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Housing Project Offered Local Property Owners

A group of property owners Monday heard a plan submitted by the government for providing more housing units in Ballinger for civilian defense workers. By this plan those who own houses where remodeling and other improvements would provide one or more units would be eligible for assistance by the government and it was stated that as soon as ten units were ready, work could start.

Large houses where several units can be arranged are more desirable under the plan. The government would lease these houses for a seven-year period and would spend whatever was necessary up to \$2,500 to improve and modernize them. The government agency would look after the renting, collections and upkeep of yards during the lease period.

The tenant would pay a set rental for the apartment, plus a specified amount for utilities, taxes, insurance and yard work. Apartments would be unfurnished but would have sink, shower bath, hot water heater and other improvements.

The amount spent on improvements would be repaid by the property owner in seven equal installments with no interest. The government agency would have a thirty-day cancellation clause in the contract, and if lease should be terminated, all the amount spent for improvements would be cancelled and the improvements would become free of debt to the property owner.

In addition to receiving lease money from the government agency, property owners would get their taxes, insurance and yard upkeep during the time of the lease.

Those who sign up for the plan will be called upon by an architect at once and plans will be made and submitted for necessary changes and improvements. If these are agreeable a lease contract will be signed and the work begun.

Similar programs have been approved for Abilene, San Angelo, Big Spring and Ballinger, and work can be started here next week if ten are signed up by that time.

Items which would be needed by civilian defense workers in furnishing their apartments can be obtained by the agency as it has priorities for making purchases under this plan. Property owners who prefer may use their own money for making improvements, but the agency would rent the places as unfurnished apartments and furniture could then be rented or leased to the tenant by the property owner under a separate agreement.

E. Shepperd, home owners' loan corporation agent in Ballinger, will give any interested person all details of the plan.

Bruce Field Road Opened to Traffic; Water Line in Use

The new road to the Harman Training Center, Bruce Field, was opened to traffic the past weekend. Applying of asphalt topping was completed Thursday and allowed to set a couple of days before heavy traffic was permitted.

Announcement was made that the new eight-inch water line has been laid, checked, and put in service. Booster pumps have not arrived but this is all that remains to be done on the new system. Pump houses and foundations have been completed and as soon as the pumps arrive they will be set up and used in providing the water supply at the field.

The new road shortens the distance to field considerably, saving time as well as wear and tear on the large number of vehicles operated over the route daily. The road leaves the San Angelo highway a short distance west of the cemetery and is an air line run from that point to the airfield.

The new water system also provides additional storage and fire fighting apparatus at the field, including seventeen fire plugs where hose connections can be made.

Graduation Dance For Cadets of 43-G Slated Saturday

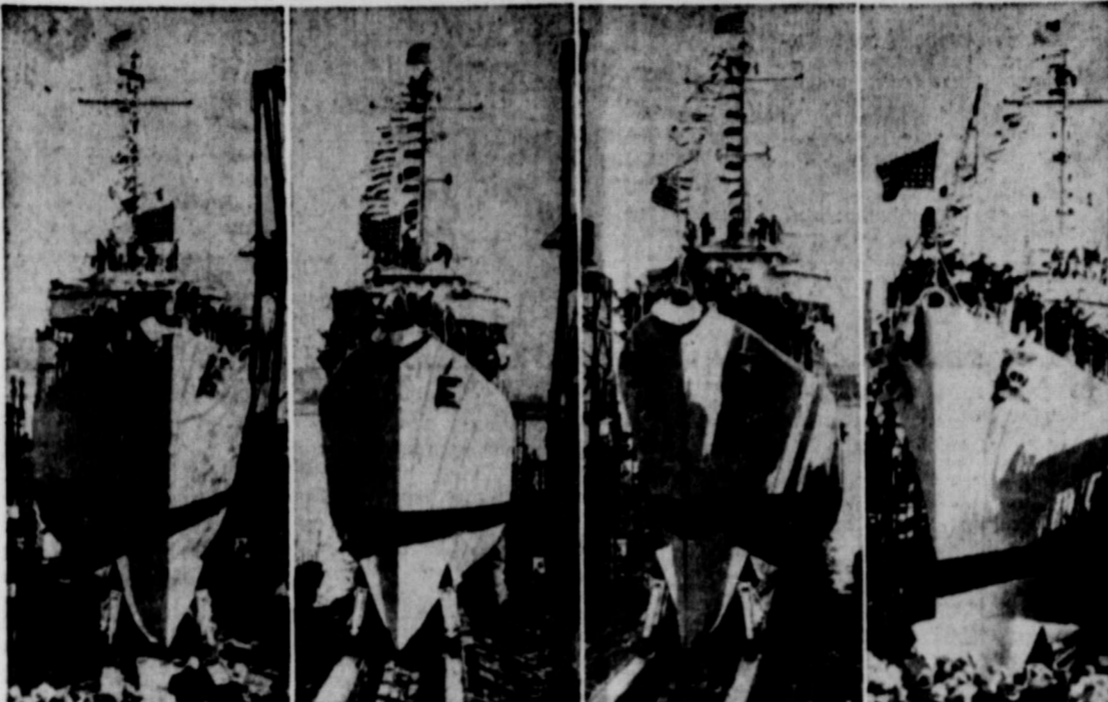
Members of class 43-G at Bruce Field will complete their primary training this week and will be ready to move on to basic training the first of next week.

A graduation dance honoring the graduates will be given Saturday night by class 43-H at the Army and Navy Club. The dance will be formal and the cadets will have flowers for the girls and during the evening will stage a short floor show.

Hap Stratton and his orchestra will provide the music for the dance and the hall will be decorated for the occasion. All girls are invited to attend and no dates are necessary. Attendance of cadets will be much larger than usual and more girls will be needed to make the dance a success.

No announcement has been made on where the graduating class will go for basic training but the men are expected to leave the first of the week and class 43-I will report here from preflight during the week to begin primary training.

Four Destroyers Join Navy in Mass Launching



In a qudruple launching at Kearny, N. J., four speedy sea fighters go down the ways. They are, left to right, the Kidd, named in honor of Rear Adm. Isaac Kidd, killed in action at Pearl Harbor; the Turner, named for Capt. Daniel Turner, commended during battle of Lake Erie in 1813; the Thorn, named for Lieut. Jonathan Thorn, commended for his part in naval action at Tripoli on February 16, 1804; and the Bullard, named in honor of late Rear Adm. William H. G. Bullard, father of American radio.

Meat Rationing Will Start In United States March 29

Red stamps in war ration book No. 2 will get action on March 29, at which time all meats, butter and other fats and oils are to go under the point-system of rationing. The point values of each item will not be announced until March 22.

Last week the point value on a number of food items covered in fruits and vegetables were made more liberal for the customer. This was allowed because stocks had been built up and the shortage of these was not as acute as when the program was started.

People should watch their ration books for the following dates:

Sugar stamp No. 12 in book No. 1 is good for five pounds from March 16 through May 31.

Coffee stamp No. 25 in book 1, for those 14 years of age and older, good for one pound until midnight March 21. Stamp No. 26 good for one pound from March 22 through April 25.

Stamp No. 17 in book 1 good for shoes until midnight June 15.

Second eight coupons in gasoline A book good until midnight March 21. Third eight coupons good from March 22 through May 21.

The inspection of all A book cars must be made by March 31 by authorized inspectors.

Here are the highlights of the forthcoming meat rationing program which goes into effect on March 29:

1. Beginning Monday, March 29, housewives will use the red stamps in ration book two to get their family supplies of meats, edible fats and oils, butter, and canned fish.

2. Point values will be announced during the week of March 22.

3. These point values will be based on weight primarily, but with differences governed by supply, consumer preferences, and the edible content of the various cuts and products.

4. The official table of consumer point values will list 150 meat items.

5. In general, the new rationing program will include:

All fresh, frozen, cured, smoked, and canned meats and meat products derived from beef, veal, lamb, mutton and pork, as well as variety meats and sausages; Canned fish and canned shellfish.

Most edible fats and oils, including butter, lard, margarine, shortening, salad oils, and cooking oils, excluding mayonnaise and salad dressing.

6. Retailers will be permitted to give "change" in ration stamps, using only the one-point red stamps.

7. During the first five weeks, each holder of ration book two points per week.

8. Red stamps bearing the (Continued on page 8)

Red Cross War Drive Nets \$9,956 in County

F. F. A. Father-Son Barbecue at Park Tomorrow Night

The annual barbecue and program for the Future Farmers of America chapter of the Ballinger high school will be held Friday night at 8:30 in city park. Chapter members are planning to have all their fathers and a number of other guests, making a total of about 200 people expected to attend.

One beef was fattened by the chapter this year and has been butchered for the occasion. The meat will be cooked tomorrow and will be ready to serve at the party. Other items on the menu will be provided by the boys from their homes.

Announcement was made today that E. M. Lynn would be the speaker for the occasion. Chapter officers will use the formal opening and closing for the meeting and Robert McClelland will give the F. F. A. creed. Jerome Buxkemper will give the welcome and Ray Reese will report on the F. F. A. food for freedom work.

Members of the local unit of the Texas Defense Guard will have their Friday meeting at 7 o'clock so they can attend the banquet and program.

J. M. Williams, vocational agriculture teacher, stated that all arrangements were being made to have the meeting in the park but in case of bad weather it would be moved inside at some convenient place.

B. C. D. DIRECTORS WILL HOLD MEETING TONIGHT

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will be in session tonight for their regular March meeting. A number of important matters are now before the group including cooperation in holding the annual 4-H club-F. F. A. chapter livestock show.

All committees have been fully organized and have held meetings to decide on work to be undertaken this year. Most of the committees will have important reports to make to the board.

The meeting will open at 8 p. m. at the city hall office and all members are urged to attend.

A check-up here Wednesday of the progress of the drive for funds for the American Red Cross disclosed a total of \$9,956.61 already collected and in the bank and a number of community committees not through with their solicitation. In Ballinger a number of people have not been called on and have contributions ready to hand to the workers when they appear.

The money on hand Wednesday was \$3,966.61 over the quota assigned Runnels county and several hundred dollars more are expected before the campaign is officially closed and the funds sent to headquarters.

The total raised in Ballinger to date is \$3,852.35. Of this local committees turned in \$2,855.93 after a drive in the city proper. Civilian employees, army officers and aviation cadets in the Harman Training Center, Bruce Field, donated \$947.40, and the Bruce Field show here last Friday night added \$49.02 to this total.

A check-up at Winters Wednesday morning revealed that the sixteen communities in the north end of the county had already contributed \$3,250.00, and J. D. Motley, chairman for that part of the county, stated that other sums would be received before the drive ends. Every one of the sixteen communities had exceeded its quota.

E. Shepperd, chairman for the county and actively in charge of the campaign in the southern half of the county, reported that a total of \$6,706.61 had already been turned in and was in the bank, with several committees not through with their canvasses and one small community not reporting.

Tabulations of the community contributions in the southern portion of the county to Wednesday morning follow:

Ballinger	\$2,855.93
Bruce Field	947.40
Cadet Show	49.02
Bethel	180.00
Rowena	305.50
Miles	307.15
Norton	263.60
Humble Pump Station	101.50
Sweet Home	85.00
Hatchel	118.50
Offen	164.50
Brookshier	51.40
Kristoff	70.50
Groenwald	145.75
Spring Hill	193.00
Blanton	92.00

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Twenty Men Leave Here for Military Receiving Center

Twenty Runnels county men were told good-bye this morning at the Central Hotel and boarded a bus for a reception center to begin military training.

The usual farewell party was held by the American Legion after the roll was called. Rev. Clarence A. Morton was the speaker and told the boys into what they were going and wished them God's speed and a safe return to their homes someday in a world at peace. He handed each on a small booklet, "I Am a Soldier."

Cigarettes were given by the Ballinger Board of Community Development and candy by the Fannie Stephens Study Club.

The twenty men leaving today had already had physical examinations and been accepted for military training. Their destination was not announced.

Those making up the group were:

- James Lawrence Jackson
- Chester Henry Kabrich
- Elmer James Wheeler
- Willie Cleo Evans
- Joe Earl Horton
- Billy Joe Robinson
- Odie Lee Reneau
- Cecil Wesley Wade
- Calvin Jack Cavanaugh
- Herbert Valentine Kendricks, Jr.
- Billy Burton Hallmark
- Lawrence Marion West
- Boblee Keese
- Eustasio Diaz Castillo
- Raymond Dunn
- Norman Louis Keifer
- L. Monroe Dodd
- Chester Archibald Thomas
- Roy Lee Malone
- Thomas Horace New

FORMER R. C. A. F. PILOT NOW IN TRAINING AT BALLINGER

Aviation Cadet Glen Neil, former royal Canadian air force pilot, is now receiving primary training at Bruce Field. He came back to the United States to go through training so that he might get action overseas. Some citizenship status prevented him from foreign service so long as he was in the Canadian air force. That is why he is now "deep in the heart of Texas" training so that he can get a chance at the Nazis or Japs as an American citizen.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes spent the week-end in Wichita Falls, where they visited their son, Bill Sykes, who is stationed at Sheppard Field.

4-H and F. F. A. to Show 350 Head of Livestock

The annual 4-H club and Future Farmers of America livestock show will be held here next Thursday, March 25. The show will open at 10:00 a. m. and continue until 4:00 p. m., at which time champions of the highest division will be sold to the highest bidders and the remainder of the stock will be shipped to Ft. Worth for sale there Friday morning.

John A. Barton, 4-H club leader, and J. M. Williams, F. F. A. chapter sponsor, stated this week that the show would be the largest ever held by the two organizations. It was predicted that about 15 dry lot calves, 100 fat lambs, and from 150 to 200 head of hogs would be entered in the 1943 show. The animals will arrive here early Thursday morning and be put in the pens on the Santa Fe right-of-way between Eighth and Ninth streets.

The Ballinger Board of Community Development will raise a purse of \$200 to be offered in premiums for the boy exhibitors.

Judges will begin their work early Thursday morning and winners and champions will be designated as fast as possible.

The boys have made big increases in the number of hogs in their projects this year. They have been responding to the call of the nation for increased foods and hence the large increase in swine. The show would have been even larger, but a number of of the youthful farmers have made sales in recent weeks and disposed of some of the stock which would have been included in the show.

It was announced that a number of new pens would be necessary this year and these are being made in the high school shops and will be finished by next Thursday.

Ballingerites and others who are in town for the day are urged to visit the exhibit to see the splendid work done by the boys the past year. Local buyers are invited to be present in the afternoon when champions of each division are to be sold.

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Bruce Field Officers Review Cadets



All cadets at Bruce Field took part in a formal parade and retreat Wednesday afternoon which was attended by a crowd of about 500 Ballinger people. Gates to the field were open for the retreat ceremony which was also the official graduation of class 43-G.

Those in the picture are Aviation Cadets W. H. Wingate and F. M. Mathews. Officers in front row, left to right: Major Robert K. Urban, Lt. Frederick B. Mills, Lt. Russell N. Knott, Lt. Clare W. Reggin, Lt. James W. Walker, Lt. Henry W. McAvay, Lt. Ralph Bernfeld, Lt. Donald J. MacLeod, Lt. James L. Waters, Lt. Rudolph Kremer.

Second row, left to right: Lt. Willard D. Holt, Lt. Robert F. Moore, Lt. Bruce B. Johnson, Lt. J. C. Ward, Lt. John H. Enders, Lt. William L. Morlen, Lt. Robert E. Sieker.

Wednesday afternoon was "open post" to the civilians of this area to attend the formal parade and retreat. Approximately 500 were on hand at 5:30 when cadets were assembled for the formal review.

The cadets were assembled in front of the administration building on the large circle where squadron leaders made reports to the officer in charge. Cadets were then marched to the parade ground in front of the hangars and went through the movements of regular retreat. All officers of the field were assembled to review the men.

Lt. S. A. Borne had charge of the drum and bugle corps and this group provided the music and cadence for the marching soldiers. The entire parade and retreat was done with soldierly precision and without a hitch of any kind.

Class 43-G is completing its training at the Ballinger field and was officially graduated Wednesday. The men will be here a few days yet before moving to a basic field.

Thanks

I wish to express appreciation to the many people who entrusted the preparing of income blanks to me. Your fine cooperation and patience has been a great help.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Marion Gressett Becomes Bride of Sgt. Bengtson

Miss Marion Gressett, daughter of Mrs. Joe Martin of Norton, became the bride of Sgt. Chester V. Bengtson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl V. Bengtson of New Sweden, in a late afternoon ceremony Saturday evening, March 6, read by the Rev. F. G. Olsen in his home in New Sweden.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Magnusson were attendants. Mrs. Magnusson wore a British tan ensemble with harmonizing accessories.

The bride wore a suit of black

with white sheer blouse and all black accessories. Her corsage was of sweetheart roses.

Mrs. Bengtson is a graduate of the Ballinger High School and has been employed in Austin. She will remain there with her sister, Mrs. John Hunnicutt, temporarily while Sgt. Bengtson returns to Altus, Oklahoma, where he is stationed with the Army Air Corps. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. L. F. Gressett of Ballinger.

The bridegroom's parents were hosts at a wedding supper for relatives and close friends, in their home immediately following the ceremony.

World Day of Prayer Observed

Ballinger women attended a program given Friday afternoon in the First Baptist Church on Eighth Street in annual observance of the World Day of Prayer.

This custom, begun many years ago, is a fellowship of prayer the world around and is sponsored by the United Council of Church Women of New York city. This year's program "Father, I Pray That They May All Be One" was led by Mrs. Oren Chandler. She was assisted in presenting this inspiring devotional by Meses. W. A. Taylor, Harry Lynn, Marvin Clark, A. B. Stobaugh, C. R. Stephens, Malcolm Morgan, and Joe Forman. Mrs. Robert Bruce was at the organ console and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd sang "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go."

The four purposes of this observance, "Migrants," "Christian Literature," "United States Government Indian Schools," and "United Christian Colleges" were discussed by Meses. W. A. Erwin, Ben W. Denny, W. B. Woody, and Tom Agnew.

Mrs. Chandler presided for the brief business session and Mrs. M. A. Foy read the minutes of the 1942 meeting and made the treasurer's report. Mrs. Charles Bailey was elected 1944 chairman, and Mrs. W. O. Middleton, secretary-treasurer.

Annual Party for First Baptist Men's Victory Bible Class

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King were hosts last Thursday evening in their spacious home on Broadway to members of the First Baptist Men's Victory Bible Class and their wives.

Vantage placings of blooming potted plants gave added beauty to rooms where Mrs. J. A. Killough, Mrs. W. J. Hembree, and Mrs. James Wear directed clever group games.

Mrs. O. T. Toney assisted in serving sandwiches and cookies

YOUR DENTAL I. Q.

Q: What causes teeth to decay?—A. M. G.

A: Most of the research studies on the cause of tooth decay seem to indicate that the destruction is caused by the action of a particular type of micro-organism which has the ability to ferment sugar and other carbohydrate foods and convert them into acids. These acids, in turn, attack those surfaces with which they come in contact. Decay always begins on the external surface of a tooth. It never arises from within the tooth. Most authorities agree that dental health can be improved by the inclusion in the diet of all of the food essentials and by the reduction or exclusion of highly refined carbohydrates. Dentists believe that the intake of highly refined carbohydrates such as refined sugar, candy, jelly, pastry and other highly sweetened foods, should be kept at a minimum. It is quite possible that America's high sugar bills account for many of our national dental ills.

Send questions with self-addressed stamped envelope to American Dental Association, 212 East Superior street, Chicago, Ill.



The parents and the dentist should plan the child's dental program until such time as the child is capable of intelligently planning for himself. Older members of the family should never plant the idea of fear in the child's mind. Thus, whenever the child requires the services of the dentist, he will accept such service without fear and apprehension. This will enable the dentist to prevent the occurrence of serious decay.

with hot spiced tea. Others present were: Rev. Clarence A. Morton, Messrs. and Meses. A. O. Bartlett, E. C. Grindstaff, R. E. White, Elmer Shepperd, Messrs. Hembree, Wear, Killough, and Toney.

J. O. Y. Class in Morton Home

Mrs. Clarence Morton and Mrs. Harold Routh were hostesses to the First Baptist J. O. Y. Class on Thursday evening of last week in the Morton home on Broadway.

Mrs. Jones Parrish directed the business period and for diversion labels were sewed in finished Red Cross garments.

A dessert plate with coffee was served to Meses. Elliott Kemp, D. J. Appleby, Jack Roseborough, Park Kemp, Claude Mansell, Farish, Arthur Crockett, Carl Freeman, Doyle Condra, Joe Lee Cooper, France Jones, and Barnett Frank.

Mrs. Hoffman is Club Hostess

Mrs. K. K. Hoffman was hostess to her contract club last Thursday afternoon, entertaining with a dessert luncheon followed by games in her Sixth Street home.

Potted plants decked rooms where defense stamps were won by Mrs. Tommie Hall for high score. Others were: Meses. C. W. Cheatham, W. B. Woody, Loyd Herring, E. L. Ingram, John Hollingsworth, Alden Thorp, Jr., and Leslie Baker.

Bridgette Club Entertained by Mrs. McClenney

Mrs. M. E. McClenney was hostess to the Bridgette Club Friday afternoon in her home. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Jack Roseborough.

Game score awards went to Mrs. Jerry Church and Mrs. Henry Fronkier. Refreshments were served to: Meses. Roy Neal, Jack Crow, Bob Gee, Church, Howard Matteson, Leonard Scales, Hector Billia, Fronkier and Bill Lynn.

Triple-Four in McGregor Home

It was closed club for Triple-Four members Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Alex McGregor was hostess in her home on Eleventh Street.

Lovely arrangements of varied early spring blossoms decorated rooms where Mrs. Troy Simpson was winner of high score and Mrs. J. A. Schnable binged.

A molded salad plate with cookies and wafers was served with tea buffet style from the dining room table. Others were: Meses. Ross Murchison, E. W. Stasney, L. R. Tigner, Claude Stone, Tom Agnew, J. B. Striplin, K. V. Northington, R. W. Earnshaw, and Harry Lynn.

South Ballinger Club Meets

The South Ballinger home demonstration club met Tuesday, March 2, in the home of Mrs. Julius Boothe. Those attending spent the afternoon sewing. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Ed Farley on April 6.

A delicious plate of coffee and doughnuts was served to: Meses. C. D. Harris, Ed Farley, George McMillan, Joe Thomas, Austin Williams, and Douglas Barnett.

Bolam-Weber Wedding at First Presbyterian Church

The First Presbyterian Church on Broadway was the scene of a pretty wedding ceremony last Saturday afternoon at six-thirty o'clock when the church pastor, the Rev. J. C. Johnson, was officiating clergyman for the marriage of Miss Ruth Bolam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Austen Bolam of Brewster, New York, and Aviation Cadet Peter Weber, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Weber of Schenectady, New York.

The double ring ceremony was read before the church altar which was decorated with tall baskets of pink and white carnations and vases of roses against a background of palms and ferns.

Miss Maggie Underwood was at the organ for the traditional Wagner and Mendelssohn marches, for the "Venetian Love Song" by Nevin played as vows were spoken, and for the accompaniment of the pre-nuptial solo, "At Dawning" sung by Mrs. Frank Pearce.

The bride wore a suit of pale yellow light-weight wool and a small lavender veiled hat. Her other accessories were of black patent and gabardine and her corsage was a lavender orchid.

The bridegroom's sister, Miss Joyce Marie Weber, was maid of honor. She wore a dress of navy with white trim with navy accessories and a gardenia corsage. Aviation Cadet Nicholas Covell was best man.

Following her graduation from the Brewster High School, Mrs. Weber attended the White Plains Business College. She was employed by the General Electric Company in Schenectady as a stenographer-accountant.

Cadet Weber graduated from the Nott Terrace High School in Schenectady and was also employed by General Electric prior to his enlistment in the Army in June, 1941. He is a member of Class 43G which completed its primary training at Bruce Field this week.

Mmes. Payette and Bruce are hostesses to Philathea Class. Meses. Robert Bruce and Ralph Payette were hostesses to the Methodist Philathea Class Monday

Club Improvement Program Started; Equipment Bought

Members of the Ballinger Country Club have started improvements to get the lake and grounds in condition for use this spring and summer.

The big lake was drained in December and has been practically dry ever since. This was done to expose the shoreline to freezes and kill the moss that has been a problem for some time. Barely enough water was left in the channel to take care of the fish in the lake.

One new pier has been added at the portion of the lake used for swimming and other improvements made in the equipment there. Plans are underway to construct a small dirt dam, to cut off a neck of the lake where much of the water drains from the lake proper. Holes under a hill have caused much worry to the lake committee ever since the lake was built and it is now planned to eliminate the portion of the lake where the holes lead under large ledges of rock and cause loss of much water when the lake is full.

A small tractor was purchased this week and will be put in use at once to get the grounds in condition. The golf course will be maintained in good condition through the year and all other club features will be available for members. Directors of the club believe the property will be used more than ever this year because of gas rationing which will prevent people from going elsewhere for such entertainment and recreation.

A large number of members have

Coiffure Controversy



Do we upswing our hair or don't we? is the burning question of the hour. An expert shows the upswing coiffure in two versions. In front he has shaped the hair very short to achieve the soft curl on the forehead (top). The fan-shaped back design (below) is one of many types.

been taken into the club in recent weeks, most of them taking over stock held by men who have been called into the service.

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.

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2. The oven-lining will last longer if you roast meats at low temperatures (from 250° to 325°).
3. Wipe off spilled foods at once with a dry cloth. Wait till enamel is cold, before using a damp cloth. And protect the top surface with asbestos mats.
4. If foods should boil over and clog the burner (never necessary on modern ranges, because there's a simmer burner to prevent that), clean the ports lightly with a thin wire.

Noodle-Cheese Custard

- 1 6-oz. package broad noodles
 - 1 1/2 cups grated American cheese
 - 1 teasp. salt
 - 3 eggs
 - 1 1/4 cups milk
 - 6 slices crisp bacon
- Break noodles in 1-inch pieces; cook in boiling salted water till tender. Drain well, and add cheese, salt and pepper. Add beaten eggs and milk, and mix well. Pour into greased shallow baking dish and bake at 325° for 45 minutes. Garnish with the bacon.
- ★ ★ Why not cook the bacon in the oven, along with the custard? Spread it on a cake-rack that fits over a pan to catch the grease, and at 325° the bacon will brown perfectly (and stay flat) in 15 to 20 minutes. Don't let grease fall on the oven floor.

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Boys to Receive V-12 Tests for Enlistment in Armed Services

Examinations will be given at the Ballinger high school on April 2 for boys wishing to enlist in class V-12 for the army, navy, coast guard or marine corps. In each group, any boy who will be 17 by July 1, 1943, and not more than 20 for the navy, marines or coast guard, and not more than 22 for the army, is eligible to take these tests.

A number of boys in the Ballinger high school are planning to take the examinations and others here out of school but within the age limits also may take the tests.

Those who pass will be given an interview and physical examination later by officers of the unit. The armed forces they have expressed preference for, and if they pass the physicals will be given at least 16 months in some school. Later they will be given special officers training and commissioned in the unit in which they enlist. Those who enter and fall will go into service at lower rank in the branch they specify.

After they pass the interview and physicals, the boys will be inducted into the service through the regular channels, uniformed, assigned to a school and given \$50 per month, board, room, tuition and other expenses. Medical and dental students will get to complete their education under this plan.

Any local boys with the ages, 17 to 22 for the army, and 17 to 20 for the navy, coast guard or marines, who would like to take the first examinations, can get full particulars from Supt. Nat Williams.

Boys entering school in July under this plan will be eligible for football and other sports next fall. They may also specify the school of their choice and if there is a vacancy they may be assigned there.

Miss Creola Henderson, of San Angelo, visited relatives and friends here the first of the week.

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



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, "Thinking of the Christ."

6 p. m., evening worship. Sermon subject, "Words That Were Almost Lost."

Monday:
Auxiliary inspirational meeting at 4 o'clock. Installation of officers.

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 21, 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 21:

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.

Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.

Sermon by pastor at 11 a. m.

"Look Out for the Devil"—Book of Zechariah.

Cadet Fellowship, 5 p. m., Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, church hostess.

Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., T. Whitehead, director.

Sermon by pastor at 7:30 p. m.

"The Desire of All Nations"—Haggai.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet in circles in the homes and the Auxiliaries at the church.

Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Supt. Grindstaff will direct plans for our revival April 18-25.

The pastor's meditation at 8:00 p. m. on "What Are the Evidences That We Are Christians?"

The public is invited to worship with us.

CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

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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 21, 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.

Doille Boilier, 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

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)
"An Independent Baptist Church"
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.

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 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.

4-H BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB ORGANIZED AT GROENWALD
Students of the Groenwald school have organized a 4-H club and will begin regular activities at once. The club is composed of both boys and girls and the following officers have been elected: Victor Chocjka, president; Geneva Poehls, vice-president; Marcella Holik, secretary; Mary Bubenik, reporter; Marcus Hoelscher and Margaret Poehls, recreational leaders. Sponsors are Julie and Julius Holubec.

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, will attend the next meeting of the club and give demonstrations on 4-H projects for 1943.

NEW ZEALAND SPEEDS SCHOOL RAID SHELTERS
WELLINGTON, N. Z., Mar. 17.—New Zealand is speeding construction of air-raid shelters in state and private schools in certain vulnerable areas. Before work began, careful planning was necessary conforming to the government code. When the work is well along in the more vulnerable areas shelters will be started in other schools.

Shovels, buckets and sand were given to the schools in the vulnerable areas some time ago, and where the need was greatest bucket pumps, buckets and hose were also supplied. It is stated that the government is arranging to furnish identification discs.

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Guardsmen Perform Difficult Problem; Protect Installations

Men of company E of the Texas Defense Guard were sent to their pre-arranged squad assignments Monday night to protect all the vital installations in Ballinger and immediate vicinity. The problem was to protect these installations against possible action of saboteurs supposed to be in action. While the saboteurs were only imaginary, had they been present they would have received a warm reception as the routine inspection revealed every man at his post, alert, cautious, and having the situation well in hand. Within ten minutes after the warning was given and orders read, most of the squads had their territory covered and ready to give a good account of themselves.

This part of guard training is a function that reveals one of the primary purposes of the organization. Months ago all the vital points in this vicinity were carefully mapped and detailed plans arranged to protect them. Since then the guardsmen have been sent to their posts several times and each time have shown improvement in speed and technique. The showing Monday night was the best so far, indicating that the guard is ready.

After the problem all members returned to the field for close-order drill. The company is constantly being augmented by new recruits who must have the basic close-order. These recruits are necessary to take the place of those going into the armed forces. Usually a few more recruits can be accepted who desire to serve their country in this way.

Last Friday night attendance of corporals and privates first-class was almost perfect. Plans for the Monday drill were handed out and the company permitted to report to the school gymnasium to attend the Bruce Field cadet show.

Officers and men were surprised to find a number of ranking sergeants in civilian clothes, seated in the audience in choice seats and one first-class private remarked: "Who said the lot of the sergeant was hard?"

WRONG NAME IS PUBLISHED IN CADET SHOW WRITE-UP

In giving an account of the cadet show here last Friday night a wrong name was listed in the act by Murphy and Van Liere. Tom Murphy was the violinist and Andrew Van Liere the accordion player. In the write-up of the performance the act was given as Thompson and Van Liere.

Mr. Murphy is a popular entertainer here and has appeared with Mr. Van Liere on a number of programs.

Read grocery ads and save.

Where Tunis Air Raid Was Plotted



The roulette table in this old gambling casino in Tunisia is the plotting room for planning the air raid on the Axis-held El Aina field, Tunisia. This was prior to the great tank battle of Kassorine Pass, in which American armored forces, after serious reverses, hammered back Rommel's dangerous thrust westward towards Tebessa.

McKINNEY MAN WILL BE NEW MANAGER OF CENTRAL HOTEL

R. S. Hawkins, recently of McKinney and for some time with the Wooten Hotel at Abilene, has arrived in Ballinger and will be manager of the Central Hotel. The new manager was announced by Jack Chaney, operator, Wednesday morning.

Mr. Hawkins has been in the hotel business for many years and is thoroughly familiar with all details of operation of such institutions. He and his wife and two daughters will make this their home.

Mr. Chaney stated that he would leave the last of the week to look after other interests but would be here on regular visits in the future.

JACK HAMPTON ATTENDS FUNERAL OF HIS FATHER

Jeff Hampton, 83, died at his home in Dublin Thursday of last week after illness of more than three years. He had resided there for many years and served as city marshal for sixteen years prior to his retirement.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon and interment followed in the Dublin cemetery.

Survivors include Jack Hampton, Ballinger; Mann Hampton, Billet, New Mexico; Dee and Will Hampton, Brady; Mrs. A. A. DeLay, Billet, New Mexico; Mrs. Carl Stevens, Dublin; Mrs. Troy Caldwell, Mineral Wells. The Ballinger son was present for the last rites.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.

SPECIALIST IN CLOTHING PASSES ON TIME-SAVING HINTS FOR BUSY WOMEN

COLLEGE STATION, Mar. 17.—There is a boom in home sewing in Texas as evidenced by the hundreds of sewing machine clinics reported by county home demonstration agents of the Texas A. & M. College extension service.

Homemakers who are turning to this practice can save themselves considerable time by proper preparation for the job, says Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, extension clothing specialist. She suggests, first, selection and convenient arrangement of a sewing room or "sewing corner." Whatever place is chosen should have proper lighting to prevent eyestrain and speed up the work, Mrs. Barnes says.

Keeping a well-equipped sewing box also is an aid to sewing and tempers as well. A good sharp pair of scissors and pins should be included in this equipment, the specialist says. She also advises the frequent use of a well-padded ironing board, for "pressing as you sew means better workmanship."

Learning to use all the attachments of a machine simplifies many sewing tasks. For example, Mrs. Barnes suggests learning to gather on the machine.

Making garments factory style—that is, cutting out at least two at a time, also results in economy. The specialist says this is particularly helpful in the making of garments such as boys' shirts. She advocates use of the buttonhole stitch in sewing on snaps and hooks and eyes. This makes them more secure.

Covering the table with oil cloth "wrong side up" is helpful during the cutting operation. Since this surface is slightly rough it will keep the material from slipping. It is also practical to keep a pair of eyebrow tweezers in the machine drawer. Then when the bobbin thread is too short to be caught with the fingers, the tweezers can be used to catch the thread without removing the bobbin.

SCOUT COURT OF HONOR POSTPONED TO THURSDAY

The Boy Scout court of honor scheduled for tomorrow (Friday) night has been postponed to next Thursday on account of the father-and-son banquet of the Future Farmers of America. Judge O. L. Parish, in charge of the court of honor, will direct a good program for this meeting and a number of local scouts will receive advancement.

T BOOK HOLDERS SHOULD MAKE APPLICATIONS NOW

Oscar Harber clerk of the Runnels county rationing board, has requested that holders of T books make applications for the second quarter at once. The filing of applications now will greatly aid in handling the work and eliminate delays which will be caused by a last minute rush.

TRIMMIE IMPROVING AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Judge Paul Trimmer was reported improved at the Halley & Love Sanitarium this afternoon. His improvement has been steady for the past two days, according to his family and attending physicians. Last Saturday his condition was very serious and relatives were summoned here from other towns.

MRS. FORD TAYLOR IS REMOVED TO HOME

Mrs. Ford Taylor was discharged from the Halley & Love Sanitarium Wednesday and removed to her home on Eighth Street. She is recovering from major surgery performed three weeks ago.

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RURAL NEWS

NORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Arent visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller, Roy and Sue, and Arvo Matthews spent Sunday in the Rube Whitley home.

Everybody be sure and attend church services next week-end.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Doris Stewart

Junior Play

The juniors presented a three-act play, "My Mother-in-Law," last Tuesday night and proceeds, which will be used to entertain the seniors, were \$37.15.

Bond Rally

Due to the presentation of the junior play Tuesday night, the bond rally under the supervision of Miss Bessie Mae Wheelless, was postponed until Thursday night, March 25.

Homemakers Meet

The Norton chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas met Tuesday, March 16. The president, Lewis Hensley, called for special reports from each of the three units. These unit reports gave plans for such activities as collecting old silk hose, making scrap books, animal toys and quilt blocks for the Red Cross, helping in the lunch room, buying defense stamps, and making a service flag for the boys of the Norton school.

The chapter sponsor, Mrs. Janie B. Hull, reviewed the March News Letter. This report included, not only the activities of other chapters, state and area plans, but also mention of the "little morn" who jumped off the cliff with a rope around his neck because he thought he was a yo-yo.

Unit II presented an "Information Please" program on etiquette for high school students. The questions were answered by "experts" who had collected information from "Emily Post."

The announcer closed the program with this little poem:

"Politeness is to do and say
The nicest things in the nicest way,
It costs you nothing, so try it
for fun
And you will be liked by everyone."

School Presented Award

Supt. Dale Douglas has received an award from the state department of education. This award is of the minute man. The award entitles the Norton school to fly the special minute man flag. The flag has been ordered and will be used as long as 90% or more of the pupils continue to purchase defense stamps or bonds.

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

Card of Thanks

We wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the many friends and neighbors for their expressions of kindness and sympathy during our recent loss.
Mrs. Paul Witter and family
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JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

Who's Who

She was born in Brownwood September 27, 1927. She has black hair, brown eyes, is 5 feet 2 inches tall. Her favorite subject is history and her favorite sport is swimming. Her ambition is to be a nurse. She is very talented in art.

Stamp Sales

Stamp sales last week reached a high point with a total of \$120.60.

Physical Education Program

The physical education program is well underway this week and is being enjoyed by both boys and girls. Instructor for the girls is Mrs. M. C. Van Gardner, and Mr. F. T. Wright for the boys. Basketball, baseball, volleyball, and playground games are all featured.

Assembly Program

Last Friday in assembly, Mr. J. M. Williams operated the picture show that offered entertainment for the student body. "Oran Tucker and His Orchestra," and a "Betty Boop" comedy were shown and enjoyed by all.

DEFENSE GUARD COMPANY TO MEET EARLY TOMORROW

Captain K. V. Northington, commander, announced today that the local company of the Texas Defense Guard would meet early Friday evening so that the regular work can be finished in time to attend the F. F. A. banquet and program at city park. The guard meeting will be held at 7 o'clock and all those included in the Friday meeting are advised of the early hour.

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COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS GROUP WILL MEET HERE

The board of directors of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association is meeting at the Ballinger city hall at 3:00 p. m. March 20, to make final plans for the first early diagnosis campaign.

Preparations for this service by the association, which will begin early in April, are well underway, according to Mrs. Nat Williams and Mrs. J. B. Striplin, who are serving as campaign committee members.

The association plans to give tuberculin tests to high school seniors of the county. The purpose is to stress the necessity of periodic chest X-ray examinations, so that tuberculosis will be discovered in its early and most curable stages.

Citizens of the county have made this campaign possible by the purchase of Christmas seals and now have an opportunity to get interest on their investment.

* NORTH NORTON VICTORY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB *

The North Norton victory home demonstration club met Thursday, March 11, in the home of Mrs. Dave Underwood. A discussion of the poultry problem was held and talks made on the different diseases, their symptoms and treatment.

A new, modern hen-house, equipped with the latest type roosts, nests, feeders and drinking fountains, owned by the hostess, was inspected by the members.

The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Harris Bryan on March 25, at which time the county home demonstration agent, Miss Myra Tankersley, will have charge of the program and give a demonstration on rebottoming chairs. Any person interested in this type of repair and improvement work is invited to attend.

Howell's Market

SPECIALS FOR FRIDAY and SATURDAY

PURE PORK SAUSAGE Lb. 28c

Wisconsin or Texas
Cheese . . . Lb. 33c

Brookfield
PIMIENTO CHEESE Lb. 36c

Any Cut
Lunch Loaf Lb. 28c

Large
BOLOGNA Lb. 18c

Grain Fed
LAMB CHOPS OR ROAST . . . Lb. 33c

Seven Steak Lb. 30c

Fancy
BABY BEEF ROAST Lb. 25c

Meat Rationing Will Start March 29

IN SOCIETY

Cadet Wedding in Johnson Home
Miss Flora Etta Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Cooper of Louisville, Kentucky, and Aviation Cadet William H. Sims, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sims of Junction City, Arkansas, were married last Saturday evening in the home of the Rev. J. C. Johnson on Seventh Street.

Roses and carnations decorated the living room where the single ring ceremony was read.

Aviation Cadet L. D. Vickers of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and Mrs. Johnson were the only guests.

Program for Eighth Street Society
Two themes, "Hearts Creative in the Human Rift" and "Maintaining Christian Fellowship with Japanese Here and in Japan," were discussed Monday afternoon when women of the Eighth Street Missionary Society met at the church for their regular monthly national and foreign program.

After the devotional by Mrs. Dee Oliver, topics were "He Saves Souls by Saving Soil," Mrs. R. M. McMullan; "Bad Boy Plus \$25 Equals Good Boy," Mrs. F. C. Miller; "Our 110 Thousand New Boarders," Mrs. E. S. Malone; and "United States Soldiers with Japanese Faces," Miss Mae Stubblefield. Miss Yearbook Lilly read names in the Yearbook of Prayer.

Mmes. Roy Hill, W. A. Taylor and Aurelia Webb were social hour hostesses. A plate of cookies and punch with St. Patrick's appointments and favors was served. Others present were: Mmes. Mary Spreen, J. A. Ostertag, J. W. Black, A. W. Sledge, Rufus Allen, J. D. Coulter, W. A. Erwin, and Miss Eva Lilly.

Altar Society in Mapes Home
Mrs. Dora Mapes and Miss Anna B. Mapes were hostesses to the Altar Society of St. Mary's Catholic Church Tuesday afternoon in their South Ballinger home. Potted cyclamen, primroses, and

hydrangeas were used about living rooms where sewing was done on altar linens and preparations made for Easter services. The defense stamp collection was taken.

All members of St. Mary's have been given mitre boxes by their pastor in which they are putting their sacrifice offerings for Lent. At the end of the Lenten season, U. S. bonds will be bought. At the refreshment hour a green molded salad, shamrock shaped cookies, and individual cakes iced in white and topped with tiny shamrocks, were served with coffee to: Mmes. E. C. Schott, H. B. Halfmann, Chester Afflerbach, Walter Muller, Oscar Schott, Ralph Seidel, Simeon Cottelle, Miss Mary Krc, and the Rev. Fr. Edward Postert.

Allies Elect Officers
Airfield Allies held bi-annual election of officers Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, Mrs. E. R. White, and Mrs. Roy Neal were hostesses in City Hall auditorium. Mrs. O'Kelly presided for the election of the following: Mrs. R. V. Reynolds, president; Mrs. Tom Peays, vice-president; Mrs. L. E. Burnett, secretary; Mrs. Howard Matteson, treasurer; Mrs. B. C. Roberts, Jr., reporter; and Mrs. Melvin Hackman, parliamentarian. A cleverly arranged "take-off" on the radio program, "Truth and Consequences," gave entertainment with Mrs. O'Kelly as master of ceremonies at the microphone.

The table laid in white linen, was centered with crystal punch of bowls surrounded with sprays of forsythia and flanked by tall green candles in crystal holders. Frosted punch was served with cookies.

Others present were: Mmes. J. J. McCook, Jr., Lawrence Muller, Lee McApple, William Moss, Geoffrey Cook, George Vehringer, Lawrence Williams, Donald Nichols, Stuart Harris, and Jerry Church.

Clifford Archie, stationed at the San Angelo bombardier field, has been here this week on furlough.

Mrs. George Holliday has returned from an extended visit with her son, Clyde, who is in the service in the state of Washington.

Major Globber Brings 'Fortress' Safely Home After Battle

How a crippled Flying Fortress fought off 16 Jap Zeros, downing five and returning safely to Henderson Field, Guadalcanal, was told recently by Major George E. Globber, son of Ed Globber of this city.

Out on a search, the No. 2 motor began spurting oil, the stream blinding the belly-gunner, and Major Globber headed for home. Off VellaLa Vella they were jumped by eight Zeros. This was the first time in almost a month that the Jap planes had offered more than annoying resistance to B-17s.

Globber first saw the Zeros off his left wing. He immediately dove into clouds but failed to lose the raspy motored pursuers. When Sergeant George Stanford, of New York, opened fire with his tail guns he discovered one completely out of condition and unfireable and the other gun capable of firing only one shot at a time. He landed by hand and managed to keep up a sporadic fire.

One Zero got above them and began dropping time d, thermite bombs, the second time these bombs had been used by the Nips in an effort to bag a Flying Fortress. The bombs broke around the ship but failed to find their mark.

Despite the crippled condition of the ship and guns, two Zeros were downed. After a 25-minute running fight, Globber eluded the fighters and thought they were safe, but halfway down New Georgia island eight more Zeros picked up the fight.

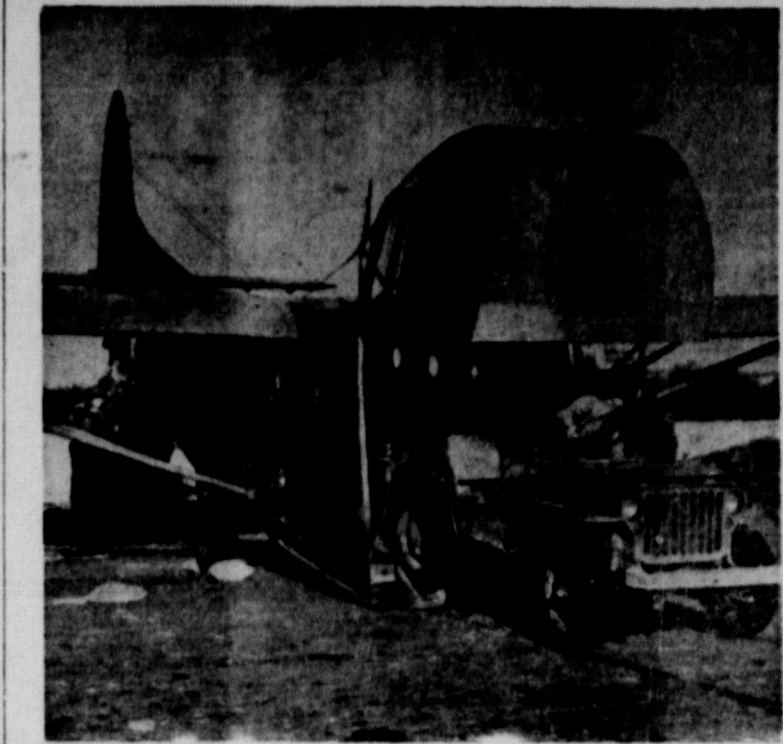
During the second fight which lasted fifteen minutes and during which three Zeros were downed, Captain Carlyle Coleman, of Detroit, co-pilot, was killed.

A fusilade from a Zero also knocked out the No. 1 engine. Limping more than ever and with bullet holes through both wings and the fuselage, the big ship continued to spit bullets at its tormentors.

The pilot kept diving in and out of clouds during the second fifteen minute battle and finally brought the Fortress to a steady landing on Henderson Field.

Miss Irene Olsak, who recently completed a Western Union training course and worked for the company at San Angelo for some time, has been transferred to Eagle Pass.

Want a Jeep Fast? Use Glider



The air-borne aviation engineers of the army air force give a demonstration of how they transport heavy pieces of mechanized equipment in the fastest possible time through the use of gliders and transport planes, at Westover Field, Mass. Here, with the nose of the glider hinged open, and a crew of four men raising the tail so that the nose will contact the ground, the jeep is driven into the fuselage for the flight.

King Sells Store Because of Labor, Stock Shortages

E. E. King, for the past twenty-years engaged in the home furnishing business in Ballinger, announced today that he had sold his stock of furniture and would retire from that part of his business interests in this city. The stock of merchandise was sold to the J. W. Hill Furniture Co., of Amarillo, and the L. R. Bain Furniture Co., of Plainview. The stock is being crated and will be shipped to the two companies as soon as possible. Mr. King said everything was included in the sale except Maytags and parts on hand and that these would be assembled and delivered as soon as possible. Mr. King gave notice to the owner of the building, T. S. Lankford, of Abilene, Wednesday night that he would vacate the three-story structure immediately.

Mr. King stated that he would retain his office there until April 1 at least and would make a later announcement regarding where his accounts and other business of the furniture would be handled.

Mr. and Mrs. King will remain in Ballinger and devote their entire time to the operation of the King-Holt Funeral Home. Mr. King stated that due to labor shortage and the ordeal of buying and keeping a complete stock of merchandise, he had decided to close the store. For the past month or more he has been operating short handed and after making trips to all parts of the state was unable to secure experienced help. The management of two businesses was also proving trying on him.

Mr. and Mrs. King moved to Ballinger in September, 1925, and took over the furniture company formerly operated by T. S. Lankford and associates. During the years he and his wife have rendered notable work as citizens of Ballinger and at the same time operated a modern home furnishing establishment as well as the modern funeral home.

Mr. King has given much time to the civic affairs of Ballinger and served on practically every group which has been formed in the city. He has been president of the chamber of commerce, Rotary Club, Runnels County Fair Association, Runnels county school board, and has also been faithful in his church work.

He asked that appreciation be expressed to the fine loyal friends of his and Mrs. King, and added that they would be here to carry on in whatever way they could serve.

RUNNELS COUNTY WOMEN MAY FINISH EMERGENCY KNITTING AHEAD OF TIME

Runnels county women are making good time on the emergency knitting quota recently issued. Garments are being delivered to supervisors in record time and the shipment will be made ahead of schedule if others rush their work.

The following were turned in for shipment this week:

- O. D. Mufflers
- Mrs. R. M. Lawry, Mrs. W. E. Middleton, Mrs. F. M. Hale
- O. D. Sleeveless Sweaters
- Mrs. J. F. Currie, Mrs. O. L. Long, Mrs. Joe Flynt
- O. D. Long Sleeve Sweaters
- Mrs. Viola Allison, Mrs. L. L. Strobie
- Navy Turtle-Neck Sweaters
- Mrs. C. W. Jennings, Mrs. O. L. Parish, Mrs. Arthur Doose, Mrs. Drury P. Hathaway
- Wristlets
- Mrs. Cora Green, 4 pairs.

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

Rural Women Make Surgical Dressings For Red Cross Here

Mrs. Fred Harman, one of the county supervisors of Red Cross surgical dressing work, announced Wednesday that a number of women from nearby communities were now coming to Ballinger to do regular work in the local center.

Beginning next week there will be twelve women workers from Rowena, members of the Catholic society there. They will work Monday and Tuesday nights, with the regular classes, and have arranged for six to ride in a car, members of the party taking time about in furnishing transportation. Several women from the Barnett community also have assisted in this work recently.

Mrs. Harman said good progress was being made in the Ballinger center and due to the ready response of local women the current quota would be completed two weeks ahead of schedule. She pointed out that while leaders in other towns were urging women to begin this work, it was proof of the splendid spirit of local women to know that all work here was ahead of schedule.

Completion of the quota ahead of the set date is no reason for a let-up, the local supervisor asserted. As soon as the work is finished

urgent shipments will be made and classes will be started on the quota for the next two months which is extremely large. Material has already been received, and as soon as possible class supervisors will be given instructions in the making of 2 by 2 inch bandages and the new work begun.

Mrs. Harman begged for no let-up in the splendid cooperation of local women and girls and said that if women in other communities desired to work in the Ballinger center they would be assigned a class to suit their convenience and their assistance would be deeply appreciated.

W. W. BURKE SUCCUMBS AT SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO

W. W. Burke, 49, of Artesia, New Mexico, died in a Socorro hospital last Wednesday morning. He had been in ill health for the past year, and had gone to Socorro for treatment. The body was returned to Artesia for burial Sunday evening.

Mr. Burke had lived in the Pecos Valley for 20 years. He later moved to Artesia and made home there. His wife died there in 1935. He is survived by seven children, his mother, three brothers and three sisters. Mrs. Mable Caffey, of Ballinger, is a sister. The mother, Mrs. Margaret M. Burke, is 84 years of age, has 54 grandchildren and 54 great grandchildren. Of that number 10 grandsons and one great grandson are in the armed forces.

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Americans will tighten their belts another notch March 29, when meat rationing begins. In this land of plenty it is difficult for many to realize that there can be shortages of food. Little by little the program has been put in effect and now people do not become alarmed when additional rationing is announced. In this section where many people buy butter and meat directly from the farm, the farmer will be required to accept point-coupons for these products. And those who have been buying meat and other rationed food items for cats, dogs and others pets will now have to feed the animals on table scraps or buy the food and give points from their ration books.

The deadline for paying 1942 income taxes has passed and most people filed returns and paid at least one-fourth of the obligation, now having until June 15 in which to get their breath and take care of other demands. One other item that must be paid by the last day of this month is the registration fee on automobiles and other motor vehicles. The 1943 number plate must be on the car not later than April 1. The county tax collector's office has not had much of a rush so far this month but a few are beginning to attend to this matter. The certificate of ownership must be submitted when the car is registered this year.

Cotton farmers will be allowed to plant about ten per cent more cotton this year than in 1942. The demand for more feed has brought this action and a number of other plans are being considered which

would boost acreage. In Texas last year were many acres allowed in the cotton quota which were not planted. Efforts are being made to get this acreage allotted to farmers who desire to raise more cotton and this would considerably increase the production. Also there is a nationwide effort underway to get farmers to plant varieties of cotton badly needed in the war effort and to abandon those not wanted and which are responsible for much of the big surplus of lint at this time. County agents will be glad to assist any cotton grower in securing the breed needed and which will bring top prices on the market.

Local Legionnaires To Offer O. C. Sykes For District Office

Members of the Pat Williams post, American Legion, have begun a campaign to have one of their members elected commander of the 21st district at the next convention, soon to be held at Brownwood.

This week letters are being mailed to all posts in the district asking consideration and support of Mr. Sykes for the place and setting forth his qualifications for the position.

The Ballinger Legionnaire is well known in the district, having served as commander of the local post last year and was active in the district program. He has been a member of the Legion since the end of World War I and attended practically all district and state conventions.

A strong delegation from the Ballinger post will go to Brownwood to work in the interest of his election to the highest office in the district. No date has been set for the Brownwood convention but it will be the latter part of March or early in April.

In addition to his work in the veterans' organization, Mr. Sykes is now serving as an officer in the Texas Defense Guard, is a member of the local draft board, a member of the Ballinger B. C. D. planning board, president of the local school board, and active in civic and religious activities of the city.

DOG TAX MUST BE PAID BEFORE END OF MONTH

The Ballinger city commission calls attention of the public that dog taxes are due and payable by April 1. The annual fee is \$1 and owners of dogs who wish to keep them are advised to secure tags before this date, attach them to the collars, and put them on their dogs.

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt has been provided with a new gun to be used in killing dogs without tags. Within the past two weeks about fifteen have been killed and this total will increase soon after April 1.

In recent weeks numerous complaints have been registered in regard to stray dogs in the city. Officers are devoting part of their time to a check-up of stray canines, which will be shot unless taxes are paid on them and tags issued by the city are properly displayed.

Future WAACS, WAVES, SPARS Start Training



At New York City college's school of business, the first course in the country in train women for duty with WAACS, WAVES or SPARS has been opened. Part of the training is a "commando" obstacle course to harden the trainees. Here the girls (left) are using a springboard in jumping exercise with emphasis on landing roll to learn self-protection against injury in falling. Right: A neat twist of the wrist—that's all there is to it. Jewell Lubin and Judy Roth demonstrate the art of Judo during "commando" training in the girls' toughening course at the school.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Ariel Study Club at Robert Lee operated a war bond and stamp booth in front of the Robert Lee State Bank last Saturday and sold a total of \$735 in these freedom securities during the afternoon. It is planned to have women in the booth each Saturday afternoon and every passerby will be asked to put part of his money in bonds.

Announcement was made at Stephenville last week that the voting strength of Erath county this year was 3,751. This is considered substantial for an off-election year and indicates growth of the county's population. No elections of interest are scheduled or expected during the year.

Mrs. Ella Mae Ake, of Eden, has enlisted in the women's army auxiliary corps and plans to begin training at once. A graduate of the Eden high school, Mrs. Ake has been employed at Eden and San Angelo. She will report at Dallas soon for assignment.

The city of Sweetwater has secured 23 additional acres of land for the Avenger Field airport. This complies with requests of the army and the CAA before improvements totalling \$765,000 are started at the field. Work is being rushed in order to get ready for the opening of a training center for the women's auxiliary ferry squadron. Statements made last week indicated the Sweetwater school would be the largest of its kind in the Southwest.

The Comanche county selective service board has resigned and will be relieved as soon as successors are named and approved. The board has been serving since the beginning of selective service and stated that the heavy work should be shared by others. A new board has been recommended and approval is expected soon.

At the regular meeting of the Menard school board last week Supt. Horace Oliver was reelected and offered a three-year contract. Raymond Wheat was reelected principal. The board also ordered an election for April 3 to name three trustees.

Aviation Cadet Gilbert F. Behrend, son of Mrs. Louise Behrend of Rowena, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces last week, at the Miami, Florida, advanced school. His mother has not heard where he has been assigned since graduation.

Supt. W. E. Whitten, of Brady, was in the chair for the meeting of the Mid-Texas Educational Association at Brownwood Saturday. The 1943 meeting was cut short because of war conditions.

totalling about \$300,000, have been awarded at Camp Bowie. Most of the new work is for housing and roads. The housing contract is for construction inside the military reservation, part of which will be started at once. Road work is already underway. Another contract awarded, for improvement of USO clubs in Brownwood, was commenced last week.

Kimble county ranchmen are making a number livestock sales, according to the Junction Eagle. Marvin Skaggs last week sold 78 coming yearling registered does for \$1,620, and A. L. Mudge & Son sold 17 aged registered cows for \$125 each. Several other sales have been made but prices paid were not divulged.

The J. I. Case Co. is conducting a tractor school at Rising Star in which owners are being taught how to take care of their equipment. Maintenance of all kinds of farm machinery is included in the courses and some of those attending are not farm hands but business men preparing themselves for farm work during the summer.

Coleman county 4-H club and F. F. A. boys won a total of \$113 in prizes and took eleven places in the Amarillo livestock show. Most of the money went to Wayland Green, who scored a first place in the junior calf division. The Coleman county carlot of 15 calves won second place. All the stock shown was auctioned and sold at the end of the show.

Melvin community farmers are planning to take advantage of the increased cotton planting allowance this year. The department of agriculture has announced a ten per cent boost in cotton acreage and most of the farmers around Melvin will plant their full quota.

Two contracts for construction,

City, School District Elections Ordered For April 3 and 6

A city election will be held at the city hall Tuesday, April 6, at which time a mayor and two commissioners will be named for a two-year term. A. J. Thorp has been designated election manager and will obtain assistants for this purpose.

Petitions were circulated last week and have been returned with enough signatures, asking that C. P. Shepherd permit his name on the ticket for reelection as mayor, and E. Shepperd and George Holman for reelection as commissioners. City Secretary K. V. Northington stated Monday morning that the necessary number of qualified voters had signed the petitions to place the three men in nomination for reelection. Ballots and other supplies will be prepared for this election at an early date and regular qualifications will be called for from those holding poll tax receipts and "overs" or "unders."

The school board election will be held on Saturday, April 3, and in ordering the election the board appointed H. J. Zappe election manager. Voting will take place in the board's downtown office.

A petition was circulated this week asking that the names of O. C. Sykes, George Clements and J. E. Dankworth be printed on the ballots for reelection. These three men are finishing their terms of office and will retire unless reelected. Mr. Sykes has served as chairman of the board the past two years.

Names may be filed for places on the ticket until 9 a. m. on Friday, April 2.

Legion and Auxiliary To Meet This Evening At City Auditorium

A called meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary is scheduled tonight at the city hall. Separate sessions will be held to transact a large amount of business.

This will be the last meeting of both groups before the spring convention of the 21st district and each will name official delegates empowered to cast votes. The Legionnaires will name a steering committee to work for the election of O. C. Sykes as district commander. District officers are to be elected at this convention and the Ballinger post will send a strong contingent to Brownwood to sponsor their former post commander for the highest position in the district.

The local meetings will begin shortly after 8 o'clock, the men assembling in the auditorium and the women in the offices of the Ballinger Board of Community Development.

Walter Trimmer, student of the University of Texas, Austin; and Paul Trimmer, Jr., of Sweetwater, are here at the bedside of their father, Judge Paul Trimmer, who has been critically ill in the Halley & Love Sanitarium.

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Claudette Colbert, Joel McCrea In Comedy, 'Palm Beach Story'

One of the funniest screen stories ever told, according to advance reports, is due at the Texas Theatre in midnight preview next Saturday night, continuing Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 21, 22, 23, when Paramount's new Preston Sturges picture, "The Palm Beach Story," is to be unraveled. Claudette Colbert and Joel McCrea are co-starred, with Mary Astor and Rudy Vallee appearing in support.

The tale is a typical Preston Sturges laugh-fest in that it concentrates on jokes—practical and otherwise—and lets the serious go by the boards. It will be remembered by film fans that Sturges provided plenty of fun with his "Sullivan's Travels," "The Lady Eve," "Christmas in July," and "The Great McGinty."

"The Palm Beach Story" is said to top them all with its hilarious picture of a married woman—Claudette Colbert—who believes she can help her husband in his business by divorcing him and being simply a sister to him. Joel McCrea plays the husband.

Air Adventure and Wartime Spy Story at Texas Tomorrow and Saturday

The Friday and Saturday booking at the Texas Theatre include to current war films—one a spy story and the other a tale of high adventure in the clouds. In addition will be shown several short subjects, including a news reel.

"Stand By All Networks" has John Beal, Florence Rice, Alan Baxter and Margaret Hayes as headliners. Pierre Watkin, David Boyd and Jack Gardner are prominently cast in the film, a sensational drama dealing with the adventures of a radio reporter who intercepts information intended for enemy agents.

Among the supporting players are Tim Ryan, Mary Treen, Jessie Mae Jackson, Kenneth MacDonald, John Tyrrell, Sam Ash, Stanley Brown, Lloyd Bridges, Jack Shay, Pat Lane, Monty Montague, Eddie Laughton, Al Herman, and Lester Dorr.

"One of Our Aircraft is Missing," the No. 2 feature picture, is a United Artists release.

Two Camera 'Shots' in New Guinea



A Jap Zero plane, shot down near Girepa Point in New Guinea, is shown in picture at top. Lieut. Col. Edward Schmidt, of Manitowoc, Wis., stands by the plane. Below: Coconut grove near Buna Mission in New Guinea, showing how trees were shredded by bullets and shells. Native carrier in foreground has an American army canteen hung on his belt.

Strange Amnesia Case Dramatic Situation in New 'Gillespie' Film

Lionel Barrymore grapples with a strange case of amnesia that develops into an intriguing situation, provides an absorbing adventure in detective work and highlights a romantic love story in M-G-M's "Dr. Gillespie's New Assistant," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 21, 22, 23.

The picture takes its name from the three young men engaged to act as Dr. Gillespie's assistant, to aid in taking the burden of work from the shoulders of the kindly, irascible, gruff and tender physician. The roles are filled by a talented trio consisting of Van Johnson, Keye Luke and Richard Quine. Susan Peters is the woman in the story.

It is when Miss Peters loses her memory that Barrymore and his assistants are called into the case. As the subject does not respond to proven medical and psychological practice, the elderly doctor surmises there is something deeper. Van Johnson, detailed to the case, uncovers the fact that she is faking—and for a reason that provides drama and a touching love story.

Horace McNally, Alma Kruger, Nat Pendleton, Walter Kingsford, Marie Blake, Neil Craig and Frank Orth, "regulars" in the "Dr. Gillespie" series, appear in this offering.

Ballinger Woman Has Varied Experiences In Club for Seamen

Mrs. D. R. Hall, who has spent the past seven months in New Orleans working as a volunteer hostess in a club for boys of the merchant marine of England, Norway, Holland and other countries of the allies, was speaker at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday.

Employed in a club on the wharfs at New Orleans, Mrs. Hall has been constantly associated with these youths, 17 to 21 years of age, for the past seven months and has acquired experiences which will be part of her life forever.

Mrs. Hall said most of the boys make only about \$3.50 per month, wore civilian clothes and were not accustomed to much in food and entertainment. The New Orleans Club has provided a home for the boys while they are in port there and has arranged meals, refreshments, entertainment and dances for them that make the port a high point on a voyage to this country.

The Ballinger woman says the "lads" are the finest in the land, and during recent months she has listened to hundreds of their tales of home, tragedy, ship sinkings and their travels. They have confided in her, have nicknamed her "Gram" and she showed many pictures and presents received from the boys.

Mrs. Hall is at home for a short visit and will probably return to New Orleans later.

C. L. South and H. H. Jackson, of Coleman, attended to business in Ballinger Tuesday.

HENRY COX HOME BURNS; FRIENDS HELP WITH CASH

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cox, on Ballinger route 2, was destroyed by fire Tuesday of last week. The house and contents were entirely destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were in Ballinger Monday and said they wished to express appreciation to citizens of the community and local business men for the help extended them in their loss. Cash contributions and other items were given to help them reestablish themselves in another home.



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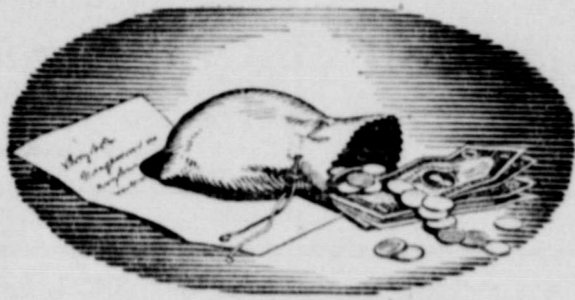
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Bruce Field Personnel Show Witnessed by 2,000

A crowd of more than 2,000 attended the free show given by the personnel of Bruce Field at the new school gymnasium last Friday night. It was the first local appearance of an all-soldier group in Ballinger and the attendance and applause of the large audience indicated appreciation for the fine entertainment given by the cadets and other men of the flying field.

Hap Stratton's Orchestra, augmented by a number of cadet musicians opened the performance with numbers in which different individuals were featured.

Cadet C. V. Barber was master of ceremonies and presented the entertainers on the program.

Cadet J. A. Burger was the first performer and with his electrical guitar brought a solo number and for an encore played with the orchestra in a swing tune that gave the show a good start.

Headlining the night's attractions was Lieutenant S. A. Borne, national champion baton twirler, who brought the house down time and again with his perfect performance, using one, two and three batons.

Cadet Larry R. Chamberlain was the magician for the program and with a fast line of chatter presented tricks that were comparable to that of any professional show of this kind.

Cadets Erwin Samuels and H. M. Barr provided high-class comedy when they appeared in comic costumes for a musical number. Samuels was the pianist and Barr performed on the violin and cymbals.

A dance team composed of Cadets Robert W. McGowan and

K. A. Keeler proved one of the most popular acts on the program. Working as a man and a girl, they went a step further than the modern dance and "litterbugged" themselves into a number of encores.

Cadet E. C. Branson was vocalist for the evening and sang a group of best known tunes in a pleasing manner. Accompaniment was provided by the orchestra.

The popular team of Thompson and Van Liere, violin and accordion, was greeted with a big round of applause and responded to three recalls.

Lieut. R. N. Knott at the conclusion of the program expressed appreciation of the field personnel for the splendid welcome cadets have received in Ballinger, for invitations into homes, for the Army and Navy Club, and all other courtesies shown by the citizens of Ballinger and vicinity. He stated that the free show was the men's idea of showing their appreciation for this hospitality. He also extended an invitation to the people of Ballinger to attend the graduation of class 43-G Wednesday afternoon and witness the formal parade and retreat.

Near the conclusion of the program Cadet Barber made a plea for the American Red Cross war drive and at the end of the show approximately \$50 was handed to high school girls at the doors of the auditorium.

Ballinger people proclaimed it a fine show and one they will long remember.

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To the Sheriff or any Constable of Runnels County, Greeting:

O. L. Parish, Guardian of the Estate of Henry Walters, Inez Walters and Esrel Walters, Minors, having filed in our County Court his Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said Henry Walters, Inez Walters and Esrel Walters, Minors, numbered 859 on the Probate Docket of Runnels County, together with an application to be discharged from said Guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this Writ one time and said publication shall be not less than ten days before the return day hereof, in a Newspaper printed in the County of Runnels you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday the 29th day of March, A. D. 1943, at the Court House of said County, in Ballinger, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Ballinger, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1943.

(Seal) JOHN B. RAYBURN,
Clerk, County Court, Runnels County.

By Lynnie Harris, Deputy.
I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Original Writ now in my hands.

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