



Women's, Society and Club News

World Day of Prayer Friday, March 12

Ballinger women are urged to attend the annual observance of the World Day of Prayer, Friday afternoon, March 12, at four o'clock at the First Baptist Church. Members of the various women's church groups will assist Mrs. Owen Chandler in presenting the program. The customary free-will offering will be taken.

Brownwood Presbytery Young People's Council Meets Here

The young people's council of the Brownwood Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian Church here Friday and Saturday of last week to make plans for the year's work under the supervision of Miss Ruby McDurmon of Cisco, director of religious education of the Brownwood district.

Mrs. Bruce Creasy was assisted by Mrs. Alex McGregor and Mrs. Harry Lynn in giving a buffet supper in the Creasy home on Fourth Street Friday evening. A low pottery bowl filled with varicolored hyacinth blossoms and jasmine centered the lace-laid table.

Guests were council members: Marthagon Clark and Glenn Trotter of San Saba; Alceada McInnes, of Brownwood; Louise Knowles and Walter Shiek, Jr., of Coleman; Miss McDurmon, the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Margorie McGregor, president of the local young people's group; Mrs. Emma Godwin, of Waco; Miss Mary Lou Creasy of Sonora; Bill Rogers, Bruce Field instructor; and Mrs. John Young, of Coleman. Mrs. Young was the guest of Mrs. Harry Lynn, who, as president of Brownwood Presbytery, assisted her in making plans for the annual presbyterial to be held in Coleman March 25 and 26.

Council members, who attended meetings at the church Friday evening and Saturday morning, were guests for the night and breakfast in various homes.

Last Meetings of Year for First Presbyterian Circles

Circles of the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary concluded their year's activities and made plans for the new year's work in meetings held in the homes of members Monday afternoon and evening.

On Monday evening the Business Women's Circle met with Mrs. C. J. Bell, the retiring chairman, on Teath Street. Miss Louise Balts is the new chairman and Miss Virginia Holman, secretary.

Miss Margaret Crocker taught the Bible study of Luke. A salad plate was served with cake and tea. Others present were Misses Maggie Underwood, Maryatt Smith, Mmes. C. J. Yantis, John Purifoy, and C. R. Stephens.

Circles One, Two, and Three met for programs and social hours in the homes of Mmes. Jim Johnson, Victor Miller, and Alex McGregor with the retiring chairmen, Mmes. George Holman, Miller, and E. W. Stansley directing activities. Mmes. Alex Saunders, Bruce Creasy, and Warren Lynn presented devotional on "Consecration," and Mmes. Nell McAlpine, C. R. Stephens, and W. B. Woody led round table discussions regarding benefit received from the past year's work.

Others present in the three groups were: Mmes. Jack McGregor, Estes Lynn, Harry Lynn, Malcolm McGregor, E. L. Ingram, F. M. Pearce, G. O. Harwell, R. F. Zedlitz, Tommie Hall, and Miss Jennie Bennett.

New chairmen are: Mmes. Alex McGregor, McAlpine and Harwell.

Stewardship Program for Eighth Street Society

Mrs. J. D. Coulter, stewardship secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, directed a special program on "Stewardship" at the meeting in the church parlors Monday afternoon.

After the devotional by Mrs. W. A. Erwin, a playlet, "Stewardship is to be Lived," was given by Mmes. Coulter, B. H. Erwin, Rufus Allen, and R. M. McMillan. Mrs. John Reese and Mrs. Carroll Bell sang "When Christians Learn How to Tithe."

Others present were: Mmes. Roy Hill, Paul Petty, Ed Killingsworth, F. C. Miller, Dee Oliver, W. A. Taylor, Sam Malone, J. A. Oster-tag, J. W. Black, Ruth Erwin and Bobby Bell.

Sew and Chat Entertained

Mrs. W. O. Middleton was hostess to Sew and Chat Club members Friday afternoon in her Eleventh Street home.

Potted plants and ivy graced rooms where knitting on the new Red Cross quota gave enjoyable diversion.

A plate of sandwiches and cookies was served with coffee. Included were: Mmes. M. A. Foy, W. E. Elkins, Ross Causey, Fred

Middleton, E. C. Tinsley, Tom McEntire, J. C. Ward, W. R. Murphy, Jr., Leon Russell and Henry Moody.

Mrs. Hagan Is Forty-Two Club Hostess

Mrs. E. L. Hagan entertained her forty-two club last Friday afternoon in her home on Fifth Street.

Pretty potted plants gave floral decoration to rooms where a salad plate was served with coffee after the game series.

Included were: Mmes. Emma Godwin of Waco, Oscar Pearson, R. A. Dickinson, Melvin Hackman, Warren Lynn, Paul Trimmer, A. B. Stobaugh, E. E. King, J. F. Currie, Hamp Byler, John Weeks, C. P. Shepherd, James Wear, B. C. Kirk, Elmer Shepperd, Ed O'Kelly, and J. G. Douglass.

Officers of State WAAC Organization to Speak to Clubs

The Shakespeare Club at its meeting last Thursday afternoon presided over by its president, Mrs. E. C. Caskey, who is also county WAAC chairman, announced plans for a meeting Thursday afternoon, March 11 at 3 p. m., which will feature a talk by a state officer of the WAAC organization. Other clubs will be invited to attend.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens, who attended a meeting of the Board of Community Development as a representative of the Shakespeare Club, reported that all members are urged and expected to cooperate in the Victory Gardens project this spring and summer.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd was leader of the "Texas Day" program, dealing with recent Texas poet laureates and discussed the poetry of Grace Noll Crowell. Mrs. J. W. Guynes' topic was Lexia Dean Robertson, and Mrs. Leonard Stallings discussed Nancy Richey Ranson's poetry.

Others present were: Mmes. W. J. Hembree, B. C. Kirk, F. C. Miller, Alex Saunders, A. B. Stobaugh, E. D. Walker, R. T. Williams, and Simeon Cottle.

Miss Storan is Bride of Aviation Cadet Burger

Miss Eileen Helen Storan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Storan of Rochester, New York, became the bride of Aviation Cadet Henry J. A. Burger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Burger, also of Rochester, Saturday evening at eight o'clock in St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert reading the double ring ceremony before the altar which was decorated with tall seven-branched candelabra holding white cathedral tapers.

Lange Hoffman was acolyte. The bride wore a two-piece frock of aqua jersey trimmed with crystal buttons. Her small hat and other accessories were black and her corsage was of white gardenias.

Mrs. Marvin Edward Schulze, who was maid of honor, wore her wedding dress of powder blue sheer crepe with matching hat and other accessories in black. Her corsage was of pink carnations. Aviation Cadet Emery Cormier attended the bridegroom as best man.

Other wedding guests were: Aviation Cadets Schulze, Harold H. Bowring, Ralph W. Bryant, Charles J. Chaffee, Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Howard M. Barr, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sutphen, Clara Beth Sutphen, and Bobby Lynn Sutphen.

A wedding supper was held at the Cactus Coffee Shop for the wedding party.

The couple is at home here, where Aviation Cadet Burger is a member of Class 42 H at Bruce Field.

St. Mary's Church Scene of Cadet Wedding

On Saturday evening St. Mary's Catholic Church was the scene of the wedding of Miss Harriet Clancy and Aviation Cadet Harold Avery, both of Haverhill, Mass.

The altar decoration was of many lighted white tapers and Lange Hoffman attended as acolyte.

Close friends of the bridal couple witnessed the pretty single ring ceremony for which the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert, church pastor, was officiating clergyman.

The bride wore a spring frock of aqua printed jersey with veiled blue hat and other accessories in luggage tan. Her corsage was of white carnations.

Miss Barbara Douglass was maid of honor and wore a rose and black jersey print with black accessories and corsage of pink carnations. Aviation Cadet Joseph Boland was best man.

Other guests were: Aviation Cadets Gale E. Carson, Joseph T. Wall, Peter Dobrus, Mrs. Boland, and Miss Lavinia Faubion.

The Cactus Coffee Shop was the scene of the wedding supper.

Aviation Cadet Avery is a member of Class 42 G, which completes its training at Bruce Field next week.

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Jewish Children Pray for Kin in Nazi Lands



About 5,000 Jewish children from 518 religious schools in Greater New York gathered in solemn assembly of prayer and protest at Mecca temple for the children in Nazi-occupied countries. Ingeborg Jacob of Germany is shown here as she lights the memorial candle for those who died in the Nazi wave of terror.

remember all service men who are on the First Baptist roll of honor on their birthdays with letters or cards. Mrs. E. F. Lessless gave the devotional on "Friendship."

At the social hour, a scrap book was made for the Buckner's Orphans Home and a dessert plate was served. Others present were: Mmes. Dick Ayres, Malcolm Morgan, R. E. Gee, O. K. Jacob, Joe Beck, Jr., Cotton Bell, Bob Lindsey, Jr., and Bill Ueckert.

Eastern Star in Session
 Ballinger chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular ses-



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4-Club Boys and Girls Hold Annual Party Here

More than 300 4-H club boys and girls from all sections of the county were here Friday night to attend the annual party at the Army and Navy Club building. The affair was staged by the 4-H boys' clubs of the county with the girls as guests and attendance was the largest for any meeting held by the two groups.

The boys, girls and other guests assembled on the second floor of the building where seats had been placed for a short stage show. John A. Barton, county agent, called the meeting to order and introduced the county chairman, Frank ??????, who had charge of the opening ceremonies. The girls' audience sang one verse of "America" and then took the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Lieut. Yale Griffiths, of Bruce Field, was introduced and brought greetings to the boys and girls. He commended them on their 1943 goal of each producing enough food for himself and one soldier at the front and assured the club members that the men in the service fully appreciated their efforts. The army officer then told the boys and girls that a program of entertainment by Bruce Field personnel would be presented and introduced Cadet V. D. Barber, who acted as master of ceremonies.

Cadet Burger opened the program with a group of piano numbers which included a number of the most popular tunes of the day. Lieut. S. A. Borne, national champion baton twirler, then proved conclusively why he was a champion in this art. For about twenty minutes he kept the audience in a roar of applause as he performed stunts with the baton seldom or never before seen in this section. Cadet L. R. Chamberlain was the magician for the evening and with a fast line of talk and by

performing difficult tricks did a swell job of entertaining the boys and girls.

Cadet Erwin Samuels closed the program with a piano number of humorous nature.

Following the program by the service men, the clubbers presented their own stunts and played games for more than an hour.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were served by Miss Myra Tankersley, Mrs. J. A. Killough and Mrs. John A. Barton.

NICKEL SHORTAGE FORCES USE OF CARDBOARD COINS

BUENOS AIRES, Mar. 10.—Cardboard coins issued by Buenos Aires are used to combat the shortage of nickel coins. The paper coins are sold in minimum lots for one peso (about 40 cents), and will be valid only to buy tickets on the city's street cars. The coin shortage has caused great inconvenience. The general impression is that the scarcity is entirely due to hoarding of small change for an emergency.

The authorities point out that if every man, woman and child should hold back two pesos in nickels business operations would be virtually impossible. The public is asked, therefore, to bring out all small change and spend every 10-cent piece for all it is worth. A deluge of copper coins which suddenly reappeared is the latest development of the crisis.

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First Class Graduates in Farm Work Training



The first "graduating class" of the initial farm worker training center to be established by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the Southwest is shown above. Having completed a brief training period at the center near Lamesa, Texas on February 27, these year-round workers have been assigned to jobs on farms in Texas and New Mexico. A second group began training on Monday, March 1.

Additional training centers are being established by the Department of Agriculture in Texas and New Mexico through the Farm Security Administration and the State Vocational Agriculture departments. Only those workers who need instruction for special farming skills are admitted to the training centers. Skilled farm laborers are made available immediately to farmer employers.

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, "Looking Out for Self." 6 p. m., evening worship. Sermon subject, "Unpossessed Possessions."
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, March 14, 1943
Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m. Intermediate and Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, March 14:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
Sermon by pastor at 11 a. m. "The Outstretched Hand of God"—Zephaniah.
Cadet Fellowship, 5 p. m. Training Union, 6:30 p. m. Sermon by pastor at 7:30 p. m. "How Long?—Unanswered Prayer"—Habakkuk.
ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
The W. M. S. and allied organizations per schedule Monday and Tuesday.
Wednesday night at 7:30 S. S. meeting. Prayer meeting, 8:00 o'clock. Choir.
The public is invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, 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.
7:15 p. m., young people's meeting.
8:00 p. m., evening service.
Monday:
4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class.
Wednesday:
8:00 p. m., prayer meeting service.
Everyone is invited to come and enjoy these services with us.
REX KYKER, Minister

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
Sunday, March 14, 1943:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
8:00 p. m., evening worship.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Worship, 11 a. m. and 6 p. m. Come and join the fellowship.
J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Foursquare Church
(104 North Twelfth Street)
Services:
10:00 a. m., Sunday school.
Dollie Bollier, superintendent.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., junior Crusader service.
8:15 p. m., evangelistic service.
Tuesday:
8:00 p. m., cottage prayer meeting.
Thursday:
8:00 p. m., tarrying meeting (church parsonage). If you need power in your life, come.

Saturday:
3:00 p. m., children's church. Mrs. L. E. Green in charge. Any and all children may come. "The joy of the Lord is your strength." How strong are you?
REV. AND MRS. LALE E. GREEN, Pastors

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church
(608 Sixth Street).
(Telephone 521)
Winter Schedule:
Mass first, third and fifth Sundays and Holidays of Obligation at 8:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.
Week-day mass at 8:00 a. m.
FATHER EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I.

Church of 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

Grace Baptist Church
(10th and Phillips)
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Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor
Jim Hash, S. S. Superintendent
WEEKLY SERVICES:
Sunday:
Sunday school, 10 a. m.

Sermon, 11 a. m.
Sermon, 8 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.
A cordial invitation to all.

Church of God
(Corner Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school and morning worship (combined service), 10:00 a. m.
Junior meeting, 8:00 p. m.
Young people's meeting, 8:00 p. m.
Evening evangelistic service, 8:30 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 8:30 p. m.
A cordial welcome to all.
GEORGE R. HARRINGTON, Pastor.

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Invitations Order Placed by Seniors For '43 Graduation

The senior class of the Ballinger high school placed an order this week through the Ballinger Printing Co. for invitations and cards for the group graduation in May. The invitations and cards will be made up in a special design by the Taylor Engraving Co., of Dallas, and the number for each student will be reported some time next week in order to give ample time for completing the work and getting the orders here at least two weeks before commencement.

expect to graduate. This is slightly less than the total last year when more than ninety received diplomas.

All school programs this year probably will be held in the new auditorium-gymnasium which can seat approximately 1,500 people. In addition to placing the order for invitations and cards, the seniors will publish an annual and also purchase class rings.

SEAGULLS' INSTINCT MAY TELL OF NEARING STORM

WAINUI JUNCTION, N. Z., Mar. 10.—Flight of a million seagulls to farms two miles inland from the beach predicted hours in advance, the whirlwind which hit Ninety-Mile Beach, near Wainui Junction with devastating force last summer. E. L. Frost, New Zealand ornithologist, said the gulls apparently were warned by instinct of the storm's advance. He pointed out that all the gulls faced north-letters "Regional Champions, 1942" west on reach sanctuary, packing at present there are eighty-eight into a narrow strip of farmland in members of the senior class who their unique migration.

Cotton Ranks First in War And in Peace

"America needs more cotton to win this war, and more Americans depend upon cotton for a living than upon any other crop," says H. W. Lynn, manager of the Ballinger oil mill. "First in War, First in Peace, and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen" is a new, profusely-illustrated bulletin that the local mill is distributing free to farmers, school teachers, civic club leaders, students and others who want facts about cotton's important part in the war.

Many more Americans depend upon cotton for a living than upon any other crop. Cotton Belt oil mills have facilities to produce over twice the protein feed, hulls, oil for food, and linters for munitions that can be obtained from cottonseed now produced. More than 640 pounds of livestock feed are lost when we

reduce the cotton crop by one 500-pound bale of lint. Cotton is the only major American crop that cannot be used until processed.

Powder to fire 100,000 bullets is produced from one bale of cotton linters, and linters also dig ditches or dress debutantes.

"These and many other interesting facts—along with 45 photographs—make this bulletin of general interest to everyone in this community, one of more than 400 Cotton Belt towns that oil mills have helped to build," Mr. Lynn points out.

"Cotton is today, as it always has been, a 'crop with a future.' Men and machines make it our most useful crop; and, given opportunity, the cotton plant will continue to grow in service to the world. It can attain a usefulness almost beyond our imagination."

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Post-War Agriculture Discussed by Barton

County Agent John A. Barton, addressing the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday brought a timely message on the subject, "Agriculture After the War." At the conclusion of his talk, he met a barrage of questions dealing with present and future problems of this immediate section and the nation in general.

Mr. Barton stated that no one

knew what conditions would be at the end of the war, when it would end or how but threw light on some of the serious problems that must face farmers at the end of the conflict if the United States were to hold its place with other nations of the world.

He pointed to the Atlantic charter and especially to the sixth statement dealing with freedom from fear and want. Confidence and knowledge was the theme he said all peoples must have when the new program is started. He pointed out that the last world war had shown what could follow in the way of a depression and added that "we spent years looking for prosperity just around the corner, but did little about it."

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Ensign Stuart Will Be Here March 30 To Recruit WAVES

Announcement was made this week of the scheduled itinerary of Ensign Marguerite Stuart, WAVE, SPAR and marine corps recruiting officer for the women's reserves of the United States navy. Miss Stuart will be at the Ballinger post office building Tuesday, March 30; Brady, March 31; Eden, April 1; Dr. Fred Tinkle's office and the Winters post office, April 2; and the San Angelo post office, April 3.

Miss Stuart will answer questions of interested applicants, and also accept applications of enlistment in any of the three services. Yeoman L. N. Brashears and Specialist J. L. Sturges of the San Angelo navy recruiting sub-station will accompany Ensign Stuart on the recruiting drive in this territory. Miss Stuart will appear before women's clubs and organizations while here. Announcement of this schedule will be made next week.

Meanwhile, full information and application for enlistment blanks may be secured from navy recruiters who are in the office of the Ballinger postmaster every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 3:00 p. m. Any of these men will be glad to assist prospects in applying for navy service.

FIREMEN RECEIVE \$10 FOR WORK AT LAUNDRY

Ballinger firemen received a check for \$10 this morning from A. B. Stobaugh, owner of the Ballinger Steam Laundry, for their quick response this week in getting to his plant when the alarm was called in to the department.

Wednesday evening the firemen were also called to the Irwin Laundry on Hutchings Avenue, where a blaze was extinguished without serious damage.

A truck was taken out Wednesday morning to stand by at a grass fire which was about to get beyond control.

Roy Gulley and family, of Port Orchard, Washington, spent last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Gulley.

agent was asked about controlling needle grass and bitter weeds on ranches, increasing protein production, and a number of other questions.

IN SOCIETY

Two Are Hostesses to Methodist Workers

Mrs. Hugh Campbell and Mrs. A. T. Campbell entertained the Methodist Workers Class Wednesday afternoon in the home of the latter on Tenth Street, with Mrs. Sam Behringer assisting.

Potted plants decked rooms where clever humorous games and contests were enjoyed following the business session conducted by Mrs. Ed O'Kelly.

The St. Patrick's Day colors and symbols were featured in tea hour appointments and shamrocks were plate favors. Others present were: Mmes. A. B. Legate, C. D. Harris, J. H. Kipp, J. F. Currie, John A. Weeks, W. E. Midgley, W. R. Clark, Sr., John Loveless, Hamp Byler, Viola Allison, T. P. Brown, J. T. Brandon, A. J. Borders, R. A. Williamson, Emma Godwin of Waco, Misses Zandie Royalty and Alice Morgan.

Know Your Neighbors in Endacott Home

Know Your Neighbors were guests of Mrs. J. H. Endacott Wednesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Lovely gladioli gave floral charm to rooms where members either knitted or sewed on Red Cross garments. Hamburgers were served with individual pies and coffee. A gift of crystal was presented Mrs. Mae Cox.

Others were: Mmes. Cecil Jones, W. L. Jeffries, W. H. James, John Barton, L. C. Adair, Malcolm Morgan, Bill Clark, Rothal O'Kelly, Dee Saylor, Ernest Moody, LeRoy McAulay, and Jack Nixon, Sr.

Ace of Clubs in McCook Home

It was closed club for Ace of Clubs members Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., was hostess in her Wilke Terrace home.

The spring floral motif was used in game accessories with Mrs. H. G. Agnew winning high score prize and bingo awards going to Mmes. W. J. Hembree and B. C. Roberts.

A salad course was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. W. E. Moss, Edward Sommer, D. O. Henson, Virgil Reynolds, and W. O. Irby.

Miss Louise Brookshier, of Alpine, spent the past week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshier. Other visitors in the Brookshier home included Mrs. B. B. Lockett, of Lawn; and Mrs. C. E. Coats and son, Claude.

Cotton Insurance To be Available Thursday, April 1

Protection from the time seed is planted until the crop is weighed in at the gin is offered Runnels county farmers who insure this year's cotton crop.

Cotton crop insurance, which is being written in the county AAA office for the second year, covers either 50 or 75 per cent of the average yield, based on past production records.

Comparing cotton crop insurance to other kinds of insurance, Mead McShan, chairman, Runnels county AAA committee, explained this week that farmers should view it from a protective standpoint rather than from a monetary standpoint.

"People don't take fire, health or accident insurance because they hope to collect an indemnity the year they happen to buy that insurance. They buy it for protection and that's the way cotton farmers should look at cotton crop insurance," he continued.

Cotton insurance protects farmers during the most hazardous time of production, when the crop is growing in the field, the AAA official said.

"The minute a farmer starts preparing the seedbed he gambles with his dollars. He risks money in seed, labor, fuel and wear and

tear on machinery on the chance he will grow a crop," he continued, and added that under cotton crop insurance, part of the gamble and risk are eliminated because either 50 or 75 per cent of the yield is insured.

Closing date for taking cotton crop insurance in Runnels county on this year's crop is April 1, but farmers are urged to make application at the earliest convenient time.

SLIGHT DAMAGE REPORTED IN FIRE AT STEAM LAUNDRY

Ballinger firemen made a run to the Ballinger Steam Laundry Tuesday, but found the blaze under control when they arrived and only a small amount of damage. The fire, which originated in a tumbler, was smothered by Manager A. B. Stobaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Bun Muncy, of Artesia, New Mexico, were here Wednesday for a short visit with friends. They recently disposed of ranch interests on the Pecos River in New Mexico and are prospecting for a place in West Texas.

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Congressmen and the office of price administration have commended the nation's press for its part in the war effort. Prentiss M. Brown, Opa administrator, said recently: "No finer single service in the interest of the American public has been performed during this war than the splendid handling by the nation's press of the OPA processed foods rationing program." In addition, congressmen pointed out the heavy load of publicity to carry free of charge in promotion of recruiting services for all branches of the war, Red Cross and USO campaigns, scrap drives, as well as many other activities vital to the war effort. They gave credit to the press for a large part in the many successful war bond and stamp campaigns and pointed out that the newspapers were doing this splendid work at a time when their business is cut deep by loss of advertising.

Farmers and ranchmen are becoming alarmed over the continued dry weather and there was never a time when a general rain was more needed. The range is extremely dry but moisture would make grass and winter weeds grow and eliminate much of the feeding. Farmers are nearing the planting season with insufficient moisture in the ground to begin a crop. This is the year when farmers and ranchmen have been called on to increase production to help in one of the most important phases of the war effort, that of feeding the nation, its soldiers and allies. In this immediate section the continued drouth has hampered ranch and farm work greatly and the time is approaching when the accelerated program must begin.

Next Monday is the last day for filing 1942 income tax returns. Steeply increased rates makes the

pay-off harder this year but total payments will go a long way in help finance the war program, and millions of reports and checks to cover will be put in the mails this week. It is also time to register the family car, truck, commercial, pick-up or trailer and receive the 1943 plate to be attached to the 1942 plate on the vehicle. The final date for paying this fee is March 31 and the new plates must be on cars by April 1. The limited staff in the office of the tax collector make it important to pay the fee early this year.

Area Representative To Explain Program For School Lunches

Eldred McKinnon, area representative of the food distributing administration, will speak at the court house in Ballinger on March 18 to those interested in the lunch room program in public schools. Changes in the method of operation in the county school lunch room program will be explained and McKinnon will announce the varieties of food the U. S. department of agriculture will furnish under the new set-up. All school boards in the county who have formerly operated lunch rooms have been advised of the meeting and anyone else interested is welcome to attend.

Instead of buying foods and distributing them through the welfare department to the various schools where lunch programs are operated, the food distribution administration will designate certain foods which sponsors may purchase locally for the program. Local sponsors will be reimbursed for these designated foods up to a specified amount. Included on the original list of school lunch foods for Texas counties changing over to the new plan of operation are certain fruits, fresh vegetables, fresh meats, cereal products and dairy products, and dried beans and peas along with other protein foods. This list, which is subject to change from time to time, will be supplemented by foods furnished by local sponsors of the program.

Local sponsors of the new type school lunch program will be the official governing bodies of the schools with Parent-Teacher Associations, Legion Auxiliaries and other civic groups acting as co-sponsors. Emphasis will be placed on efforts to serve complete, well-balanced lunches to all school children participating in the program.

10% OF INCOME IS OUR QUOTA IN WAR BONDS

With U.S. Troops in Jungle Outpost on Burma Border



These pictures were taken at a U. S. army air force base in India. At left, a soldier busily packs a bale of supplies, food, and games to help combat the monotony of the boys who man our jungle outposts along the Burma border. The supplies are dropped by parachute. Center: U. S. troops in a trailer-hauling jeep cross a stream. The bridge is constructed of bamboo. Right: Scene inside one of the big army transport planes that does the job of keeping U. S. outposts supplied.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Two elections are to be held at Brady in April, one for school trustees, the other for city officials. One alderman has already decided to ask reelection and others are expected to file for places soon. Three aldermen, to serve two-year terms, are to be named April 6. No announcements have been received for the school board.

Six divisions of livestock were exhibited at the Rochelle show the past week-end and \$60 in cash awards went to winners. R. J. Powell, of Richland Springs, was judge of the show and many entries were made by F. F. A. chapters of the area.

Major James M. Johnson is the new commander of the Coleman flying school. He and his wife arrived in Coleman last week and the major will relieve Captain Howard L. Gerber, who had been in active charge since the blast that wrecked the administration building some months ago. Major Johnson's home is in North Carolina.

The Stephenville city commission has announced water rate reductions to take effect at once. The move was made to encourage more people to plant and cultivate victory gardens during the spring and summer. To obtain the new rates citizens must make application and state for what purpose the water is to be used.

The City Grocery and the City Meat Market at Comanche sustained heavy damage in a fire last week. Heat and smoke practically destroyed the stocks and fixtures, resulting in several thousand dollars' damage. All that could be salvaged from the stores was put on sale as soon as permission was received by the insurance companies.

Menard county 4-H club boys exhibited a large number of calves, sheep and other livestock in their annual show Monday. Much progress has been made by the boys the past several months and some of their best animals will be on display later at regional shows in West Texas. Menard firms made up a purse of \$125 to be paid as prizes to the boy winners.

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Numerous and Varied Supplies are Received At Navy Supply Depot

NORFOLK, Va., Mar. 10.—By ship, airplane, truck and by trains, which enter the nation's largest naval supply depot, come tens of thousands of items for use in Uncle Sam's navy.

The trains pull into sidings which fringe giant green camouflaged buildings and add their contents to the stream of goods pouring into the storehouses. Here are stocked 30,000 regular items used by the navy, ranging from a paper of pins to a 30,000-pound anchor, while thousands of special order stores add to the bulk.

Name it and the supply depot has it. The demands of the fleet, which are many and varied, must be met quickly. Procedure for handling is the same, and ship

Willard Nelson, of Miles, has been promoted to the rank of petty officer, first class, after finishing a course for aviation machinist mates in a naval school at Chicago. At present he is awaiting assignment to duty.

Melvin was the first community in McCulloch county to meet its Red Cross war fund quota. Workers began the drive last Monday and in a short time had covered the territory and reported "over the top" to the county committee. They will continue to accept donations from anyone not seen in the canvass.

Special courses in poultry raising will be taught in the Paint Rock high school. Feeding, increased egg production and general care of fowls will be covered by classes, open to the public, and to be held at night. Twenty hours, two hours each evening, will be required to complete the courses.

Chairman J. D. Motley, of the Winters Red Cross unit, reports the north end of Runnels county had half its quota in sight the first three days of the current war funds drive. With a complete organization in every community the campaign was going forward in high gear the past week-end.

Mrs. T. J. Casey and three children sustained slight injuries when a shell exploded in their home at Shep Sunday of last week. The family had been on an outing in the Camp Berkeley military reservation and the children picked up a number of shells. After returning home one shell was dropped and exploded when it struck the floor, causing injury to the four persons.

Peanut growers of the Rising Star community were encouraged last week when it was announced that the one-price plan had been adopted for the 1943 crop. This will tend to cause others to plant peanuts and all to increase their acreage.

No. 2 ration books issued in Brown county in the recent registration totaled 33,500. In the city of Brownwood registrations were almost 18,000, indicating a considerable growth in the past year. Families of military personnel at Camp Bowie were responsible for the issuance of many books.

The La Junta Study Club at Junction is sponsoring a trip to San Antonio for every person in the city who will give blood to the Red Cross "bank." Junctionites making the trip will call at the blood donor station in the Alamo City and if accepted will give blood to be used by the Red Cross in saving the lives of wounded fighting men of this nation.

requirements are filled promptly, whether they be geography books or important precision instruments.

Usually coming in by train or one of the 5,000 trucks which enter the depot each month, stores purchased under one of the more than 200 contracts covering one to ten or more items, negotiated each day, add to the mountain of paper work which the navy is fighting desperately to control.

Received, checked and marked for storage, the stores are unloaded alongside one of the storehouses and dropped onto a steel flat or wooden pallet—a platform used to facilitate handling.

Scuttling up to the stack, an electric—or gasoline—operated high-lift truck shoves its arms underneath the pallet to transfer it quickly into the building. The pile then is lifted into its storage place awaiting orders for sea duty.

Another requisition, this time from a ship, invoices to the storehouse, and once again the merchandise is on its way to the nearby piers for loading aboard ship.

The picture of all this activity is one of growth. Nothing depicts that so well as the fact that in 1938, 373 employees were able to handle the business, and now the payroll is above 4,000.

A few years ago, a scant 13,000,000 pounds of dry food staples were shipped out in twelve months; this year almost double that quantity is being handled each month.

CHINABERRIES BUY WAR BONDS FOR 4-H CLUB GIRL IN TRAVIS COUNTY

COLLEGE STATION, Mar. 10.—Chinaberries which used to clutter up the yard around Evelyn Wieland's home near Pflugerville, Travis county, are swelling her war bond purchases and building a savings account for a college education.

The chinaberries are boiled, dyed, and strung into lei-length beads according to a process Evelyn's mother learned when she was a girl. After this 17-year-old Travis county 4-H club girl had sold \$50 worth of the three-strand beads to individual purchasers, her craft came to the attention of a buyer in an Austin department store. Since then, Evelyn has been selling her "satinette

beads" almost exclusively to the store, usually two dozen pairs a week. Proceeds from the beads total \$254.50 since she began her sales last March.

Making beads has become a family industry. Evelyn's mother helps, and she pays her younger brother Warren 15 cents a strand for all he will string. Evelyn's proceeds have enabled her to buy eight \$25 war bonds and start a bank account for college expenses. She will graduate from the Pflugerville high school this spring, and plans to enter the University of Texas. The Austin department store has promised her employment during her college career.

In addition to her ability as a craftsman and business woman, Evelyn is an "all-around, active 4-H club member," according to Thelma Casey, Travis county home demonstration agent. Last year she gathered 1,265 pounds of vegetables from her victory garden, and with the help of her mother she canned 416 containers of fruits and vegetables. She tends the family poultry flock, has improved her bedroom, makes and cares for her own clothing.

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Spy Story and Western Musical Week-End Offerings at Texas Warner Bros. "The Gorilla Man," an up-to-the-minute spy story, and "Ridin' Down the Canyon," a new Republic western, are the two feature-length attractions at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

WARNINGS OF AIR RAIDS TELEPHONED IN SWEDEN

STOCKHOLM, Mar. 10—Sweden has developed an effective system of transmitting air-raid warnings by telephone. Exchanges in 25 cities now convey the signals, and equipment is being installed in other exchanges.

Jumping Chaplain



Lt. Matthew J. Connolly, OSB, chaplain of the 505th parachute infantry, is shown putting on his chute in Washington, D. C. He recently qualified as a jumping chaplain by making five parachute jumps.

County Committee For Soil Conservation Named by Grindstaff

The state soil conservation association recently requested that a soil conservation committee be named for Runnels county, one man from each commissioner's precinct, and certified to the state organization at once.

Two Big Shows

This group will meet in the near future and select a chairman who will have voting power and also preside at meetings. State and district conventions will be announced in the near future and members of the county group are expected to attend.

YOUR DENTAL I. Q.

Q: What foods contain calcium? Does a lack of calcium cause teeth to decay rapidly? A: Nutritionists tell us that milk is our best source of calcium. Next in line come the other dairy products such as cheese, cottage cheese and ice cream.

Mickey Rooney Has Comical Troubles in Latest Picture

"Andy Hardy's Double Life" gets Mickey Rooney into many comical troubles, and starts him for college, but it leaves an idea that his double life is about to be tripled, for he's last seen looking over a beautiful co-ed en route to the same college.

Some Garden Seed Require Coupons To Make Purchase

Those planting victory gardens hit a snag this week when they went to buy planting seed for peas, beans and lentils. They found that they must go before the ration board, sign an application for their wants, and await approval and the issuance of point coupons before they can buy the seed.

Ballinger Insurance Policy Holders Must Pay 5% Charge in '43

Ballinger will have a 5 per cent charge on fire insurance policies for the next twelve months beginning March 1, it was announced today by Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner.

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MRS. ALDEN THORP PASSES EXAMINATIONS FOR WAVES Mrs. Alden Thorp, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, passed all examinations and was sworn into the WAVES at Dallas the past week-end.

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