of lettuce, 15 miles of carrots, 9 miles of beets, 25 miles of cabbage—and 15 miles of spring onions.

Being a good listener isn't saying much.

FOR VICTORY BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

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WE HAVE A WAR TO WIN—So—let's Buy Bonds and keep on Buying Bonds—that our Fighting Forces—on Land—Sea—and in the Air—may not want for anything that's possible for us to send them.

WE EXPECT TO COOPERATE
With our government in every way—to the end—that this awful war may be won—soon as possible. Some merchandise may be scarce—some we may not be able to get at all—but—we'll do our best—to furnish the things—that are essential to your comfort and well being.

WE THANK YOU
Over and over again for all favors shown us—for every expression of good will—for all business given us.

MAY 1943—
Bring Peace—to our own country—and to all the world.
Sincerely
R. T. Williams, Manager

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

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At Higginbotham's through these 36 years—a record we are proud of—and one that is appreciated a lot. We have made mistakes—which we regret—but—as we begin another year—the New Year—1943—it will be our desire—our aim—to be of the greatest service possible—not only to all who come to our place of business—and trade with us—but—to our country—and to all with whom we come in contact. Your business—your good will—and your friendship—has been and will be appreciated in the future.

1943—WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY
Be the most critical year in our history

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Build Sturdy Health
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Thousands and thousands of years have testified to the benefits S.S.S. Tonic has brought to them and scientific research shows that it gets results—That's why so many say "S.S.S. Tonic builds sturdy health—makes you feel like yourself again." At drug stores in 19 and 25 cent sizes. C.S.S. & Co.

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helps build STURDY HEALTH

Use of Protein Shows Stockmen Do Better Job

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

With local livestock producers doing an outstanding job of "Food for Freedom" production, more than 100 per cent of the cottonseed meal produced by the local oil mill this season and all of the stocks carried over from last season have been or will be fed within the immediate trade territory of the Ballinger mill, the manager reports.

"Our sales records are tangible evidence that livestock production is increasing locally, and that our stockmen are feeding better-balanced rations," he adds. "We have sold practically all of our 1942-43 production of both meal and hulls for use here at home and, in fact, most of it for immediate feeding. In contrast with some past seasons, relatively little has gone to dealers outside of this territory or to mixed feed manufacturers."

Despite the increased protein production this season for the United States, as a whole, and the effective efforts of the oil mill here to conserve supplies for local feeders, the use of protein concentrates and many other feeds to date this season has exceeded production, the manager reports. This condition has been general in all sections of the United States, perhaps worse in some other sections than in the Cotton Belt.

"Supplies of cottonseed here are, naturally, smaller than before cotton acreage was limited, but the cotton oil industry is actively working to help farmers and the Department of Agriculture convert other oilseed crops, such as peanuts and soybeans, into needed meal or

cake and oil. This takes time, however, especially when transportation, labor and supplies are scarce and many details of handling relatively new crops have to be worked out. Supplies of cottonseed meal and hulls have been made available and used much more rapidly than supplies of other protein meals, but it is hoped that supplies of other meals will steadily increase."

Make Every Pound Count

To meet the situation, livestock authorities are stressing the need for feeding more efficiently, "sharing" feed among different classes of stock so that each will get at least its minimum requirements, and—in the few cases where some feeder does have more protein on hand than is needed immediately—sharing feed supplies among neighbors.

"Every pound of protein—or of cottonseed hulls, for that matter—has got to count this year," says A. L. Ward, Educational Director, National Cottonseed Products Association. "And, anyone who knows American farmers and ranchmen knows that they will make it count, too; the fine job that they did in 1942 is only the foundation for a better job in 1943 toward producing the food to help win the war."

With reference to hulls, he explains, some of the Cotton Belt's supply is having to be used in the production of furfural, used to help make synthetic rubber. Although oil mills, generally, have retained all of the hulls they could for local use, synthetic rubber production is essential to agriculture as to the Armed Forces, and hulls that must be used for rubber production will be willingly "shared" by oil mills and feeders, even though it may reduce local supplies.

Betty Grable, Miranda, Payne In 'Springtime in the Rockies'

A rollicking musical extravaganza, filmed in gorgeous technicolor against the stunning background of eye-filling Lake Louise, is 20th Century-Fox's "Springtime in the Rockies," which wends its merry way into the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight for a preview headed by a star-studded cast which includes Betty Grable, John

Payne, Carmen Miranda, Harry James and His Music-Makers, and Cesar Romero. The booking also is for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 17, 18, 19.

Charlotte Greenwood, eccentric dancing comedienne, Edward Everett Horton, Frank Orth, of "My Gal Sal" fame, and Jackie Gleason are in support.

Much of the action takes place at Canada's enchanting Lake Louise, known the world over for its wondrous beauty. However, it is conceivable that more than one moviegoer, with an eye to scenic values, might anticipate with even greater relish the prospect of viewing Miss Grable in the full glow of technicolor magic.

As for listening thrills, mention is made of Harry James and His Music Makers. His torrid interpretation of four new sock tunes by Mack Gordon and Harry Warren could make the Rockies themselves rock with rhythm. Helen Forrest, a James regular, chips in with Miss Grable, Payne and La Miranda on the vocals.

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BORIS KARLOFF
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"The Black Room"



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Q: I would like to know how much pressure is used when our teeth bite a piece of steak.

A: Between 35 to 40 pounds of force is required to chew tenderloin beef steak; 40 to 60 pounds to chew chuck beef steak and from 60 to 80 pounds to chew the common "boarding house" or "garden variety" of beef steak. The instrument used to measure the bite strength is known as a gnathodynamometer (nath'-o-di-nam-om'-eter) a bite strength measure. The force of the bite or the pounds force with which the jaws may be closed upon any object varies greatly among different persons. The late Dr. A. D. Black reports that in a tabulation of bite tests made by 1,000 young adults the average force exerted was 171 pounds on the molar teeth, less on the bicuspids and incisors. The average eight year old with healthy teeth will exert about 35 pounds pressure with his first permanent molars; the 12 year old, 75 pounds; 18 year old, 140 pounds; and adults 170 to 175 pounds. A considerable number of young adults have registered as much as 350 pounds.



Good teeth are essential to good service in our armed forces. They are equally an asset in civil life. Today, that is doubly true, for in every sense we must be fit to fight. We are all in the service. This is no time to indulge the luxury of ill and especially ill caused by bad teeth, that can readily be remedied.

Send questions with self-addressed, stamped envelope, to American Dental Association, 225 East Superior street, Chicago, Ill.

Up-to-Minute Comedy-Drama Stars Allan Jones, Jane Frazee

Sparkling comedy-drama, flavored bountifully with vocal and instrumental music, is pledged by the Ritz Theatre in the presentation of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," to be shown Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 16, 17, 18, 19.

Heralded as gay, topical entertainment, the cast is headlined by Allan Jones, Jane Frazee, Gloria Jean, Donald O'Connor, Peggy Ryan and the Four Step Brothers.

Starred likewise is the celebrated Spitalny and his Hour of Charm All-Girl Orchestra, musical sensation of stage and radio. The orchestra, which presents a variety of novel specialties, also provides accompaniment and rhythmic background for the action of the picture's story.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" is the very up-to-date story of a soldier who returns home on furlough and finds himself the object of all sorts of attention. Seeking seclusion, he is mistakenly believed to be a deserter. This error provides the dramatic impetus which speeds the plot along a surprising musical path to what is described as a grand and happy finale.

Jones and Miss Frazee have the leading romantic roles and their appearance will be welcomed by audiences who enjoyed their work together in the recent "Moonlight

in Havana." The two stars are joined by Gloria Jean in several vocal selections.

SEED CROP LOANS NOW AVAILABLE TO FARMERS

Emergency crop loans, known generally as "the seed loans," offered for many years in this county by the emergency crop and feed loan section of the farm credit administration, are now available to farmers in need of financial assistance for the production of vitally important food crops and normal crops for 1943, according to announcement of W. E. Farwell, manager of the Dallas office.

Applications for the loans are being taken in this county at the county superintendent's office, Ballinger, under direction of Field Supervisor D. H. Harrison.

Funds obtained under these loans may be used to cover the

cost of preparing the land and to purchase seed, fertilizer and supplies incident to the production of the crop. A first mortgage on the crops to be grown is the security required on the crop loans.

As in the past, borrowers will be required to agree to plant a large garden for home use and a balanced crop program will be encouraged. This year, however, particular emphasis will be laid upon the patriotic duty of all growers to produce food crops and oil bearing crops outlined by the department of agriculture as all important goals in meeting urgent war needs.

Loans are also available from this agency to purchase or produce feed for livestock. A first mortgage on the livestock to be fed is the security for that type of loan.

Applicants who can obtain loans from banks, production credit associations, or on reasonable terms from other sources, are not eligible for emergency crop loans.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable spent the week-end in Sweetwater, visiting relatives and friends.

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Home Demonstration Agent Makes Good Report for 1942

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, has completed her annual report to be sent to the extension service at College Station and it discloses much activity during 1942 by the agent as well as home demonstration club women and 4-H club girls of Runnels county.

Miss Tankersley devoted 176 days to adult work and 111 to 4-H club work during 1942. She visited 596 farm homes, received 672 office calls and 417 telephone calls. A total of 926 families were assisted in improving their diet, 136 families were assisted in food preparation, 522 food production problems were handled, 902 food preservation problems, 857 canning, 326 in drying of foods, 215 storing problems, 52 jobs of repairing and remodeling of furniture, 187 helped with clothing problems, 151 aided in selection of clothing and textiles, 136 advised in regard to remodeling clothing, 85 assisted with accounts or budgets. Club girls planned 2,520 meals and 18,380 quarts of food were canned. Club girls also made 513 garments and remodeled 85 others during the year.

Among activities of the year were full programs in victory demonstrations, home food supply, poultry, clothing, home improvement, community canning, whole farm and ranch demonstrations, victory council work, club work for girls and women, defense and Red Cross work, and numerous other special calls for aid in war work and other movements.

Canned and dried foods prepared had a large value and helped many families improve their diets during the year. Poultry ownership was increased and more than 78,000 dozen eggs were produced at an expense of \$2,391 and sold at a profit of \$6,677.

Members of the victory council assisted in many wartime measures. Scrap metal and rubber drives, collection of fats, Red Cross sewing and knitting, and other war jobs were participated in by the women and girls. One woman's club sent cookies to soldiers all year and members of a girls' club wrote letters to all boys from the community.

Miss Flora Halfmann was awarded a gold star for her record in 4-H club work in 1942. She has been a club member for three years and at the same time carried most of the responsibilities at home as her mother has been ill. She was a wardrobe demonstrator for one year and in 1942 carried on a full garden project as well as canning and other work.

In all, the work of the home demonstration agent for the past year has been greater than in previous years and many additional calls were made on her time as well as those with whom she works. Women of the county, she reports, plan to meet all increases in their work called for by war needs during the current and ensuing years.

Mrs. Myra Harshaw left the past week for California to visit a daughter. She had been here several months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew.

Enemies are friends you make the mistake of losing.

A. & M. COLLEGE EXTENSION STAFF EXPERT ADVISES BEST POSSIBLE CARE OF PASTURES

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 13.—Spreading barnyard manure before cold weather becomes the regular order is a sound practice in pasture improvement, says R. R. Lancaster of the A. & M. College extension service staff. A companion procedure is guarding against overgrazing.

"Pastures, if reasonably well cared for are the cheapest and one of the best sources of feed for cattle," adds Lancaster, who is extension pasture specialist.

"The slight use of labor is another important asset in view of the existing conditions in farm help." Studies and demonstrations show that barnyard manure if applied in the fall at the rate of five or ten tons an acre, not only furnishes considerable nitrogen, but also benefits pastures for several years. It should be spread lightly and uniformly, and 50 pounds of 20 per cent phosphatic fertilizer, or its equivalent spread with each load adds to the benefit of the manure.

Lancaster suggests that avoidance of close grazing is one of the most important precautions against pasture damage. Close grazing, he explains, prevents plant growth just before the dormant period of winter, which is needed for next year's production. Pasture plants require food reserves and a fair foliage to fortify and protect themselves against winter injury when their vitality is low and conditions are unfavorable.

Use of barnyard manure as a source of nitrogen is a wise practice, especially during the period when nitrates are needed in munitions manufacture.

"The conductor glared at me as if I hadn't paid my fare and I glared right back as if I had."

It's better to go broke than never to have loved at all.

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HARRY JAMES
and His Music Makers
CESAR ROMERO

SPRINGTIME in the ROCKIES

TECHNICOLOR

Directed by
GREENWOOD HORTON

Produced by
WILLIAM WALLACE

UNITED NATIONS WEEK DONATIONS TO BE TAKEN HERE BY TEXAS THEATRE

Under the general direction of the theatre division of the war activities committee, United Nations Week will be celebrated from January 14 through January 20. The object of this week is two-fold:

- To conduct a great national publicity campaign, to further educate the public on the United Nations idea and to foster a better understanding of solidarity between these nations; and
- To make collections in all theatres—these funds to be divided among relief organizations covering the following nations: Australia, China, Greece, Norway, Czech-Slovakia, Fighting French, Great Britain, Poland, the Netherlands, Russia and Yugo-Slavia.

President Roosevelt's war relief control board in Washington has agreed to assume the responsibility of allocating the funds that are collected to the various countries, in accordance with their needs at the time.

Collections to this cause will be made each day in the Texas Theatre by the Texas Defense Guard.

Mrs. Billy Joe Walden returned home last week from a two weeks' visit with her husband, who is in the navy at Davisville, R. I.

Be wise—advertise.

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| Evangeline PUMPKIN Diced 2 No. 2 cans 15c | Brooks' CATSUP Tabasco 14-oz. bottle 19c |
| Tomato Juice Keystone 20-oz. can 15c | MILK Milnot It Whips 3 Large cans 23c |
| BLEACH Rainbow quart 12c | SOAP F. & G. or Crystal White 5 for 23c |
| Cocktail Ting Tang 12-oz. can 5c | SPINACH 2 No. 2 cans 25c |
| PRUNES California No. 2 can 15c | PEAS Lindy 2 17-oz. cans 27c |
| NUTS Mixed 1-lb. cello 39c | APPLE CIDER Pure 1 gal. \$1.09 |

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

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| New Red POTATOES 3 lbs. 25c | California ORANGES 288 Size dozen 33c |
| Mustard Greens Fresh bunch 5c | LETTUCE 2 heads 15c |
| LEMONS dozen 17c | AVOCADOS 3 for 25c |
| SPINACH Fresh 2 lbs. 15c | Grapefruit Large Size each 5c |
| CABBAGE Fresh Green lb. 3 1/2c | CARROTS 2 bunches 13c |
| PEPPERS Bell lb. 10c | YAMS 2 lbs. 15c |

Fresh Meats

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| Sausage Decker's Pure Pork Lb. 39c | 7-STEAK Lb. 30c | CHUCK ROAST Lb. 27c |
| Steak Loin or T-Bone Lb. 33c | PIC-NIC HAMS Lb. 35c | CHEESE American 2-Lb. Box 69c |
| Summer Sausage Lb. 27c | | |

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McCarver to Speak At Football Banquet Tomorrow Evening

Ballinger fans will honor the 1942 regional championship Bearcat football team tomorrow (Friday) night at the annual banquet at the Central Hotel.

Clarence ("Nig") McCarver, one of the most outstanding backfield men ever to represent the Ballinger team and later a star in football and track at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, has accepted an invitation to speak to the Ballinger squad and fans.

Program: Invocation, Banquet, Introduction of Toastmaster, etc.

Leut. Yale B. Griffis will be toastmaster for the occasion and a committee is arranging a full program to be presented.

Tickets are being sold at \$1 per plate and only a few guests besides

the team will be included. Men fans of the city will have an opportunity to secure tickets when the committee canvasses the business district this week.

Most of the boys on the team are twice champions, having won the regional title two years in a row. Most of them have also played their last high school game and next year will either be playing for some college or in a more difficult game for Uncle Sam.

The banquet will start promptly at 8:30 Friday evening.

School Gymnasium Will be Completed In About Ten Days

The finishing touches are being put on the new Ballinger school gymnasium this week and in about ten days the building will be ready for use.

Basketball goals have been placed in position, all bleacher seats are built, dressing rooms finished, lights installed, and the large hall with seating capacity of approximately 1,500 is expected to be one of the most popular gathering places in Ballinger.

Chairs have been bought and will be arranged in sections so they can be stored underneath the stage when the building is used for games and other purposes.

The stage is large but all equipment has not been secured for it. Efforts are being made to locate material for a front curtain but this has not been purchased to date.

There will be singing Sunday afternoon at the Grace Baptist Church starting at 2:30. The public is cordially invited to participate in and hear the class singing.

Misses Carmen and Mable Laska spent the past week-end at San Angelo, visiting relatives and friends.

Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Order of Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1942, for taxes and for foreclosure of tax liens on the hereinafter described land in favor of City of Ballinger, Ballinger Independent School District, County of Runnels and State of Texas against

J. T. Neely, J. C. M. Logan, Andrew D. Logan, M. H. Logan, J. C. Logan and J. A. Logan in the case of City of Ballinger et al v. J. T. Neely et al, No. 2464 on the tax suit docket in such court, I did on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1942, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land, located in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot One (1) and fourteen (14) feet entirely off of and across Lot Two (2) and adjacent to said Lot One (1), all in Block Four (4) of the Flowers Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

And on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1943, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said date, at the Court House door of said Runnels County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, as the law provides, the above described tract of land for cash.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1943. J. L. MORELAND Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.

IN SOCIETY

St. Mary's Church Scene of Cadet Wedding

In a service solemnized last Saturday evening at eight-thirty o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church, Miss Lucille Barry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Barry of Lebanon Penn., became the bride of Aviation Cadet Jacob Francis Kury, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Kury, also of Lebanon.

Vows were taken before the altar which was decorated with vases of white carnations with seven-branched candelabra on each side holding tall white tapers. Tall floor baskets of white calla lilies were placed near the altar.

The bride wore a dress of lime green sheer crepe with kid leather trimming. Her accessories were black and she carried a nosegay bouquet of gardenias.

Mrs. Rodgers Honde of Nashua, N. H. was matron of honor and Aviation Cadet Henry Letzler was best man.

Both Cadet and Mrs. Kury are graduates of the Lebanon High School, the Catholic Parochial School of Lebanon. Cadet Kury is a member of Class 43E at Bruce Field.

New Leader for Bluebonnet Scouts

Miss Luna Belle Beachum is the new leader for the Bluebonnet Girl Scout Troop and last Saturday sponsored an all-day meeting at the Hut in City Park.

The morning hours were spent in cleaning the Hut and preparing a meal. After it was served, all dishes washed, and the kitchen cleaned, games of tennis were played.

Present were: Betty Jo Middleton, Alene Miller, LaRita Price, Cynthia Tuckey, Marilyn Agnew, Patricia Caudle, Marilyn Sommer, Bobbie Neely, Helen Heavenhill, and Martha Ann James.

Mrs. Lee Hosts Sew Club

Mrs. Levy Lee was hostess to her sew club last Friday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Red Cross knitting and other handwork gave diversion and sandwiches and cookies were served with tea.

Included were: Mmes. George Stowe of Merton, J. A. Schnable, H. J. Zappe, J. A. Killough, W. J. Hembree, George Newby, E. C. Grindstaff, and Ernest Caskey.

First Christian Missionary Society Honors Three Members

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church honored three members Monday afternoon at a lovely social affair in the home of Mrs. W. O. Wallace on Seventh Street.

Red and white carnations centered the lace-covered dining table and other flowers graced reception rooms. Miss Lola Eubank, pianist, and Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, played the Star Spangled Banner to open the program, and accompanied Miss Pauline Morley, who gave an original reading "To Mary Jane" and presented a gift to Miss Kiechle, who leaves soon for active duty in the W. A. C. They also played Godard's "Berceuse" from Jocelyn and accompanied Sally Bailey and Jenabeth Jones, who sang Brahms' cradle song as a shower of gifts was presented Mrs. Gene Crawford. As Mrs. Wallace read an original poem a token was given Mrs. Jack Rudd by Mrs. Charles Bailey.

A plate of sandwiches, olives, cookies, and tea was served by Mrs. Wallace, assisted by Mmes. A. B. Stobaugh, Riley Jackson, and M. A. Foy. Others included: Mmes. Oscar Pearson, B. W. Pilcher, Dick Ueckert, J. R. Lusk, W. F. Atwell, Marvin Clark, Ed Walker, W. V. Connelly, Horace Murphy, Claude Wilmeth, W. A. Bridwell, Naomi Keithley, C. L. Kincaid, N. B. Greenwood, Misses Myrtle Ruth Hale, Dorothy Crawford, Cleo Lane, Lula McElroy, Agnes Glover, and Nan Kevil.

Mrs. Morgan is Hostess to Ruth Class

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, teacher of the First Baptist Ruth Class, was hostess to members Tuesday evening when she entertained with an informal chicken spaghetti buffet supper in her home on Murrell Avenue.

Mrs. E. F. Lawless and Mrs. Mark Davis presided at the lace-laid table where the centerpiece of red ghesdia blooms in a white bowl was flanked by tall red tapers in low white holders.

Mrs. Lawless gave the devotional and Mrs. Fred Moncrief directed the business period. During the social hour, cup towels for the Hendricks Memorial Hospital at Abilene were hemmed. As each towel was finished, a package was given the seamstress, to be opened when all had finished. These proved to be a surprise shower for Mrs. George West.

Others were: Mmes. Oren Chandler, Joe Eubank, O. K. Jacob, Bob Lindsey, Jr., Theo Bell, Dick Ayres, Wix Currie, Jr., Paul Kirk, Joe Beck, Jr., Roy Worley, Stanley Price, and Lawrence Blackmon.

Gilligans Are Complimented

Mr. and Mrs. Gurtal Gilligan, who are leaving Ballinger to live in Sweetwater, were honor guests at an after-the-concert buffet supper, given Tuesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody in their home in West Ballinger.

The lovely centerpiece was of white leaves and berries with tall white candles on each side. Included were: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kincaid, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr., and Christine, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Donald, Natlynnne, and Gwen, Bobby and Eldon Moody.

Three Are Hostesses to Methodist Workers

Mrs. W. E. Middleton, Mrs. John Loveless, and Mrs. Ed Pape were hostesses to the Methodist Workers Class Wednesday afternoon, entertaining in the Middleton home on Tenth Street.

Mrs. Ed O'Kelly presided over the business session. Sandwiches and cookies were served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. R. A. Williamson, R. A. Dickinson, A. J. Borders, J. T. Brandon, C. H. Midgley, W. R. Clark, C. D. Harris, John Weeks, C. P. Shepherd, J. F. Currie, W. E. Midgley, Viola Allison, W. W. Chastain, and Miss Alice Morgan.

HOLIDAY BUYS HOME FROM W. O. WALLACE

A deal was closed last week in which Fred Holliday purchased the residence adjoining the First Christian Church on Broadway from W. O. Wallace. Possession has not yet been obtained but the Holliday family will move in as soon as the house is vacated.

Gene Eto, advertising manager of the West Texas Utilities Co. at Abilene, transacted business in Ballinger Tuesday.

Women! Here is a name to remember CARDUI A 62 year record of 2-Way help! *See directions on label

CHURCH

First Presbyterian Church (301 Broadway)

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Young People's League. 9:45 a. m., church school. Classes for all ages. 11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "God's Call." 6 p. m., evening worship. Sermon subject, "The Sacred in the Secular."

Monday: The Auxiliary meets in circles for Bible study. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer service. The public is cordially invited to all worship services. J. C. JOHNSON, Pastor

First Methodist Church

Sunday, January 17, 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)

Sunday, January 17: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., sermon by pastor, "The Divine Philosophy of Life"—book of Ecclesiastes. Cadet Fellowship, 5 p. m. Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, hostess. Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Theo Whitehead, director. 7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor, "The Divine Opera of Life"—"Song of Songs."

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:

Monday: The W. M. S. and allied organizations meet. Tuesday Night: Annual Brotherhood banquet with Judge Ernest Belcher, of Stephenville, speaker. Wednesday Afternoon and Night: Training Union emphasis program, with guest speakers. The public is invited to worship with us. CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

Sunday, January 17, 1943: 9:45 a. m., church school, Roy L. Hill, general superintendent.

11:00 a. m., morning worship 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." Services: Sunday: 10:00 a. m., Sunday school, Mrs. Dollie Bollier, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., missionary Sunday. Topic, "His Likeness." 8:00 p. m., evangelistic service. Topic, "Unpopular Preacher." Enjoy our good singing. Wednesday: 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting and Bible study. Rev. Laie E. Green teaching from interesting charts. Bring your Bible, notebook and pencil. Prayer for sick offered at all of these services. Mothers: special attention! We will pray for your boys in the armed services, send in your requests. REV. AND MRS. LAIE E. GREEN, Co-Pastors

Church of God (Corner Sixth and Strong)

Preaching service and Sunday school, 2:30 to 4:00 p. m. Junior worship, 7:15 p. m. Young people's service, 7:30 p. m. Evening evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. A Christian welcome to all. GEORGE HARRINGTON, Pastor

Church of Christ (1100 Ninth Street)

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

First Christian Church (Broadway and Murrell)

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

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

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

Church of 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

NEW SANTA FE AGENT ASSUMES POSITION HERE

H. Ravellette, formerly of Killen, has come to Ballinger to become Santa Fe agent. He assumed the position this week and within a short time plans to move his family here from Killen to make home.

Mr. Ravellette has been with the railroad company for the past 29 years and for the past several years has been agent at Killen. He succeeds the late J. J. Beck, agent here for many years.

The aggressive wife of a meek little man was hauling her husband over the coals for having made a fool of himself when some friends called. He sat in dejected silence.

"And don't sit there," she shouted, "making fists at me in your pockets, either."

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JANUARY IS STAMP ALBUM CLEARANCE MONTH

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HIS CHARACTER WAS HIS STRENGTH

The name of Robert E. Lee will always be near the top of every list of great Americans. His fame is perpetuated by many statues, paintings and memorials, but it is necessary to read the story of his life to appreciate his character and his sincerity of purpose in everything he did or said.

In appearance, in manner and in bearing he represented the finest of his generation. He was born to be a leader, and destiny gave him the chance. He was, first of all, a fine and courteous gentleman. He was respected by everyone, even by those who were not always on his side.

The present war will also develop great leaders, whose names will live on history's pages. The anniversary of the Birthday of Robert E. Lee, on January 19th, links the present with the past.

THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00 Winters, Texas Member Federal Reserve System and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This bank will be closed Tuesday, January 19th, in observance of Robert E. Lee's birthday

RURAL NEWS

HERRING

We had the largest attendance at Sunday school Sunday we've had for several Sundays. Hope we have more next Sunday at our regular church service.

We had a few warm days but now we're having more winter weather.

We have quite a few people on the sick list at present but none are serious. Marion Kerby seems to be just about the same. Mrs. L. Allcorn is convalescing in her home following surgery in a Ballinger hospital on January 2. Others on the sick list are Joe and Foy Allcorn, Estelene and Carolyn Belcher, Miss Mertha Kerby and Mrs. Arthur Fuller.

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

Miss Ila May Summers, of Talpa rural, spent the week-end with Miss Opal Fay Jackson.

Bryan White and Arvol Matthews visited Roy Fuller Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Tisdale, of Whon; and Mrs. Tinnie Rindelman, of Santa Anna, visited Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Owen Bragg and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Arent also visited Mrs. Allcorn Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Malecheck visited in the Arthur Fuller home Monday afternoon.

Norma Sue Fuller spent Sunday afternoon with Wilma Jackson.

Lois Whitley spent Saturday

FINES IN FOUR LIQUOR CASES ASSESSED HERE TOTAL \$500

Fines totaling \$500 were assessed in county court Friday in four liquor law violation cases, each of the defendants entering a plea of guilty.

Charles Winans was fined \$125 and costs in one case and \$150 and costs in a second. Willie Brown, colored, was assessed a fine of \$100 and costs and Henry Tarver, colored, \$125 and costs. All four cases were for alleged sales of liquor.

Last week Luther Pennington, of Winters, was fined \$125 and costs on a charge of possession of liquor for the purpose of sale.

"MAN AGED 94

walks to town most every day" says Oklahoma druggist. "Used ADLERIKA last 15 years." ADLERIKA contains 3 laxatives for quick bowel action, with 5 carminatives to relieve gas pains. Get ADLERIKA today. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co., and City Drug Store.

night with Geneta Stephens. Mrs. Telitha Ray and daughter, Elvie, visited Mrs. Arthur Fuller Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard visited their daughter, Mrs. Horace Stokes, and family, at Talpa rural Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Jackson visited relatives at Talpa Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Welby Fuller transacted business at Coleman Monday.

BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Catherine Clappitt and Marjorie McGregor

Class Meetings

Last Wednesday, January 6, the three classes of B. H. S. met to nominate and elect class favorites of 1943. After nominations were made, the members of each class voted for one girl and one boy by secret ballot. The class favorite will not be announced until the annuals are received.

Nominees from the senior class were: Lanham Flynt, Bob Wright, Weldon Bukxemper, John A. Kilough, Flop Striplin, Clyde Harville, Marjorie McGregor, Virginia Denny, Earlene Webb, and Mary Lou Davis. From the junior class were: Donald Williams, Albert Routh, Zane McWilliams, Buddy Allison, and Fred Carroll, Winona Howell, Betty Jo Baxter, Margaret Routh, Mary Louise Halfmann and Anna Bess Mapes. Sophomore class nominees were: Roger Jones, Johnny Earnshaw, J. H. Parrish, George McCorstin, Leon King, Peggy McGregor, Gwen Morgap, Virginia Bell and Pat Richards.

Defense Stamp Sales

Defense stamp sales for last Friday amounted to \$18.60. Seniors, \$30; juniors, \$7.45; sophomores, \$10.85.

Shutterbug Party

The members of the Shutterbug Club of the Ballinger high school and their guests attended a dance in the cafeteria last Friday night. Music was furnished by a nickelodeon. Punch was ladled during the dance. The chaperones were: Miss Blankinship, club sponsor; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsey, Jr., Miss Thornton, Mr. Gilligan, and Mr. and Mrs. Felton Wright.

Club members and their guests included: David Batts, Virginia Bell, Claude R. Stone, Ann Creasy, Harold Richards, Dorothy Bruce, Dorman Amarine, Leona Bell, Tony Alvarez, Foy Wilson, Nancy Connor, Bob Richards, Mary Lynn, Johnny Miller, Ann Guynes, John Earnshaw, June Wright, James Striplin, Natalyn Williams, Clyde Harville, Arvena Kendrick, Dou-

Williams, Pauline Witter, Lanham Flynt, Mary Lou Davis, Weldon Bukxemper, Harold Jones, Gwen Morgan, Eldon Moody, David Caudle, Catherine Clappitt, Buster Gabbert, Rothal O'Kelly, Mary Evelyn Smith, Bobbie Parr, Pat Richards, Wellington Pearce, Charlotte Miller, Billy Poe, Betty Jo Baxter, Albert Routh, LaVerne Wiley, Bob Thompson, and Billy Jack Williams.

Junior High News Who's Who?

She was born November 5, 1928, in Coleman. She lived in Ballinger for three years and then moved to Winters, where she lived for four years. She then moved back to Ballinger and has been going to school here since. She has brown hair and eyes, and weighs 101 pounds. Her ambition is to be a nurse.

She was born January 25, 1929, in Los Angeles, California. She moved to Winters and lived there two and a half years. She moved to Ballinger in 1935. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall, weighs 98 pounds, has brown hair and eyes, and her ambition is to be an artist.

Last week: Dorothy Linderman.

Assembly Program

Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, spoke to the student body last Thursday during the assembly period.

Stamp Sales

The stamp sale in junior high is continuing to grow and we believe that by spring we will have sold enough to amount to the cost of a jeep. We now have two-thirds of the sum required. Sales this week were \$32.00.

Dramatic Club Try-Outs

Members of the dramatic club are having try-outs for a number of plays, and the chosen one will be presented in assembly. "Pretty Girl Wanted" was the name of the first play. The second one is "Many a Slip." It is this one Bill Heavenhill plays the part of a college boy and Charlotte Miller is his college girl friend who has come home with him to meet the family.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Doris Stewart

Bond Rally

The fourth bond rally will be sponsored by the senior class under the leadership of Mrs. Roy L. Roper next Thursday night, January 21, 1943. They are giving a one-act play, "All Carts to the Rescue." The characters are: Calvin Carr, Jack Herring, Ruth Carr, Evelyn Seogings, Miss Amarilla Rand, Pansy Setser, Mrs. Julia Carr, Eleanor Bryan, Tommy Rand, Norman Roper, Maisie Carr, Ouida Hambright, Wilfred Carr, O'Brien Lee, Miss Darlene Dummett.

Dominga Duran Admission will be any denomination war stamp or bond. Everyone come and buy a large number of stamps or bonds.

Extension of Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Supt. and Mrs. Dale Douglas, who attended the funeral of his grandmother in Hamilton last Tuesday, January 12.

Mid-Term Test

This week is mid-term test week and all pupils and teachers are preparing for them. They will be given Thursday and Friday.

Who's Who

She's a senior girl with black hair, brown eyes, and a medium complexion with freckles. She is 16 years old, 5 feet 5 inches tall, and weighs 115 pounds. Her hobbies are all kinds of sports and her ambition is to be a musician.

He's another one of those dignified seniors with flaming red hair, blue eyes and more freckles. He loves basketball but abandoned football before the season was over. He is 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 149 pounds. He wants to become a stock farmer.

Last week's "Who's Who": Lewis Hensley and Rudolph Turner.

Birdies

Yes, Evelyn, you may get your little constitution in the study hall.

Mrs. Dunn, where did you have your watch fixed?

Sophia, was the show good Sunday morning?

Lewis, are you going home with Dorothy?

Who's that letter to Desmal? The number is 11666, Johnnie.

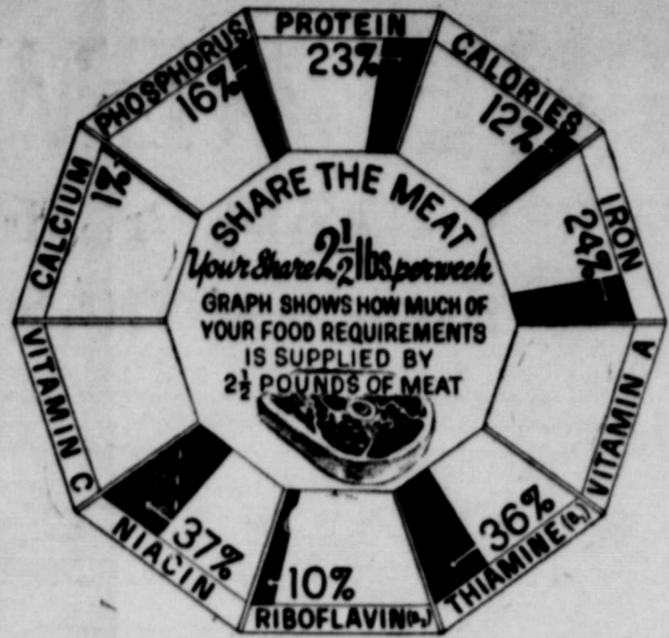
Card of Thanks

I want to express my appreciation and thanks to the city commission, business firms, and many other friends of Ballinger for the nice letters written to the superintendent of the Santa Fe Railway recommending me for this agency here.

Your kindness and consideration as well as your friendships have been a source of genuine joy to me, and I appreciate this far beyond my power to express it.

Wm. Hill
14-1t.

Food Value of Your Share of Meat



Any change in the meat share would reduce or increase the above percentages proportionately.

Variety meats (liver, heart, kidney, etc.) are not restricted. Each serving of these meats added to your 2 1/2-lb. weekly share of restricted meats will increase the above percentages about as follows: Calories 1%, protein 3%, phosphorus 2 1/2%, iron 8%, vitamin A 14%, thiamine 2 1/2%, riboflavin 8%, niacin 7%, vitamin C 1 1/2%.

Statistics from Nat'l Live Stock & Meat Board

Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Order of Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1942, for taxes and for foreclosure of tax liens on the hereinafter described land in favor of City of Ballinger, Ballinger Independent School District, County of Runnels and State of Texas against

W. J. Flowers, Hattie E. Flowers, J. T. Neely, Leonard L. Leeper, Wyatt D. Leeper, Guy W. Leeper, Joyce Z. Leeper, Lawrence Leeper, Mrs. Onie Leeper, a feme sole, Mrs. Virginia Bonar and husband, Robert E. Bonar, and Stella Richie, a widow,

in the case of City of Ballinger et al v. W. J. Flowers et al, No. 2463 on the tax suit docket in such court, I did on the 13th day of

January, A. D. 1942, at 3:30 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land, located in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit:

Being fifty-two (52) feet of Lot Two (2) adjacent to Lot Three (3) and six (6) feet of Lot Three (3) adjacent to Lot Two (2), all in Block Four (4) of the Flowers Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

And on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1943, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of ten o'clock a. m. and four o'clock p. m. on said date, at the Court House door of said Runnels County, Texas, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, as the law provides, the above described tract of land for cash.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 13th day of January, A. D. 1943.

J. L. MORELAND
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
14-3t

Murder Charge Filed Against Local Negro After Cutting Affair

George Edward Dawson, Ballinger negro, was charged with murder Tuesday afternoon at the end of a special hearing and bond set at \$2,500. The charge developed after Tommie Wesley was killed outside a local negro cafe Thursday night of last week, dying from wounds inflicted in his neck by a knife.

According to a statement made by Dawson to County Attorney Roy L. Hill at the hearing, he and Wesley had words Thursday over some matter which was not explained and that he went to the negro cafe Thursday evening where a crowd had gathered for dancing. Wesley was at the dance and left the room with a negro girl and was in front of the building when he (Dawson) went outside and asked Wesley what was the matter. He claims that Wesley struck at him with a knife and that he struck him in the neck with his own knife after which someone hit him in the back of the head with a rock, knocking him down and that he heard someone ask for a pistol and that four or five shots were fired as he ran away and that the bullets sang by him.

Other witnesses stated that Dawson struck Wesley and then fell on top of him, that they saw no one strike Dawson with a rock and that no shots were heard by them.

Wesley rose from the ground and tried to follow Dawson as he left the scene of the fight but fell to the ground and died within a short time. Dawson has been living in Ballinger for the past 18 months and Wesley had been here several months.

The statements taken at the hearing and other evidence will be submitted to the next grand jury which will investigate the case at the next term of 119th district court.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Turley, teachers at Hagan, and Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Gaddy, teachers at Blanton, left Tuesday for Portland, Oregon, where Messrs. Turley and Gaddy will begin work in the Kaiser shipyards. Vacancies in the two schools have been filled.

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Guard Training Helps Many Men Who Enter Army

A number of posters "Keep Your Guard Up" have appeared in Ballinger store windows and other places this week. These posters were received from the office of the adjutant-general of Texas and are intended to focus more interest on the Texas Defense Guard units. Company E, 11th battalion, is the Ballinger organization.

The adjutant-general requests that attention be called to the fact that there are ten vacancies in the company here at this time and he urges that this and other units be kept at full strength.

The Ballinger company has made a splendid record since it began training several months ago. Captain K. V. Northington, company commander, stated this week that he had received at least two letters a week from former members who have entered the armed forces. These men tell how much easier the preliminary training is because of their work in the defense guard unit here. In every case the men have received higher rank faster because of this training and otherwise complimentary the local organization.

Officers of the local company are desirous of filling the Ballinger unit to full strength and will be glad to talk to anyone interested. The unit has been full at various times, but there is a steady loss to the regular armed services which makes the signing up of recruits necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guin and son, of San Angelo, were here Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.

Bob Straley has accepted a position with the Ballinger postoffice, beginning work there last week. For several years he had been employed by the Runnels county AAA office.

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

One of the problems causing headaches for farmers of this county as they face 1943 is the labor shortage with which to meet increased production goals and the small amount of farm machinery that will be available. Heretofore modern machinery has taken up the slack and thousands of farm laborers left the farm for other employment. New machinery will be available in only a small amount during the current year and with farm families already scattered in all branches of the armed services and in war plants many more men must report for military training and for war production during 1943 to meet the requirements. Just where the help is coming from to till the acres is not explained and yet farmers must produce more than ever before to feed our nation and our allies. Labor leaders predict that women and girls must go to work in all branches of industry and that the increase will be great during the next few months. People left on the home front now realize that every person must serve in this war.

One of the greatest needs in Runnels county at the beginning of 1943 is rain that will provide the necessary underground "season" for making crops. Recent rains have benefitted small grain that was sadly in need of moisture but only the topsoil was wet and the ground will be dry again in a short time. Farmers here the past week-end also stated they would like to see some cold weather to freeze the ground and thereby kill many insects before they hatch.

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One of the first requisites of sound post-war planning is sound taxation. Our federal tax policy should be directed toward two objectives: first, paying for the war; second, maintaining a financially strong industrial structure. Industry should be encouraged to build reserves to meet the inevitable and gigantic costs of reconversion to peacetime needs. Unless this is done, plans for the future, both of government and industry, will be doomed to failure. Industry will be hampered in rebuilding a war-torn world. Government will be hampered in its efforts to encourage full employment, and collect needed tax revenues.
The depression consumed practically all of industry's cash reserves. Unwise tax laws, and misguided social reforms have presented the re-accumulation of reserves.
Industry has shown during the past year that it has the imagination and capacity to respond when our national existence is threatened. Never has the world seen our equal in military production—thanks to industry. And now with the problems of peace arising, it will again be up to industry to work a miracle. Millions of persons must be shifted from war jobs to peace jobs. Industry must supply the jobs. It must produce as never before, or this country will face state socialism, the very thing the war has fought to prevent.
When peace comes, industry must have cash reserves to remodel factories, to fashion a better civilization. If taxes take all the profits, there will be no reserves.
The first problem of congress in 1943 will be taxes. In the wise solution of that problem will lie the success or failure of plans for peace.

RUSSIAN SCIENTISTS DOING BIG JOB IN WAR EFFORT
MOSCOW, Jan. 13.—Scientific men in Moscow and Leningrad are carrying on with increased energy to help their country's war effort. At the head of the scientific crusade is A. F. Joffe, the famous physicist. His contributions as an inventor to radio and aerodynamics are renowned throughout the world. He also has to his credit a new type of dynamo. Prof. M. Kapitzka knows more about low temperatures than any other Russian. His latest invention turns out twenty gallons of liquid air in twenty minutes.
P. Rehbender, who studies the peculiarities of hardness, has turned aside to invent a lead-filled glass twice as impenetrable as any other made. R. A. Phinegenov has invented microscopic steel balls mixed with oil for the ball bearings of machinery. N. W. Semenov, explosives expert, is cutting out the knock in motor engines.

The little boy who saves magazines probably will grow up to be a dentist.
"What do you think will be the next men's war style, after trousers without cuffs?"
"Well, if I read the income tax bill rightly, it will be trousers without pockets."

Kiddie Cooks Learn Value of Vitamins



Children from the age of five at Central school, Long Island, N. Y., are learning the principles of nutrition and the art of preparing and serving well-balanced meals. There was a time when a boy would rather be dead than caught wearing an apron, but the husky young man at the left doesn't mind in the least being helped into a garment by a fellow cook. Center: This pupil has a man-size bowl of cereal before her. She has learned the value of the vitamins and minerals in the whole wheat and in brown sugar. Right: First important step in the cooking of vegetables is the removal of sand. And that's what these kiddie cooks are doing.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Farmers of the Santa Anna area attended a mass meeting at the past week-end to discuss plans for forming a co-op gin company to handle cotton of members. C. E. Bowles, of the extension service marketing division, was the principal speaker. A committee was named to go further into the proposal.
According to figures released last week building permits issued at Brownwood in 1942 totaled \$2,505,397. This was in addition to building done by the government in enlarging and adding new structures at Camp Bowie. There were 498 residences constructed in the city during the year.
The Brady city council has announced split-payments for current municipal taxes. The first payment must be made by January 31 and the second by April 30. The plan was adopted to assist property owners in meeting their tax obligations and to collect the taxes before they become delinquent.
The Winters Lions Club heard good reports of 1942 activities at its first meeting in January last week. In addition to the regular club activities the group made a visit to the Harman Flying School in Ballinger, contributed and assisted in the USO drive, helped stage a county-wide welcome for Major David M. Jones, assisted in war bond sales, was host to draftees, assisted on ration boards, planned the Christmas cheer campaign, and cooperated in a number of other movements during the past year.
Rainfall at Rising Star in 1942 totaled 37.72 inches. Complete records are kept by Mayor A. N. Searly and the past year was about on par with other years in which good crops were produced. Tabulations showed rain was distributed over the twelve months, some precipitation being reported each month.
The annual meeting of the Coleman Chamber of Commerce this year will be held by correspondence. This action was taken at a recent meeting of the board of directors in order to better comply with the war effort. All business, including the election of directors, the annual report of activities, and other accomplishments are to be submitted to the members by letters.
Vocational agriculture students of the Paint Rock high school will launch projects at once in order to do their part in producing more food in 1943. They are to begin sheep feeding projects in January and the boys are redoubting their efforts in order to meet the asked increases. The finished animals will meet requirements of the armed forces and are expected to top Texas markets.
Announcement was made last week that government men were making a survey in Coke county to locate celestite deposits in the area. This mineral is used in making flares and is in great demand for war purposes. A number of other West Texas counties also will be surveyed for deposits.
County officials were sworn in at Menard last week and four new faces are now to be found in the court house. Cecil Walston is again sheriff, Joe Flack is the new county attorney, Jim Wright took

38 Fires Reported During Past Year; Loss Totals \$4,332

The final report of the Ballinger fire department for 1942 reveals fire loss to be \$4,332.87. This occurred in 38 fires on buildings and contents valued at \$596,800.00, with insurance on the buildings and contents of \$543,300.00.
In submitting the 1942 report the firemen had the following statement to make to the citizens of Ballinger: "The officers and members of the Ballinger volunteer fire department are anxious to give the city of Ballinger the best fire department in the country. To have a good fire record, we realize that all fire hazards will have to be removed. The annual fire loss in this nation is figured in hundreds of millions of dollars and the loss of life reaches 10,000 a year.
"We believe we are safe in saying that none of our citizens have hazard-free homes. The department is willing and anxious to point out these hazards. We urge the support of each and every citizen in fire prevention work. We want the people to realize that the equipment is their property and that we are responsible to them and the city government for it and it is to their interest

as well as the firemen to keep it in good condition."
During the past year, members of the Ballinger spent 13,876 man-hours in some type of defense drill. Auxiliary firemen training gave 90 hours to 62 men, 60 fire watchers received 12 hours each, 10 members of rescue squads were given 40 hours each, 35 active firemen were given 90 hours of special training, 111 received standard first aid courses of 22 hours each, 51 advanced first aid students received 12 hours each, two first aid instructors received 130 hours each, three firemen spent ten hours each in special training at San Angelo. Instructors in various subjects spent 622 hours the past year in lectures and demonstrations.
The war and national defense brought much extra work to firemen all over the country and Ballinger firemen have met all these responsibilities.
One of the best but hard things to remember is to your troubles.
The secret of successful saving is to spend what you have left after saving, instead of saving what you have left after spending.

Complete Abstracts to Land in Runnels County
GUARANTY TITLE CO.
Ballinger, Texas
Office in Old Security State Bank Building

AUSTRALIAN PLANT HAS IMPORTANT MEDICAL USE

SYDNEY, N. S. W., January 13.—Although old to the aborigines of Australia, the plant *Dioscorea myosoides* is now proving of great value to the medical profession. A few acres of it will yield quantities of the drugs hyoscyne and hyoscyamine sufficient to last the commonwealth a year.
The aborigines knew its subtle juices could cast an intoxicating spell on men just as it did on the eels of the dark forest pools. Its value to modern medical science has been demonstrated by A. H. Finemore, of the University of Sydney, in cooperation with various scientific bodies. His experiments have separated and standardized the hyoscyne and hyoscyamine extracts of the *Dioscorea* leaves.
The speed of everything today still doesn't keep a woman from taking 39 years to reach 30.
Health hint: "To insure long life, breathe through your nose. This keeps your mouth shut."

investigate the crash which killed an army officer and an aviation cadet from the Pecos army flying school. The two men met death when their training plane crashed to the ground the first of last week while on a routine flight.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31 day of December 1942, published in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 14 day of Jan., 1943, in accordance with a call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Law of this State.

RESOURCES

| | |
|---|-----------------------|
| Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security | \$ 333,845.55 |
| Loans secured by real estate | 22,382.02 |
| Overdrafts | 3,419.36 |
| Bills of Exchange | 41,650.76 |
| Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof | 264,419.00 |
| Other bonds and stocks owned, including stock in Federal Reserve Bank | 40,000.00 |
| Banking House | 16,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 1.00 |
| Real Estate owned, other than banking house | 5,000.00 |
| Cash and due from approved reserve agents | 41,423.82 |
| Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand | 2,244.53 |
| Total | \$1,570,386.04 |

LIABILITIES

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|--|-----------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus Fund | 30,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 3,654.62 |
| Reserve for Contingencies | 5,075.00 |
| Dividends Unpaid | 5,000.00 |
| Due to banks and bankers, subject to check | 42,264.68 |
| Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days | 1,199,444.85 |
| Individual Time Deposits due after 30 days | 18,398.07 |
| Public Funds, including Postal Savings | 152,840.20 |
| Cashier's Checks and Certified Checks Outstanding | 13,798.62 |
| Total | \$1,570,386.04 |

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

We, Mrs. J. F. Currie, as President, and Edward Sommer, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Mrs. J. F. Currie, President
Edward Sommer, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of January, A. D. 1943
(Seal) A. M. King, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas
CORRECT—Attest:
R. E. Bruce, R. W. Bruce, C. H. Wylie, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

Assets

| | |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 292,539.44 |
| Overdrafts | 3,419.36 |
| Banking House | 16,000.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 1.00 |
| Other Real Estate | 5,000.00 |
| Cash and due from Banks | \$843,668.35 |
| Bonds, Warrants and Stocks | 304,419.00 |
| Commodity Credit Corp. Loans | 63,688.13 |
| Bills of Exchange | 41,650.76 |
| Total | \$1,570,386.04 |

Liabilities

| | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus | 30,000.00 |
| Undivided Profits, net | 3,654.62 |
| Reserved for Contingencies | 5,075.00 |
| Reserved for Dividends | 5,000.00 |
| Deposits | 1,436,656.62 |
| Total | \$1,570,386.04 |

STATEMENT of Condition

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

December 31, 1942

RESOURCES

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Loans and Discounts | \$ 343,497.59 |
| Overdrafts | 271.28 |
| Banking House | 28,500.00 |
| Furniture and Fixtures | 2,000.00 |
| Stock Federal Reserve Bank | 4,800.00 |
| Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. | 1.00 |
| RESERVE: | |
| U. S. Treasury Obligations | \$ 245,000.00 |
| Bonds and Warrants | 151,218.50 |
| Commodity Credit Corp. Loans | 138,079.10 |
| U. S. Defense Stamps | 100.00 |
| Bills of Exchange | 86,388.19 |
| CASH and EXCHANGE | 1,296,146.29 |
| Total | \$2,206,001.95 |

LIABILITIES

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Capital Stock | \$ 100,000.00 |
| Surplus and Undivided Profits | 70,365.35 |
| Reserve for Taxes | 4,540.00 |
| Dividend No. 102 | 4,000.00 |
| DEPOSITS | 2,027,896.60 |
| Total | \$2,206,001.95 |

We carry no state, county nor municipal interest bearing deposits.
We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

Take care of your eyes and your eyes will take care of you.
It is wise to have your eyes examined periodically.
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can co-operate with the cops, and save tires in wartime, by "stepping easy!" The patriotic speed limit is 35...but 20 or 25 saves nearly twice as much rubber!—plus gasoline.

invite you into my CONOCO ONCE-A-WEEK CLUB...all free...worth heaps to your car. Regularly—weekly—any day you select—I'll re-pressure your tires and hunt for nails, glass and cuts, with an eagle eye. I'll fill your battery, test your anti-freeze—tell you if the engine or chassis needs lubricant. Then if you say so, I'll OIL-PLATE your engine's insides with Conoco Nth motor oil—patented—popular-priced. Come in today and join.

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Your Mileage Merchant

Rotary Club Hears Talk by Shepperd On City Government

City Commissioner E. Shepperd, in speaking to the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday gave a report on the city of Ballinger covering a number of years. His message dealt with improvements since he took office in 1929 up to the present time with a few closing suggestions as to future needs.

For the immediate future the commissioner said the needs were a bigger and improved water supply and system and street sweeping equipment.

The speaker recalled that fourteen mayors had served Ballinger since 1888, Judge J. W. Powell acting in that capacity at three different times. These men were: N. F. Bonsall, J. W. Powell, John Heffer, R. P. Kirk, W. H. Weeks, E. Krebs, C. S. Guin, S. B. Raby, W. McCarver, E. M. Lynn, and E. Shepperd.

Outstanding city improvements since 1929 mentioned included the expending of a \$110,000 bond issue for increasing the water supply, laying new mains and other additions to the system; building of a city hall and fire station, the purchase of a new fire pumper, establishment of a city park, and a number of minor items. In 1932 the government began its relief spending program and Ballinger quickly qualified for projects, the first being the large drainage structure along the Santa Fe right-of-way. Later a pump station was constructed, a causeway on Elm Creek replaced, rock gutters built in residential sections of the city, a Boy Scout house constructed, and many other projects of small size completed. In all this work the city was out very little money because of the large amount of native stone and other materials used.

In 1940 the city authorized \$100,000 for its part in securing the Harman Training Center, and of this amount more than \$51,000 was paid for land. The speaker reviewed the problems of water, preparing the ground for flying, and numerous other items in connection with the city's part of the contract. At present the city is obtaining land for the right-of-way for the airport road and the state and federal governments will construct the paving. A water line is being laid and will soon be in operation.

Taxable values in the city limits total approximately \$3,000,000 and the tax rate at the present time is \$1.50. Bonded indebtedness was reported to be \$308,000.

Baptist Brotherhood Will Have Venison Banquet at Church

The annual venison barbecue and banquet for the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will be held Tuesday evening in the banquet hall of the church on Eighth Street. The venison this year is provided by the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, and Ray and S. O. Ridenhower, of Junction. This trio has provided the venison for this annual banquet the past three years. In addition to the barbecued venison there will be Spanish goat and beef for those who prefer it.

J. A. Killough, president of the brotherhood, will preside over the program, which includes musical numbers by a male quartet, directed by R. E. White. The main address of the evening will be by a well known and distinguished jurist and churchman, Judge Ernest Belcher, of Stephenville.

Men of the church and a number of guests will attend the gathering.

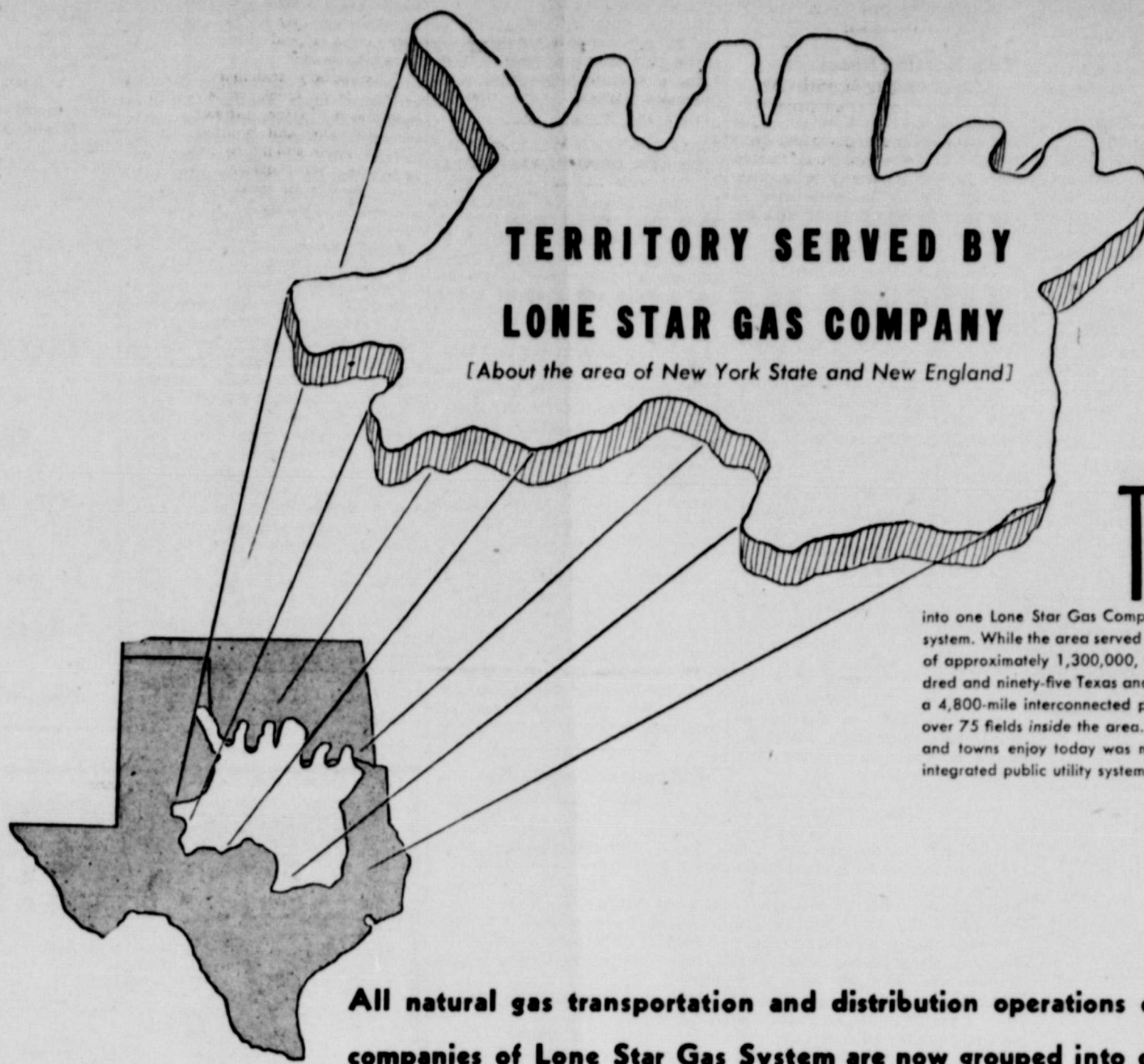
Another important meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church on January 20. On this date the regular executive board meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association, comprising churches in Runnels, Coke and Concho counties and those of bordering counties is scheduled.

Following this meeting will be an afternoon session of the Runnels Baptist Associational Training Union with supper at the church and a night program.

Speakers for these programs include Rev. J. R. Hickerson, district missionary, Brownwood; Rev. Floyd Chaffin, pastor First Baptist Church, Coleman; a special worker from Nashville, Tennessee, and state and district workers.

BOTTLE ENDS OCEAN TRIP AFTER FORTY-SIX YEARS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Jan. 13.—Discolored but still legible, a note dropped over the side of a ship forty-six years ago has been found on the west coast of North Island, New Zealand, and delivered to H. W. Wood, government astronomer at Sydney. It had been "mailed" to Wood's predecessor, the late H. C. Russell, who enlisted the assistance of shipmasters in the study of ocean currents begun decades ago, and was from the ship *Gulf of Nothia*.



All natural gas transportation and distribution operations of the several affiliated companies of Lone Star Gas System are now grouped into one operating company, organized under Texas corporation laws, and which hereafter will be known as the

THE operating companies now reorganized into one Lone Star Gas Company form a highly integrated public utility system. While the area served is sparsely populated, having a population of approximately 1,300,000, the system is unusually compact. Two hundred and ninety-five Texas and Oklahoma cities and towns are served by a 4,800-mile interconnected pipeline which transports natural gas from over 75 fields inside the area. The natural gas service which these cities and towns enjoy today was made possible by the development of this integrated public utility system.

Lone Star Gas Company

The Lone Star Gas Corporation was among the first to register under provisions of the "Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935." Now, under a plan submitted to and approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the System is among the first to be reorganized into a more simplified corporate structure. The plan became effective January 1, 1943.

Working out details with the Securities and Exchange Commission and securing approval of our stockholders has been a big job requiring many months. We believe the reorganization will benefit our nearly 300,000 customers and our 4,500 employees.

Ever since 1909 when Lone Star struck out from Petrolia with a pipeline to Fort Worth, the System's ideal has been to build and maintain a natural gas service that would be so sensitive and responsive to public purposes and public needs that it would be a stimulant to the Southwest's development.

And the Southwest has grown. We've developed for and with it until Lone Star System up to the time of reorganization comprised:

- THE DALLAS GAS COMPANY
- COMMUNITY NATURAL GAS COMPANY
- TEXAS CITIES GAS COMPANY
(distributing companies operating inside 295 Texas and Oklahoma Cities and Towns)
- LONE STAR GAS COMPANY
(the company developing the gas supply and transporting it to the distributing companies)
- LONE STAR GASOLINE COMPANY
(the company developing gas reserves and by-products of natural gas)

five operating companies and one holding company. Both are new Texas corporations.

The reorganization will not in any way change the basic policies or personnel of Lone Star Gas System. However, it simplifies operations, makes for considerable coordination of effort, and creates a tightly-knit organization which will be even more sensitive and responsive to your fuel service needs and wartime demands.

In it all there is just one sad note—the passing of such names as The Dallas Gas Company, Community Natural Gas Company, and Texas Cities Gas Company. We know thousands have a friendly, cordial feeling for these names through years of business transactions. But only the names pass on. The men and women who made these companies' good names remain to serve our customers.

Now all of the transmission and distribution properties of these companies will be owned and operated as one integrated public utility system by a new Texas company named

Lone Star Gas Company

The gas field producing operations of the system, such as drilling wells and developing gas, are taken over by Lone Star Producing Company. So now, there are just two companies whereas before there were

A substantial rate reduction made last May and this simplification consummated in December were of material benefit to the Southwest and marked 1942 as a notable year in the history of Lone Star Gas System.

The Community Natural Gas Company is now the

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY



Want Ads

Started and Baby Chicks at J. N. Nutt's Seed, Feed and Hatchery, Ballinger, Texas. Phone 174. dec-31-1f

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

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

FOR SALE—Farmall regular Tractor, on steel, with Planter, Cultivator and Triple-Disc. J. A. Killough, Ballinger, Texas. 5-1f-H

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330 acres, 85 level black land, 160 in cultivation, 4 room house, well, can deliver possession, \$32.50 per acre.

Approximately 450 acres, 290 in cultivation, clean, 85 in cultivation, good improvements. Reasonable. Well located, possible possession. Wm. Gallia, P. O. Box 43, Rowena, Texas. 31-1f

Will start incubator January 16. Custom hatching. Hatching eggs wanted. Reese's Hatchery, South Ballinger.

FOR SALE—Two good Jersey cows, fresh this week. J. H. Carter, Ballinger route one, 9 miles on Tennyson road at rock house. 7-21-

FOR SALE—1938 Case CC farm tractor, with equipment, A-1 condition. Bargain. W. M. Barnett, 1 1/2 miles south Ballinger. 11-

FOR SALE—1940 Nash sedan, over-drive, weatherer, radio, clean, with extra good tires. Bargain. W. M. Barnett, route 1, Ballinger, Texas. 14-11-

FOR SALE—Home, at 709 Ninth Street. Also box of carpenter's tools. Mrs. E. V. Bateman, 709 Ninth Street. 14-11-

Help Wanted Middle aged or elderly man wanted to call on farmers. Pleasant work essential to war effort. Big pay. No experience or capital required, but must have good references. Particulars free. Write Service Manager, 120 E. Clark St., Freeport, Ill. 14-11-

FOR RENT—Apartment, also bedrooms. Phone 1239, Mrs. L. C. Alexander, 801 Eighth Street. 14-31

WANTED—Man with family for general farm work. Must be able to run tractor. W. H. Wilde. 11-

FOR RENT—Furnished south apartment. 304 Fourth Street. Phone 98. Mrs. E. A. Trail. 11

FOR SALE—All metal wool sacking racks. Patterson's Shop. 14-1f

FOR RENT—Apartment, 2 rooms, no children, no pets. 404 Broadway. 14-1f

An Australian tried to enlist, but was refused because of bad feet. Next morning he presented himself again before the doctor. "It's no use, I can't take you, as you couldn't stand marching," said the medico. "But why are you so insistent?" "Well, Doc," said the man, "I walked 187 miles to get here, and I hate to walk back."

More than 50 distinct types of soil are found in Brown county, Texas.

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DEATHS

John A. Wooten John A. Wooten, 67, died at the home of M. E. Boggess Tuesday after illness of ten days. He had been making home here with Mr. and Mrs. Boggess for the past twelve years.

A sister, Mrs. Mary J. Brown, of Moran, is the only survivor. Funeral services were held at the King-Holt chapel Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. J. C. Johnson officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. John L. Foreman Mrs. John L. Foreman, 68, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Hays Dameron, in Crane, Monday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. She had been in ill health for the past three years.

Decedent was a former resident of the Oxien community in Runnels county and moved near Ballinger in 1932, residing here six years. For the past few years she had been making home with her children.

Survivors include the husband, John L. Foreman; six daughters, Mrs. A. F. Miles, Abilene; Mrs. Katy Whitson, Odessa; Mrs. Hays Dameron, Crane; Mrs. Lawrence Delania, Talpa; Mrs. James Putty, Odessa; Mrs. H. R. Hicks, Orange; three sons, Warren Foreman, Hobbs, N. M.; Carl Foreman, Ranger; Claude Foreman, San Angelo.

The body was brought overland here from Odessa and funeral services held at the King-Holt chapel Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. R. V. Wood, Church of Christ minister at Crane, officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers were W. H. Wilder, Roy Allaman, Henry Rezzelle, E. L. DeWitt, C. L. Sargeant and J. P. Boothe.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Joe Franke Mrs. Joe Franke, 73, died at the family residence in Rowena Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock after protracted illness.

Decedent was born in Germany in 1870 and came to this section in 1893 as Miss Elizabeth Schermbusch. She was married to Joe Franke in 1894 and the couple settled at Rowena, where they resided ever since.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Ben Glass, Rowena; Mrs. R. L. Hoelscher, Norton; Mrs. Alfred Jost, Rowena; Mrs. Gerald Lange, Rowena; three sons, Herman Franke, Wall; Rudolph Franke, Rowena; Anton Franke, Rowena; thirty-two grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Joseph's Church, Rowena, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. F. J. Pokuda and Rev. W. T. Bosen officiating. Interment was in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

Palbearers were Landis Franke, Bernie Franke, Marvin Hoelscher, Emmet Hoelscher, Elton Glass, all grandsons.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tommie Lee Wesley Tommie Lee Wesley, colored, died Thursday night at 11 o'clock from cuts sustained in a fight. He was an employee of the Texas Compress Co.

Survivors include the mother, a sister and a brother. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Johnson Gilbert officiating. Interment was in the negro section of Evergreen Cemetery.

King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Georgia Roberts Mrs. Georgia Roberts, 69, colored, died at her home here December 31 after two months' illness. She had been living in Ballinger since 1920.

Survivors include three sons, of which Charlie Roberts, of Ballinger, is one, and four daughters.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church, Rev. Edward B. Postert officiating. Interment was in the colored section of Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mary Frances Prince Mary Frances Prince, colored, died at the home of her son on Fifteenth Street Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, after illness for the past six months.

Survivors include two sons, five daughters, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Church of God Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

a sister, three half-brothers, and his grandparents. The body was taken overland today to Itasca in an Agnew funeral car where last rites were held this afternoon.

Mass Meeting Speakers (Continued from page 1)

registered cows and between 300 and 400 good grade cows had been brought into the county. He named men in the county who were making dairy improvements at this time to help provide milk for army camps during 1943.

S. C. Routh discussed beef cattle production and said the 10 per cent increase could be met. He told the audience that beef cattle production was at the highest peak in the history of the United States and suggested range improvement, germ and disease control, free feeding for calves and other improved practices as means of meeting goals.

R. J. Persons discussed the farm mobilization campaign to be started at once with a general sign-up of every farm family in the nation. Two sheets will be used for this purpose, according to Mr. Persons, one for the regular government cooperation in the AAA program, and the other to determine maximum production, machinery needs, labor needs and other items which might be included in a complete inventory of the farm. He said machinery needs as shown in the sign-up might help in boosting the ration quota of the county for farm equipment in 1943.

Ruel Boswell talked on waste in milk and poultry products and cited figures on condemned, poured out and dumped cream in Ballinger alone which amounted to 3,000 pounds of butterfat. He said this loss was in addition to the man-hour time lost by not properly caring for this product. He told the audience that dirty, broken eggs brought from 7 to 12 cents less a dozen and that all this waste could be eliminated by proper handling at home.

M. W. McShan had little to say in regard to farm machinery rationing but stated that applications already received were for more than the 1943 quota would permit.

A representative of the U. S. labor department who was present could shed little light on the current labor shortage. He asked what could be done with nearly all labor gone to war or in war plants and cautioned of the extra drain to be met by the remaining manpower during the next twelve months. He made the blunt statement that most labor for the present season must come from women and girls.

Judge O. L. Parish, last speaker of the evening, spoke on things the people should be thinking about. Reference was made to the government program for everyone and the speaker said there were no plans for failure. He asserted there would be heartaches and sorrows during the coming months and forecast that business and professional men might have to be organized to help on farms in certain seasons. He mentioned that the national debt would be somewhere around 216 billion dollars at the end of the war, that 15,000,000 people in the armed forces and defense factories must be put back in civilian jobs, and that many other problems were under the heading of "things to think about."

Serving Uncle Sam (Continued from Page 1)

anxious to get back to Texas and above all to good ole Ballinger. This New England weather is very rough to a Texas lad who is not acclimated to the region. I spent last winter in Florida and this winter in Rhode Island, which is quite a change. Really enjoy The Ledger and am glad that I can still get it. Tell all the good people of Ballinger hello for me."

Sergeant Alvin J. Richardson, of Camp Edwards, Mass., has recently completed training as a ranger in the 36th division and is authorized to wear the distinctive identification award.

Harper McFarland has returned to Harrisburg, Pa., after a visit here with his parents. He is a member of a tank destroyer unit.

Corporal Pete Galindo, in service at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, was here this week to spend a short furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Galindo, of Rowena. He will return to duty Friday morning.

Billy Jack Connelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connelly, has been sent to Ryan Field, Arizona, where he is receiving primary training in the army air corps.

Sergeant Ray Hutcheson, of Kelly Field, is here on furlough for a visit with relatives and friends.

Homer C. Daniel, Jr., received his commission as a second lieutenant at the Lubbock advanced

flying school today. Lieut. Daniel was a link trainer instructor for a year at March Field, Fresno, California, before he qualified as a cadet last July.

Simeon Cottle, metalsmith of the U. S. navy, is here this week for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Simeon Cottle, and other relatives and friends.

DRAFT BOARD WILL MOVE TO NEW OFFICES JANUARY 18

Announcement was made this week that office of the Runnels county draft board would be moved on January 18 to the Zappe building at the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Seventh Street. All registrants are asked to take notice of this change and to come to the new location for any business with the board in the future. The offices will be on the second floor at the rear of the building.

The board is seeking to learn the correct addresses and locate the following men before having to report them delinquent.

- Name— Last Address George Johnson (col.), Ballinger Frank Anson Wright (col.) Ballinger Lonnie Washington Williams, Malta Ramiro Hernandez Almendez, Winters Charles C. Lucas, Ballinger Eclairo Piedra, Winters J. W. Oglesbee, Winters Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the above named men are requested to notify the board.

78 Runnels County Men (Continued from Page 1)

William Jones Rogers, Winters Merle Reid Proctor, Winters route 1 Don Keith Drury, San Antonio Lende Keith Lewis, Miles George Ramirez Cortez, Winters Marvin Floyd Leck, Ballinger Leslie Alvin Smithwick, Miles route 2 Milford Raymond King, Ballinger route 2 J. W. Benson, Winters Alberto Cordoba Pena, Ballinger James Richard Cate, Sweetwater Edgar Ray Linn, Ballinger Howard Gaines Gieghorn, Bronte route 2 Frank Gomez Chaves, Ballinger Robert Gomez Vera, Ballinger Elmo Whitley Smith, Winters Art Washburn, Floydada Milton Lewis Lowry, Barnhart Troy Lilburn Smith, Brownwood Jesse Cortez, Ballinger John Duain Bradshaw, Ballinger H. K. Dickinson, Jr., Ballinger R. L. Lacy, Abilene Barry Doyle Bynum, Rowena Charlie William Bowen, Winters route 1 Jesse Berdine Timms, Maple J. B. Smith, Junction Nelma Ray Wood, Ballinger Thomas Weldon Mayhew, Winters route 4 Doyle Stanford Baker, Ballinger Raymond Dominguez Martinez, Ballinger Dale Milton McCullough, Ballinger Mike Velasquez Garcia, Rowena Charles Curtis Williams, Miles route 2 Coy Dean Baldwin, Overton Alvis Fimmel Waldrop, Winters G. P. Gordon, Jr., Miles Earon Walter Jackson, Del Rio James Hobart Littlefield, Eola Enlisted in the navy but to be counted in the quota are: William Isaac Mott, Ballinger Miles Madison Caudie, Jr., Winters

Transfers from other boards to go from here are: Arthur James Iabell, Ballinger William Albert Stubblefield, Washington, D. C. Benito Teple, Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Cotton received a telegram January 6 from their son, Captain Henry Lee Cotton, stating that he was somewhere in North Africa and that "all is well."

Jack Nixon, Jr., left Tuesday morning for Dallas to report at the navy recruiting station and will go from there to Virginia to begin training.

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DEADLINE DAY NEARING FOR ADDITIONAL MILEAGE

Texas farmers were warned by the state USDA war board this week that only a few days remain in which appeals for more mileage can be made.

Temporary transport rations to keep farm trucks moving cannot be issued after January 31, the board said, and pointed out that all appeals should be presented to district ODT officers by January 20 in order for local war price and rationing boards to issue gasoline coupons before the January 31 deadline.

Appeals for more mileage are made to local county farm transportation committees and then presented to ODT for consideration. County farm transportation committees already have been supplied with sufficient appeal forms to handle county mileage problems, the board said.

Temporary rations can be issued under the following circumstances: (1) where certificate of war necessity clearly does not cover applicant's requirement through Jan. 31; (2) where previously issued temporary ration is insufficient to cover needs through Jan. 31 and applicant has not yet received certificates of war necessity and application has not been denied; (3) where appeal for more gasoline than is allowed on a certificate of war necessity has not been decided.

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BROTHER AND SISTER MEET AFTER 16 YEARS

Miss Mabel Loika met her brother, Private Grove Loika, 21, for the first time last week since they were separated after the death of their mother. Mabel was only four months old at the time.

Pvt. Loika has lived with his father in Scott, California, all of his life and Miss Loika has lived with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loika, of near Ballinger. Another sister, Miss Irene Loika, came in from Schulenburg to be with them.

Pvt. Loika is now taking basic

training with the parachute infantry at Fort Benning, Georgia, and came to Texas on a ten-day furlough.

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