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Army-Navy Club Council Makes Christmas Plans

The Army and Navy Club council was in session Sunday afternoon to make plans for holiday programs for service men, to name additional members to the board, and reorganize. C. R. Stone, W. J. Hembree, Austin Harper and Rev. W. E. Shipp were added to the council.

All possible cooperation will be given the plan for placing Bruce Field cadets and student officers in homes for dinners and other entertainment on Christmas Day. Major Landon E. McConnell, post commander, who attended the meeting, stated that all men at the field would have Christmas day off and that those who had special invitations could visit in homes Christmas eve night and Christmas day.

All church groups in the city are asking their members to sign cards for the number of cadets they will entertain and these cards are to be signed and returned not later than December 20 so that all men can be assigned and family heads notified so they will know where to get their guests for Christmas.

A committee composed of Messrs. Stone, Harper and Hembree will begin decorating the club rooms this week and complete the work by Saturday night when the new class is to be in town for its first visit. A special formal dance will be held at the club on Christmas eve, at which time entertainment will be presented from the stage and a number of cadets will be given telephone calls to their homes as presents from local organizations.

The council will enlarge the program of activities within the next few days, including special afternoons devoted to the entertainment of cadets' wives who are staying in Ballinger while their husbands are in training here. Aid will also be given in securing rooms and apartments for them and in finding employment for some and introducing others to local organizations doing war work.

Standing committees for the ensuing year are: house—Austin Harper, W. J. Hembree and Rev. W. E. Shipp; entertainment—Harry Lynn, C. R. Stone and C. D. Richards; finance—J. A. Killough, Dr. O. H. Chandler and F. M. Pearce.

Janitor service will be increased and a telephone is to be installed as soon as it is possible to get this service.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are: Troy Simpson, chairman; W. J. Hembree, vice-chairman; and Harry Lynn, secretary-treasurer.

Persons who desire to have service men in their homes Christmas are asked to obtain cards from any church group, at the First National Bank, or The Ledger office. Those who have friends at the field may invite them personally, but are asked to sign cards showing who they have invited and these will be checked from the list.

LIUT. F. M. PEARCE, JR. TO WESTERN MILITARY

Lieut. Francis M. Pearce, Jr., returned home Tuesday after visiting in several sections of the United States and spending more time in the McCloskey Hospital, Temple.

Lieut. Pearce has been discharged and placed on the inactive list by the army because of wounds and other injuries sustained in combat. He was with the 15th infantry regiment in the North African campaign and went on into Sicily, where he was wounded and returned to the United States.

About January 1 Lieut. Pearce will report to his old school, Western Military Academy, Alton, Ill., where he has accepted a place on the faculty as instructor military science and tactics. He plans to be at home during the Christmas holidays before reporting at Alton for the beginning of the next term.

Surgical Dressing Classes to Resume Work December 27

Materials have arrived for the Red Cross surgical dressing center here but because next week is Christmas week, Mrs. R. T. Williams, county supervisor, stated that work would not be started until Monday, December 27.

The shipment was late in arriving and the skipping of next week will make it necessary that all classes be large after Christmas and that perhaps longer hours be worked in order to complete the quota on time. After a conference with class supervisors, Mrs. Williams found all workers of the same opinion—wanting to begin work December 27 so that extra classes and longer hours could be put in to catch up the lost time.

Such war work as surgical dressings preparation is more important now than ever before. More and more men are entering battle and hospitals all over the United States and in other countries are full of wounded soldiers who must have these surgical dressings. For this reason, local leaders point out, all time lost must be made up directly after Christmas and the shipments go out on time. Requests for dressings are time with the urgent requirements of the army and navy as wounded men cannot wait for dressings.

Classes will start on regular schedule Monday, December 27, and new workers are urged to commence work at that time. All who have had experience in this work in the past also are asked to help.

Ballinger Sergeant Given D.S.C. Award For Action in Italy

S-Sgt. Steward R. Johnson, a member of company C, 142nd infantry, has received one of the highest awards of the U. S. army for bravery in Italy. He recently was awarded the distinguished service cross for gallantry in action. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Johnson, and a brother of Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, of Ballinger.

Sgt. Johnson got his D.S.C. when his platoon was surrounded by the enemy and subjected to devastating machine gun fire from enemy guns firing directly into Johnson's position. With utter disregard for his own life, and on his own initiative, he crawled toward the enemy position in the face of a hail of fire. Although bullets were cutting the bushes near his head and plowing into the ground around him, Johnson crawled to within thirty yards of the enemy gun position and with his rifle killed the two members of the crew.

The above paragraph was taken from the citation accompanying the D.S.C. As a result of Johnson's action all members of his platoon are back with the company instead of what might have happened.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Cadet and Mrs. J. W. Taylor are parents of a baby girl, Rita Jay, born at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Tuesday night. Mrs. Taylor and the baby are getting along fine. Cadet Taylor is stationed at Camp Roberts, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Welch are parents of a baby boy, born last Thursday at the local hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herring are parents of a daughter, born at the local hospital Saturday morning.

Tom Egan is recovering from major surgery at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital this week.

Miss Laverell Lee, of Norton, operated on Friday morning at the local hospital, is doing satisfactorily.

Mrs. Ted Padgett, of Maverick, a medical patient in the local hospital, is doing nicely.

Mrs. Olive Donnelly, of Michigan, a patient in the local hospital, was able to leave the institution this afternoon.

Lady Santa Claus: Opera Star: Jap War Trophy



Left: Max Factor, Hollywood make-up expert, advises women who will play Santa Claus to lower their voices, puff out their cheeks with cotton and put on false noses. The probable result is pictured. Center: Helen Traubel, American operatic star, is made up for her part in the Metropolitan Opera company's presentation of "Tristan and Isolde." Right: Miss Edith Brechler, a war worker, displays a battle-scarred Jap flag captured by U. S. troops on Guadalcanal and sent to her by her fiancé as a birthday present.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Greetings from Company C, 142nd Infantry

A V-mail Christmas greeting was received this week from twenty-six boys in company C, 142nd infantry, in Italy. The card was sent to The Ledger but was addressed to the "War Bond Buyers of Ballinger."

The card pictured a fireplace with a stocking in the shape of the map of Italy, hanging in front of the fire and stuffed with war bonds and implements of war. The lettered greeting was: "Wishing No Well to Hitler and a Very Merry Christmas to You."

On the margin of this unique Christmas card were the following signatures:

- Cpl. Jimmie Russell
- Sgt. O. T. Gabbert
- S-Sgt. Guy Jones
- S-Sgt. Wilson Middleton
- Sgt. Floyd Doherty
- Sgt. Gordon L. Burks
- Cpl. Clayton T. West
- Sgt. Charles T. Shepard
- Sgt. Alvin J. Richardson
- Sgt. Billy J. Halliburton
- T-Sgt. Robert E. McWilliams
- S-Sgt. David Halliburton
- Cpl. Alvin J. Bilbrey
- S-Sgt. Charles M. Bilbrey
- Pfc. Jack A. Long
- Pfc. Leman Bell, Jr.
- Cpl. Luther Curbo
- S-Sgt. Steward R. Johnson
- Sgt. Albert Ransbarger
- Sgt. Charles W. Johnson
- Cpl. Shelly R. Singleton
- Sgt. Hubert W. Moore
- Pfc. Johnnie C. Courvisier
- Sgt. John H. Cook
- Cpl. Raymond C. Lyondecker
- And Co. C, 142nd Infantry.

Ensign Gilbert Raymond Shiller recently returned to his base at Melbourne, Florida, after a 15-day visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shiller. He also visited a sister at Beville on his return trip. Ensign Shiller enlisted in the navy on June 3, 1942. He received his wings and commission at Pensacola on August 31, 1942, and was sent to Melbourne for six months' operational training. At present he is an instructor.

Pfc. Coy Lee Boswell, brother of Ruel Boswell of Ballinger, has just arrived overseas and sends home his address as H. & S. Co., 1875th Engineers Aviation Bn., A. P. O. 9180, c-o postmaster, New York, N. Y. After graduating from Ballinger high school he was employed here about a year before enlisting on June 3, 1943.

Roy Brunson, ASN, has been sent to Bushnell general hospital, Brigham City, Utah, according to a letter received by the family last week from the home secretary of the American Red Cross. Brunson was seriously injured weeks ago when struck in the face by a car rim while changing a tire. The letter gives his condition as blind in one eye and only poor and falling sight in the other. His face is disfigured on the right side. Hearing in his right ear is also impaired. He will soon be transferred to San Francisco to a hospital that specializes in training the blind. It was suggested that he might be permitted to have a furlough for the Christmas holidays, provided some member of the family could come to Utah and accompany him home.

Lt. and Mrs. Robert E. Sicker left here Monday night for a base in Ohio where Lt. Sicker will take a four weeks' course in heavy bomber (B-17) operation. For the past year Lt. Sicker has been an army check pilot at Bruce Field. Mrs. Sicker was formerly Miss Isla Mae Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jennings, of Kerrville.

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EDITORIAL

Entertain a Soldier Christmas

There is still a large number of service men at Bruce Field who have not been invited into Ballinger homes for Christmas Day. Every effort is being made to have enough cards signed by local people asking for all cadets and other service men at Bruce Field by Sunday night.

These men are a long distance from home and in most cases are spending their first Christmas away from loved ones. The class is behind in its schedule, due to bad weather, and one day is all the cadets will have off from their work. Officers at the field are anxious that citizens of Ballinger open their homes to these boys and sign cards asking for any number they desire. Those who would like to have boys for Christmas eve, during the night and the next day, may have this privilege as special passes will be issued to those who have invitations. People who desire certain cadets, should list their names on the cards and they will be checked off for these homes.

Everyone wants to do something for the man in uniform. Well, here is a genuine service you can perform. It will give the lonesome boy a day away from the post, a little of the happiness of home on Christmas day, and you will enjoy it just as much as he does. Ballinger people have never failed in the war effort, so let's not let these boys down. You may be entertaining relatives or your immediate family, but another two would not be much more trouble, and probably no more food, so include two or more service men in your Christmas plans.

Above all sign a card so that assignments can be made. Next Monday all cards will be taken to the field and checked against lists. Those specified by name will be checked off first and then others will be assigned. If you are not called by telephone by the cadets, pick them up at the Army and Navy Club at 11 a. m. Christmas morning.

Let's see that every man in uniform in Ballinger has home entertainment for Christmas.

Italy and was in a hospital from September 13 until October 29, at which time he was dismissed and returned to his unit for active duty again.

Cpl. Mary Jane Kiechle, of the Wac, is here for a visit with relatives and friends. She is stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Lt. K. M. Njys, formerly a cadet at Bruce Field and well known in Ballinger, was recently awarded the purple heart after being wounded in action in the South Pacific. He returned from the mission in which he was wounded with 65 bullet holes in his plane.

Pfc. N. K. Hynson, brother of Mrs. E. A. Norman, in the 36th division in Italy, has been awarded the purple heart after having been wounded in combat. His mother recently received the medal which he mailed to her from the hospital where he was treated. He wrote that the wound did not amount to much, declaring that he was tougher than the shell and came out on top.

V. V. Sanders received a card this week from his nephew, Cpl. William H. Sanders, in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Sanders was a member of company C, 142nd infantry, and was captured in the invasion of Italy. The card stated: "I am a prisoner of war. I am treated good and in good health. I am in a different camp from Buck now. Buddy McQueen and I are together. Love Bill." The "Buck" referred to is "Buck" Sanders, son of V. V. Sanders, who was captured at the same time.

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District 3 Peace Officers To Meet Here Tomorrow

Drive to Raise Funds For Scouting Begins In City This Morning

A large group of Ballinger men, interested in the Boy Scout movement, launched a financial drive this morning following a "dawn patrol" breakfast. Groups have been assigned territories and plan to make a quick but thorough coverage of the city in order to give every citizen an opportunity to become a sustaining member.

J. A. Killough is local chairman for the drive, and F. M. Pearce is district finance chairman for the Concho Valley council. The goal in the twenty-five counties served by the council is \$25,000.

Letters were sent to many local citizens calling their attention to the drive and reminding them of what has been accomplished in Scouting during the past year, even in the face of wartime conditions. The work has been considerably expanded, but leaders say that only the surface has been scratched.

Those who contribute are asked to wear their buttons during the drive in order that solicitors may be able to tell who have already donated. Those in charge of the drive hope to reach the local quota today and to have a victory coffee tonight.

22 Bearcats Will Receive Letters For 1943 Season

Coach Felton T. Wright has certified a total of twenty-two members of the regional football team to receive letters this year. These players will letter and receive their jackets provided they remain in school and pass their work for the first semester which will end in January.

The list included twenty-one players who had participated in enough quarters to get letters and the student manager. Jackets for the boys have been ordered and will be similar in design to that of last year. They are all-wool, reversible, and there is a slight difference in the neck.

Those certified by Coach Wright are as follows: Ends—C. W. Hendricks, Charles Burger, Aubrey Frazier and W. L. Burks. Tackles—Don Williams, Eugene Ischar, John Weeks Earnshaw and Wilfred Buskemper. Guards—Clyde (Buddy) Allison, Walter Jones, Davis Middleton, Bob Sykes and Bill Poe. Center—Jimmy Agnew and Wellington Pearce.

Backs—Jackie Russell, George McCortin, Myron Namkin, Leon King, Jerome Buskemper, Zane Grey McWilliams. Student manager—Harold Richards. At the conclusion of the certification of players by Coach Wright the team members presented him with a leather coat, a gift from the players.

Mrs. W. L. Ward, of Shreveport, and Miss Ruth Sanders, of Big Spring, are visiting here this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cothran.

Mrs. Stanley Hunnicutt, of Salt Lake City, spent the past weekend here with her mother, Mrs. Elwood Wilson, and her grand-children, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Giesecke, of Denver, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke for a few days. They plan to spend Christmas in San Antonio.

Pfc. J. S. Garcia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerónimo Garcia of Ballinger, is attending the parachute school at Ft. Benning, Ga., and has successfully made his fifth jump. This night jump qualifies him to wear the coveted wings and boots of the army's most modern soldier, the paratrooper.

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Peace officers of district No. 3 of Texas and agents of the federal bureau of investigation offices at Dallas and San Antonio will assemble here tomorrow (Friday) for their regular quarterly conference. Sheriff J. L. Moreland said Tuesday that he expected 126 to 140 officers to attend the meeting if the weather permitted long trips.

Sessions will be held in the district court room at the court house, the morning program to be open and the afternoon session closed. The forenoon period will open at 10:30 with introduction of visitors by Sheriff Moreland. This will be followed by the welcome extended by County Judge E. C. Grindstaff and an address by Mayor C. P. Shepherd on "What the Layman Expects of an Officer." R. G. Danner, special agent in charge of the FBI office at Dallas, will be heard in a special talk at the morning session. The forenoon program will continue until about 1 p. m., at which time all visiting officers will go to Bruce Field, where they will be guests of Fred Harman for dinner. The officers will be served in the mess hall at 1 o'clock and given an opportunity to look over the plant during their visit.

At the afternoon session speakers will include: The Ash, district attorney, Abilene; Marvin Brown, district attorney, Ft. Worth; Chester Avinger, deputy sheriff, Brownwood; E. C. Doris, FBI, Dallas; and Fred Erisman, district attorney, Longview.

A quiz program has been arranged and will be conducted by a committee composed of FBI men, state peace officers and a member of the liquor control board. This very interesting part of the program will give all the officers present a chance to participate. Agent Doris will include in his remarks a demonstration on how to disarm a man.

Sheriff Moreland stated Tuesday that all details of the meeting have been provided for and indications are that it will be one of the best held in the district.

Bruce Field Cadet Thomas E. Hurt, Jr. Dies in Plane Crash

Aviation Cadet Thomas E. Hurt, Jr., was killed half a mile south of Bruce Field Wednesday afternoon at 5:20 while on a routine training flight. The young man was a member of the upper class at the local primary field and was on a solo flight when the accident occurred.

Decedent's home is Vanport City, Oregon, where his mother, Mrs. Tressie Hurt, now resides. She has been notified of the death of her son.

The body is being prepared for shipment at the Agnew Funeral Home but definite instructions had not been announced today.

A board of officers, appointed by the commanding officer of the field, is investigating the accident.

TRANSPORT RATION GAS MAY BE SECURED NOW

Transport gas rations for the first quarter of 1944 may now be obtained from the Rannels county war price and ration board, by calling at the office to sign form R-536. Applicants must bring their corrected certificates of war necessity with them. All truck and pick-up owners and operators are urged to do this as soon as possible in order that all rations may be issued and delivered in time to start operations in 1944.

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Second Floor



Women's Society and Club News

Christmas Party for Ruth Class
Mrs. Charles Hambrick, Mrs. Theo Lbell, and Mrs. Ross Bartlett were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class on Thursday evening of last week with a Christmas party in the Eighth Street home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd.

Seasonal decorations around spacious reception rooms featured an especially lovely Xmas tree from which exchange gifts were distributed during the social hour which followed the Christmas devotional by Mrs. Wix Currie, Jr., and the routine business period directed by Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr.

A low arrangement of nandina berries and foliage centered the linen-laid dining table where Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, teacher of the class, presided at the silver service. Hostesses assisted by Mrs. Shepperd served a sandwich plate which had as favors small corsages of nandina berries.

Others present were: Mmes. G. R. Touchstone, Paul Kirk, George West, Oren Chandler, Roy Worley, Fred Moncrief, Otis Jacob, L. P. Pearce, Arthur Crockett, Albert Morgan, Dick Ayres, Jones Parrish, Sam Williams, Bill Ueckert, E. F. Lawless, Stanley Price, Mark Davis, and O. G. Joiner.

Susan Herring is Honoree

Susan Herring was honoree last Thursday afternoon on her fifth birthday anniversary when her sister, Lynn, and aunt, Mrs. Leonard Stallings, were hostesses, with Mrs. Loyd Herring and Mrs. Cicero Smith assisting.

After games at the Herring home on Eighth Street, small guests went to the Stallings home for the tea hour. A beautiful lighted gold basket which was surrounded by a Christmas wreath centered the dining table where the pretty white decorated cake, topped with red candies, was cut and served with ice cream. Individual baskets of candies marked places where favors were small candies in individual holders tied with tiny silver ribbons and pointsettias.

Others were: Patricia Davis, Sarah Chandler, Martha Kay Northington, and Ellen Herring.

Bob Wright Complimented

Bob Wright, who was at home for the week-end from the University of Texas especially to attend the Ballinger-Crowell game for the regional championship, was honored by his parents, Coach and Mrs. Felton Wright, with a dinner in their home on Crosson Avenue Saturday evening.

Decorations about rooms and the tall red candles in single white holders used to center quartet tables were in the Christmas theme. Mrs. Wright was assisted by her daughter, June,

and other son, Buddy, in serving a delicious two-course turkey dinner.

Besides Coach Wright and Bob were: John Weeks Earnshaw, George McCorstin, Jackie Russell, Aubrey Frazier, Donald Williams, Harold Richards, Zane McWilliams, David Middleton, Jimmy Agnew, and Bob Sykes.

Annual Christmas Party for Sew Club

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caskey on Eleventh Street was the scene of the annual Christmas dinner party given last Thursday evening by members of an afternoon-sew club for their husbands and children.

An elaborately decorated and lighted tree laden with exchange gifts and vases of nandina berries lent a festive air to rooms where foursome tables were laid in matching Christmas covers for the two-course baked chicken dinner.

H. J. Zappe acted as Santa Claus for the gift distribution. Others were: Mrs. Zappe, Messrs. West, Levy Lee, E. C. Grindstaff, J. A. Schnable, J. A. Killough, W. J. Hembree, and George Newby; Everitt James Grindstaff, Jon Schnable and Julius Killough.

Mrs. Billa is Bridgette Hostess

Mrs. Hector Billa was hostess to Bridgettes last Friday afternoon in her home on Broadway. Symbols of the Yule season gave an attractive decoration to rooms where game awards were won by Mrs. Jack Crow and Mrs. E. C. Bybee.

A dessert course was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Robert Sicker, Henry Fronkier, Howard Matteson, Bob Harrington, M. E. McClenney, and Roy Neal.

Gift Tea for Miss Ziegler in San Angelo

Miss Bonnie Lou Ziegler, bride-elect of Lt. Franklin B. Steele, was complimented by Mrs. Charles Cheatham, Mrs. Murrell Landreth of Lubbock, and Mrs. Homer Sykes, last Friday with a late afternoon gift tea in the Virginia room at the St. Angelus Hotel.

An all-white theme was used in table appointments. Other house-party guests from Ballinger were: Misses Catherine Clappitt, Mary Jo and Earlene Webb, and Mrs. W. L. Morlen.

Approaching Marriage of Former Ballinger Teacher Announced

Mr. and Mrs. George Albert Beard of San Angelo, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Emily Delle, to Hamlin Kennedy Elrod, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Elrod.

The ceremony will be read Christmas Eve morning at eleven

o'clock at the First Methodist Church in San Angelo.

Both Miss Beard and Mr. Elrod are graduates of the San Angelo High School and College. Miss Beard received both her B.A. and M.A. degrees from Southern Methodist University. She was math teacher in the Ballinger High School last year. Mr. Elrod also attended the University of Texas. He is a ranchman living near Rankin.

Miss Crawford Gives Yule Party for Mesquite Girl Scouts

Cpl. Mary Jane Kiechle of the Woman's Army Corps of Fort Benning, Ga., and former sponsor of the Mesquite Girl Scout Troop, was a special guest of honor last Friday evening when Miss Dorothy Crawford, sponsor, gave a Christmas party for members in the Kiechle home on Fourth Street.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which exchange gifts were distributed, and other seasonal decorations graced rooms where games were played and carols sung. Hot chocolate was served with pie and Xmas candies to: Mary Evelyn O'Neill, Billie Jean Herring, Anna Sue Hembree, Martha Saunders, Marilyn Joyce Bowden, Elizabeth Wear, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Mary Brian Woody, Nancy Guynes, and Bonnie Davis.

Methodist W. S. C. S. Honors Retiring President

Mrs. E. C. Tinsley, who has served the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service for the past two years, was surprise guest of honor Monday afternoon at an affair planned by retiring officers.

The Doss Bible Class room in the church basement was given a beautiful Yuletide decoration of potted plants, massed greenery and berries and pine cones. A soft light was shed from the glow of candles. Mrs. C. P. Shepherd gave the second chapter "The Making of a Nation" from the new study, "We Who Are America" by Kenneth B. Miller, after the singing of "America" in unison with Mrs. W. E. Shipp at the piano. Mrs. J. M. Skinner closed the lesson with prayer.

Mrs. Sam Behringer, retiring vice-president, was mistress of ceremonies when officers paid tributes to Mrs. Tinsley in the form of regular "reports." As the last expression of appreciation was spoken by Mrs. Joe Forman, secretary of spiritual life, Mrs. W. E. Middleton, mother of Mrs. Tinsley, pinned on her a corsage of defense stamps.

At the refreshment hour, nandina berries corsaged tied in red, white and blue, were favors for the plate of cookies and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. W. O. Middleton, John Weeks, W. R. Clark, J. G. Douglass, R. A. Dickinson, J. B. Striplin, A. T. Campbell, J. L. Davis, W. W. Chastain, Fred Middleton, R. W. Earnshaw, M. E. McClenney, Edward Walsh of New York, Wilson Middleton, R. D. Midgley, A. B. Legate, Rothal O'Kelly, and Tom Agnew; John Middleton and Mary Jo Forman.

Mary-Martha Group Continues Bible Study

Members of the Mary-Martha group of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon for their regular monthly Bible study.

Mrs. Charles Bailey continued the study of Philipians with a discussion of the faith and loyalty of Paul.

Others present were: Mmes. J. R. Lusk, Oscar Pearson, Claude Wilmetth, W. F. Atwell, O. P. Dorsey, W. B. Connelly, M. A. Foy, A. B. Stobaugh, E. D. Walker, Mills, and Miss Lila McElroy.

First Presbyterian Business Women Meet

Miss Marryatt Smith was hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Women's Circle Monday evening in her home on Sixth Street.

At the conclusion of the second lesson from the book of Job, led by Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Miss Smith served a chicken salad plate with white fruit cake and tea to: Mmes. Stephens, J. M. Pyburn, Una Headstream, Elma

Mann; Misses Louise Batts, Virginia Holman, and Ava Fulton.

O. E. S. Honors Members in Service

White baskets of nandina berries tied in red, white, and blue were used to decorate the O. E. S. Chapter room Monday evening when members met in regular session with Mrs. Theima Gabbert, worthy matron, and Paul Petty, worthy patron, presiding.

As officers took their station each found a surprise gift from the matron. Regular business was concluded and an open meeting was held to pay special honor to members who are wearing the uniform of the United States. The high school choral club, under the direction of Miss Kay Evans, sang two Christmas numbers, Tom Murphy, violinist, and A. H. Van Lier, accordionist, played a group of numbers, and Mr. Petty spoke a tribute to those being honored.

Miss Pauline Morley, poet laureate of the chapter, presented the officers' gift to Mrs. Gabbert. Refreshments were served.

Others present were: Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley, Cpl. Mary Jane Kiechle TS of the Woman's Army Corps, Robert Bigham, Mmes. Rama Saunders, Kathlene Halley, Dale O'Neill, Frances Zedlitz, Rachel Boswell, Luna Mae Foy, Lucy Black, Bessie Cherry, Hallie Parker, Mary Ostertag, Cathleen Benson, Effie Hulsey, Lydia Norwood, Treva Agnew, and Amanda

Taylor; Misses Lola Eubank, Olga Schawe, Myrtle Ruth Hale, Griffie Atkins, and Marie Norwood. Mrs. Hallie Porter of Sweetwater, Tenn., and Miss Dell White were visitors.

Instructors' Auxiliary Has Formal Dance

The Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary gave a formal Christmas dance Saturday evening in the downtown club rooms.

An elaborate Yule decoration provided a gay setting where dancing to the music of Cal Adair's orchestra gave diversion and sandwiches were served with coffee. About twenty-five couples attended.

Mrs. Carl Bentsen and Mrs. Frank Smith were in charge of arrangements.

MEAT AND LEATHER WASTED BY CATTLE GRUBS IN TEXAS; CONTROL METHODS URGED

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 15.—Enough meat to feed 46,000 soldiers is lost in Texas each year because of cattle grubs, according to livestock specialists of the Texas A. & M. College extension service.

In addition, hides sufficient to provide shoes for a million soldiers for one year are lost because of holes punched by the pests.

Figures compiled recently for a series of bi-district conferences of extension service workers revealed

that every year about 42 per cent of Texas beef cattle—or 840,000 head—go to market in a grubby condition. This results in the trimming of about two pounds per animal from the loin and ribs.

Extension entomologists predict 63,000 pounds of cube will be needed in the state in 1944 for an effective grub control program, and prospects are favorable for adequate supplies since one dealer already has been allotted 20,000 pounds.

Dipping of cattle for grubs and lice has been practiced in Hemphill county at a cost of about one and one-fourth to two cents a head, and the program has been so successful over a six-year

period that about 15,000 head in that county will be treated this winter.

4-H club boys over the state will help demonstrate the control of cattle grubs by hand treatment in months to come.

An exact scale model of the "Austin" flagship of the Texas navy, has been placed on exhibit in the Texas Memorial Museum, located on the University of Texas campus. The flagship, one of four ships turned over to the United States when Texas joined the union, was 130 feet long, 32 feet wide, and had a depth of 12½ feet.

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After a brilliant career in the pages of Redbook Magazine, as a novel, and on the stage and radio, Rose Franken's lovable "Claudia" is scoring a new triumph, completely captivating screen audiences. In the person of Dorothy McGuire, who enacted the title role in the Broadway production, she is a delightfully different heroine who can't miss being a national favorite. Warm, human and enormously popular entertainment, the picture is beautifully and effectively conceived and executed. It is billed at the Texas Theatre in midnight preview Saturday night, and in regular showings Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 19, 20, 21.

"Claudia" is a thoroughly unpredictable young matron. Happily married to a successful architect, she lives in their newly-acquired farm some 40 miles out of New York city. Around her activities is woven an unconventional plot, which finds her at first a flighty teen aged girl and moves with her to maturity.

Amusingly naive—to those who don't know her—Claudia discovers in quick succession many things. She meets every situation, from the impulsive charm of the foot-loose male next door, to approaching motherhood and the unexpected loss of her adored mother, with her own light-hearted fortitude and courage.

Dorothy McGuire, who created a furor with her understanding portrayal on the stage, makes her first appearance before the cameras a memorable one. And there is no doubt but that she is destined for stardom. So real, so believable is she that no one can resist her, especially her tolerant, understanding husband, Robert Young, Ina Claire is the "spontaneous" patient mother, and her spontaneous portrayal ranks with the

finest performances of her brilliant career.

Other important roles in this smooth production are handled expertly by Reginald Gardiner, Olga Baclanova, Jean Howard, Frank Tweddell and Elsa Janssen.

Army Life Comedy and Spy Story Two Feature-Length Pictures at Texas Friday-Saturday

"Yanks Ahoy!" fifth in the amusing series of Hal Roach "service" comedies starring those ingenious sergeants, William Tracy and Joe Sawyer, and "Background to Danger," Warner Bros. thrilling melodrama of murder and international intrigue in spy-infested Turkey, are the two full-length features at the Texas Theatre Friday and Saturday of this week. In addition are several short subjects.

The action of "Yanks Ahoy!" takes place almost entirely on a troopship carrying American soldiers to the Pacific war theatre. There is a group of navy nurses travelling with them, and the two sergeants immediately get into action competing for the favors of the prettiest one of them all, Nurse Marjorie Woodworth.

Their feud finally robs them both of their stripes, and it is while they are in the doghouse that some of the most screamingly funny scenes of the film take place.

"Background to Danger" stars George Raft, Sydney Greenstreet and Brenda Marshall. In prominent supporting roles are Peter Lorre and Osa Massen. Others in the cast include Kurt Katch, Daniel Ocko, Turhan Bey and Frank Puglia.

A Nazi plot to destroy diplomatic relations between Russia and Turkey furnishes the theme for this new Warner Bros. film.

Bruce Field Officer Saw Service Before Getting Commission

Two of the best known men at Bruce Field are Lt. Henry W. McAvay, assistant commandant of cadets and tactical officer, and Robert Henry Myers, squadron commander.



Lt. Henry W. McAvay

Lt. McAvay started his army career as a private in the infantry and saw foreign service before receiving his commission. His first overseas duty was at Midway and later at a bomber base in the South Pacific from which groups operated in the first Solomon Islands campaign. He has been bombed by the Japs and knows what war is all about.

He was born at Cromwell, Connecticut, on March 31, 1919, and went to high school at Deep River, Conn., where he graduated in 1936. He attended Yale University from 1936 to 1938, taking journalism, and then went to Columbia University from 1938 to 1940, graduating there in 1940 with a B.A. degree in journalism.

Upon graduation from college he went with the advertising agency of the New York Life Insurance Co. He entered the army on March 20, 1941, as a private in the infantry. Stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., he went on maneuvers in Louisiana and North Carolina, then to San Francisco from where he sailed for overseas service. He was first on duty at Midway and later to the South Pacific area where he was stationed at a bomber base 6 1/2 months. This location was the base of operations for the first campaign against the Jap-held Solomons. While there he was bombed by the Nips and sustained burns on his legs while putting out a fire which was started when a couple of oil barrels exploded. He stayed in the hospital three weeks and then applied for OCS and was sent to Hawaii, then to San Francisco and on to Miami Beach, Florida, where he received officers' training. He received his commission in December, 1942, and was sent to Randolph Field, San Antonio, and to Bruce Field, Ballinger, arriving here the same month and has been here one year.

After the war he wants to take

'Claudia'



"Claudia" not really unhappy... she's just trying to tell her mother something important, but she can't make up her mind just how! Dorothy McGuire has the title role in the new 20th Century-Fox hit due Saturday Midnight Preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at the Texas Theatre, while Ina Claire portrays her mother in the screen version of Rose Franken's successful play. Robert Young is featured with them.

a post-graduate course in journalism and become a writer. His hobbies are tennis and ice skating.



Robert Henry Myers

Robert Henry Myers was born and attended high school at

Columbus, Ohio, and after graduation went to the University of Detroit one year, taking aeronautical engineering. He started flying in 1928 at Youngstown, O., in a Curtis Jenny OX5 and soloed in November, 1928. He began commercial flying in the spring of 1941 when he went with the CPT at Youngstown and a short time later came to Ballinger as a flying instructor. He is now third squadron commander and check pilot.

One time he had a forced landing as a co-pilot, 140 miles out over the Atlantic towards the Bahama Islands and the plane was set down on an atoll. The plane had to be left on the islet when the crew was rescued by a Bahama Airways plane. Myers now has 2,500 hours flying time.

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Charles Laughton, Binnie Barnes In 'The Man from Down Under'

The first film to show modern Australia, where so many American boys are now stationed, is the attraction at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 18, 19, 20, 21. This is M-G-M's "The Man from Down Under," starring Charles Laughton with Binnie Barnes, Richard Carlson and Donna Reed in stellar supporting roles.

As Jocko Wilson, a happy-go-lucky, good-for-nothing Aussie, Laughton scores in his most felicitous role to date. He leaves Belgium for Australia and home at the end of World War I, taking with him two young refugees whom he believes to be brother and sister and leaving behind him, literally waiting at the church, Aggie Dawkins, a cockney entertainer, played by Binnie Barnes.

Binnie Barnes, back on the screen after a year's absence, not only delivers an outstanding dramatic performance, but shows skill as a comedienne. In a music hall sequence she even sings and dances. Richard Carlson, playing

a different type of role, that of a rugged prize fighter, and comes through with star honors in a fisty battle on the screen with the empire champion.

Donna Reed, garbed in gowns by Irene, advances another step forward toward stardom. Unusual performances are also contributed by Christopher Severn, Horace McNally, Arthur Shields, Hobart Cavanaugh, Andre Charlot and Clyde Cook.

CIVIC CLASSES VISIT COUNTY OFFICIALS

Civics classes of the Ballinger junior high school visited the Runnels county court house and all county officials Wednesday and Thursday of last week. The students inspected the various offices and discussed duties with each of the officials.

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SATURDAY NITE PREVUE
SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY

TEXAS

BALLINGER, TEXAS

School Holidays Begin Tomorrow; Play for Tonight

Ballinger school children will be dismissed for the Christmas holidays tomorrow (Friday) afternoon and will resume studies on Monday, January 3. Pupils were doing their final class work for 1943 this week and extra sessions included two special assemblies, the Cue and Curtain Club major production, and a social, at the Army and Navy Club Friday night sponsored by the club.

A special assembly was held Monday at which the Bearcats were officially recognized as the regional champions of 1943. Coach Felton Wright named lettermen of 1943 and had the boys come to the front of the auditorium. At the conclusion of this portion of the program, Zane Grey McWilliams acted as the speaker to present the coach a gift from the squad.

Tonight the major production of the Cue and Curtain Club, "Demon in the Dark," will be presented at the high school auditorium. Students and club members have conducted a city-wide ticket sale and a large audience is expected to greet the young players. Music before the performance and during intermissions is to be furnished by the Ballinger high school band under the direction of O. G. Joiner.

Miss Katherine Freeman is director of the production and the players have been rehearsing several weeks to perfect their roles in this mystery-comedy offering. Admission is 20 cents for students and 35 cents for adults.

One battle won does not win a war. We've got a longer time ahead.

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FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

Texas

Friday and Saturday

Women's, Society and Club News

Mrs. Stasney Entertains Triple-Four
Mrs. E. W. Stasney was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Wednesday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Wreaths of greenery and pine cones, potted poinsettias and other Christmas symbols were used about the living room while a pretty lighted tree centered the dining room table. Winter scenes adorned tallies. Mrs. Tom Agnew was high score winner and Mrs. Troy Simpson binged.

A dessert course was served with coffee and home-made candies. Others were: Mmes. J. A. Schnable, Harry Lynn, Ross Marchison, E. W. Barnshaw, Claude Stone, Delbert Vaneil, L. E. Tigner, Leslie Baker, Alex McGregor, Bailey Mack, R. T. Williams, and Tommy Hall.

Naomi Class in Joe Flynt Home
The Naomi Class of the First Baptist Church held its Christmas party Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Joe Flynt on Broadway. Mrs. Clyde Gabbert and Mrs. Westley Whitman were co-hostesses with Mrs. Flynt.

A huge Christmas tree, brilliantly lighted and elaborately decorated, centered the living room and other seasonal decorations were used throughout the entertaining rooms.

Mrs. W. J. Hembree, class president, directed the short business session and Mrs. O. T. Toney gave the devotional. A quiz program and a group of sacred and popular piano selections by Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap were enjoyed before the pal gift distribution by Mrs. Flynt.

A dessert course with coffee was served by the hostesses to: Mmes. Hembree, Toney, Alton Underwood, Ernest Moody, W. A. Pippen, Cam Blackmon, Ed Lengefeld, Vivian Marshall, Earl Cope, C. A. Dawson, Melvin Patterson, Frank Flynt, John Castor, Malcolm Morgan, J. H. Endacott, Joe Vaughan,

E. C. Grindstaff, J. A. Killough, W. D. Davenport, Earl Wood, L. L. Strobe, O. F. Forbus, and R. T. Richardson.

Mrs. Forman is Guest Speaker for Fannie Stephens Club
Nandina berries and foliage and tall green candles were used for decoration of the woman's club room at the Army and Navy Club Wednesday afternoon when the Fannie Stephens Study Club had its Christmas program.

After "Christmas Customs in Foreign Lands" were given in answer to roll call, Mrs. E. L. King sang "O Holy Night" and Mrs. King and Mrs. Raleigh Reese sang "Silent Night" and "There's a Song in the Air" with Mrs. O. G. Joiner accompanist. Mrs. Joe Forman was guest speaker and gave the beautiful Christmas story from Luke.

The social committee, Mmes. J. H. Endacott, Reese, and Jack Rogers, served cake with coffee. Favors were corsages fashioned of tuberculosis Xmas stamps bought by the club. Others present were: Mmes. C. R. Stephens, Chester Aftlerbach, H. G. Agnew, J. Dexter Eoff, W. O. Irby, W. H. James, J. A. Killough, Lee Maples, LeRoy McAulay, M. E. McClenney, Ernest Moody, Dee Saylor, Alton Underwood, E. C. Grindstaff, Allen Davis, R. H. Garner, Misses Grace Lacey, Joy Eaton, and Pauline Morley.

Airfield Allies Make Surgical Dressings

Mmes. Fred Harman, Virgil Reynolds, and Virgil Bounds were hostesses to Airfield Allie Wednesday afternoon.

A short business session was held at the City Hall auditorium under the direction of Mrs. W. L. Gunnell before members went to the surgical dressings center in the Court House where gauze sponges were made for two hours. The Cactus Coffee Shop was the scene of the social hour. A lovely

white satin Santa Claus centered the one long table where favors were attractively-wrapped surprise gifts. Spice cake was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Lee Maples, P. Q. Harris, I. J. McCook, Jr., Earl Wood, W. L. Barber, Charles Stewart, M. A. Wheelon, L. H. Barnes, K. K. Hoffman, B. C. Roberts, Jr., E. C. Bybee, E. L. Ingram, Howard Matteson, Jerry Church, and Roy Neal.

The next meeting will be the first Wednesday afternoon in January with Mmes. Ingram, Hoffman, and Church hostesses.

Miss LeMond is Hostess

Miss Louise LeMond was hostess at a Christmas bridge party last Friday evening in the Chester Aftlerbach home on Sixth Street.

Yule decorations were featured about rooms and all table and game appointments were also in the holiday theme.

Miss Cleo Lane was winner of high score trophy. Mrs. Aftlerbach assisted in serving cake with nuts and coffee. Others were: Misses Myrtle Ruth Hale, Vera Taylor, Dorothy Crawford, Grace Lacey, Lea Matteson, Joy Eaton, Hilah Blankenship, Kay Evans, Alta Belle Bilbo, Mmes. Uma Headstream, Lee Parker, John Hart, and Charles Stewart.

Mrs. Erwin Hostess to Westminster Scholarship Group

Mrs. W. A. Erwin was hostess to children of the Westminster scholarship of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Tuesday afternoon at a Christmas after-school party in the church parlors.

The Christmas colors of red and green were used in all decorative details, and a lovely manger scene lighted with red candles was arranged on the piano.

After the Scriptural Christmas story was read, each guest told of Christmas customs of their lands,

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and games were played. Ice cream was served with cake. Favors were individual baskets of nuts and candies. Present were: Mary Lou and Patsy Crawford, Jim and Ruth Erwin, Marguerite and Peggy Jo Kevil, and Clara Bell Hill.

Xmas Dinner for Book Club in Lasater Home

Current Book Club members gave their annual Christmas dinner for husbands Tuesday evening in the Sixth Street home of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater.

Decorations of the entire reception suite, which began with a beautiful lighted Victory wreath on the door, were especially lovely. There were wreaths, large bells, and the lighted tree, together with cut poinsettias on the dining table and tall candles in rustic holders for foursome tables where the turkey dinner was served in two courses.

Games of forty-two and the gift exchange, with Jack Nixon, Sr., as Santa Claus, were the diversions.

Others were: Mrs. Nixon, Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff, Messrs. and Mmes. John Barton, O. C. Sykes, Sam Behringer, Chester Cherry, W. A. Taylor, Alex Saunders, O. R. O'Neill, W. J. Morrison, A. B. Legate, Clinton A. Glover, J. E. Dankworth, Paul Petty, Mmes. D. R. Hall, and Gertrude Woods.

Mrs. Morton and Mrs. Gibbs Are Hostesses to J. O. Y. Class

First Baptist J. O. Y. members were guests of Mrs. Jack Gibbs and Mrs. Clarence A. Morton Tuesday evening in the Morton home on Broadway.

The Christmas motif was used about party rooms and exchange gifts adorned the lighted tree. A beautiful fruit basket, a gift to the Mortons from friends in Oregon, centered the dining table.

Fruit cake topped with whipped cream was served with coffee to: Mmes. Elliott Kemp, Doyle Condra, Taylor Henley, Claude Mansell, Melvin Patton, Joe Lee Cooper, Harold Routh, and Park Kemp.

Mrs. Lowry Fetes Junior G. A. S.

Mrs. R. M. Lowry, sponsor of the First Baptist Junior Girls Auxiliary, gave members a Yule party Tuesday afternoon after school in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

In rooms gay and bright in the season's colors and symbols, gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree, carols sung, and games played.

Hot chocolate was served with cookies to: Eva Jo Flynt, Gwendolyn Douglas, Kathleen Hammond, Fay Jean Barnes, Barbara Jean Patterson, Cynthia and Dian Tuckey, Jessie Mae Henderson, Martha Ann James, Norma Ruth Holland, LaRita Price, Joan Rayburn, Bobbie Lee Pearce, and Gwen Williams.

Perry Bros. Employees Entertained
Misses Florene and Lorene Wood entertained employees of Perry Bros. store with a Christmas party Tuesday evening in their home on Twelfth Street.

The signs and symbols of the holiday season provided the attractive decoration for the living room and dining room where gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree and carols were sung.

Miniature trees with names on them were favors. Mrs. Guy Lively, Jr., of Quanah, assisted in serving doughnuts with hot chocolate and Xmas candies. Others were: Misses Evelyn Scoggins, Jewel O'Neal, Mary Ann Morgan, Norma Baker, Winona Howell, Modena Curtis, Barteon Henry, Peggy Joyce Barber, Charlotte Miller, June Wright, Carolyn Chatham, Mmes. John Howard, Clarence Hill, Warren Walker and Leroy Burris.

BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS
By Natlyne Williams

Assembly Program

Tuesday morning there was a called assembly to introduce to the student body the members of the regional football team. After a short introduction by Mr. Williams, Mr. Wright pointed out the highlights of the season of football which was completed last Friday. There are twenty-one lettermen on the team this year; the awards will be given to each of them upon their passing the first semester. A gift was presented to the coach by the boys when he had finished his talk. Mr. Wright was very proud of the beautiful leather jacket presented to him.

The lettermen this year are: Zane McWilliams, Jerome Buxkemper, Jimmy Agnew, Donald Williams, Buddy Allison, C. W. Hendricks, Harold Richards, W. L. Burks, Myron Namkin, George

McCorstin, Leon King, Bob Sykes, Johnny Earnshaw, Walter Jones, Aubrey Frazier, David Middleton, Jackie Russell, Wellington Pearce, Wilfred Buckemper, Charles Burger, and Billy Poe.

After all announcements pertaining to football were given, the election of school favorites for the Paw Prints was held. Those nominated for the most beautiful girl are: Lavenia Faubion, Charlotte Miller, Norma Harris, June Wright, Marie Maas, Pat Richards, and Ruby Waldrop. The best-all-around girl and the best-all-around boy were also selected. The ones who were elected will not be disclosed until the Paw Prints is published.

Junior High School Play Presented

Wednesday morning, a group of students from junior high school under the direction of Miss Lamond presented a play entitled, "Who Gets the Car Tonight." It was the story of a family trying to decide whose night it was to use the family car; the argument is ended when the car is

not in condition to run. The cast was composed of Charles Miller, Wanda Crager, Ed Grindstaff, Mary Brian Woody, and Junior Henderson. This comedy was thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

Holidays

The Ballinger schools will dismiss December 17 for the Christmas holidays and will take up January 3. Due to these two weeks of holidays, there will be no school news for the following two weeks.

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Cadet Fellowship, Sunday 5 p. m. Co-Guests of Honor: All Men in Uniform and Young People Home from College.

Sunday, 6:30 p. m. The Baptist Training Union presents a Sacred Drama, "Christmas."

SUNDAY NIGHT 7:30
THE CHRISTMAS CAROL CHOIR
Composed of Forty-Five Voices, presents the Annual Musical Program—The Feature of the Season
"THE CHORUS IN THE SKIES"
A Christmas Cantata
Guest Violinist, Prof. Herbert M. Preston, Head of the Department of Violin, Hardin-Simmons University.
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Grocery Items		Market	
APPLESAUCE	No. 300 can 10c	Cured Whole or Half lb.	35 ^c
CORN Desire	No. 2 can 10c	Ham Center Slices lb.	39 ^c
COCOA Hershey's	½-lb. box 12c	GROUND MEAT	lb. 24c
CRACKERS Hi-Ho	1-lb. box 22c	7-STEAK	lb. 30c
TOM. JUICE 2 26-oz cans	25c	STEW MEAT	lb. 19c
RAISIN BRAN	box 12c	CHILI MEAT	lb. 23c
MAC. or SPAG.	3 boxes 10c	PORK CHOPS	lb. 33c
SUGAR CURE 10-lb can	79c	PORK SAUSAGE	lb. 33c
VANILLA Imitation 8-oz bottle	9c	Old Plantation SAUSAGE SEASONING	19 ^c
HYLO Giant Box	55c		
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Church Christmas Programs

Practically all Ballinger churches will observe Christmas in their services Sunday and other affairs for the children will be held during the remainder of the week before that happy event. While some of the churches have made no arrangements for special programs nearly all will use the Christmas theme in their services Sunday.

First Methodist

The annual Sunday school Christmas program will be held Sunday morning at the First Methodist Church with classes assembling and then going to the main auditorium for the service. The annual offering for the orphans' home at Waco will be taken at this time and efforts are being made to make it one of the largest in years.

At the morning worship hour the music will be furnished by the girls' high school choral club, under the direction of Miss Kay Evans, and Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor, will deliver the Christmas sermon.

At the vesper service at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the choir, under the direction of Miss Evans, will sing a program of Christmas music. There will be no preaching at this hour, the choir furnishing the entire program.

Following the Christmas musical program the cadet fellowship hour will be held in the church basement with refreshments and games included.

Other Sunday school events are to be held later in the week with department heads in charge of the programs and Christmas trees.

First Presbyterian

Dr. E. W. McLaurin, of Austin, will preach at both the morning and evening services at the First Presbyterian Church. At the morning hour his message will be on the theme of Christmas and the music will be appropriate for the observance.

Wednesday evening the annual Christmas tree and program for the Sunday school will be held at the church. Plans are not complete for this program but it will be announced to all departments Sunday morning.

Dr. McLaurin is returning for just the one day to deliver the Christmas sermon. The new pastor, Rev. Gary Hoffius, is expected to arrive soon after the first of the year to begin regular work with the church.

First Baptist

Throughout the day, Sunday, December 19, the First Baptist Church will present its annual Christmas programs.

At the Sunday school hour of 9:45 Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent, with his corps of officers and teachers will present "Christmas Around the World."

At the 11 o'clock hour, the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, will deliver his Christmas sermon, speaking on the subject, "A Name Above Every Name." Also at this service the choir will render special Christmas music and will feature James Lee Underwood, 7-year-old musical prodigy.

The cadet fellowship hour at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon will have as co-guests all cadets, men in uniform and students who are home from college for the holidays.

Sunday evening at 6:30, Mrs.

Malcolm Morgan, general director of the Baptist Training Union, will present a sacred drama, "Christmas," with some twelve characters and off-stage soloist.

Sunday evening at 7:30, the carol choir of this church, composed of forty-five voices, under the direction of R. E. White, will give their musical feature of the year, a Christmas cantata, "The Chorus in the Skies," for the general public. The text of the cantata is by Tillotson and the music by Holton. In addition to the choral numbers, special solos, duets and quartets will be sung by different choir members.

The guest artist this year is Prof. Herbert M. Preston, head of the violin department of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. His accompaniments will be played by Mrs. Arthur Giesecke, of the Ballinger Music Club.

A committee composed of E. Shepperd, Drury P. Hathaway and Ernest Moody will direct the color and lighting effects for the interior decorations.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

Eighth Street Presbyterian

The Christmas theme will be used in both services at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Sunday, the pastor, Rev. W. A. Erwin, delivering his Christmas message at the morning worship hour.

Special Christmas music at the morning service will include a solo by Carl Black and a duet by Rev. and Mrs. Horace S. Erwin, brother and sister-in-law of the pastor.

Rev. and Mrs. Horace Erwin will have charge of the evening service. He is known as the singing evangelist. This service will also stress the Christmas theme.

Monday evening at 7:30 the women of the church will present a special program on a missionary theme, to which the public is invited.

The annual Christmas tree program will be held at the church Thursday evening at 7:30. All members of the church are invited to attend and watch the children in this program and enjoy the visit from Santa Claus.

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 31st day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 15th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4819. The names of the parties in said suit are: James I. Boothe, Genova A. Baker and husband, B. N. Baker, as Plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiffs against said defendants to recover the title to and possession of the following described land and premises, to-wit:

Being 113 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, in the Robert Owen Survey No. 436, Abstract No. 394, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the

South line of said Owen Survey, 1608 varas west of its Southeast corner; said beginning point being the Southeast corner of a tract of land sold to A. J. Stem by Kenneth O. Berrey;

THENCE East with the South line of said Survey, 741 2/3 varas to the Southeast corner of an 87-acre tract described as second tract in a deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE North with west line of said 87 acre tract, 567 varas to Northwest corner of said 87 acre tract on the South line of the 88 acre tract described as first tract in the same deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE West with the South line of said 88 acre tract, 233 2/3 varas to Southwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE North with the West line of said 88 acre tract, 451 varas to Northwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE West 508 varas to Northeast corner of said A. J. Stem tract;

THENCE South with east line of said A. J. Stem tract, 1018 1/2 varas to the place of beginning; and being the same land conveyed to H. L. Tooker by E. L. Sides et ux, by deed, dated December 17, 1938, and recorded in Volume 174, Pages 322 and 323 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which said deed and said record thereof reference is here made for more particular description of said land.

Issued this the 15th day of December, 1943.

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

(Seal)

M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
Texas. 16-44

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Lewis Hensley

Christmas Holidays

Christmas holidays will begin December 23, and studies will be resumed January 3. Merry Christmas, everyone.

Basketball Workouts

Basketball season is open and Mr. Douglas has reported twelve boys are working out. Best of luck boys and may you win many games.

Senior Play

The seniors presented their play, "Mother-in-Law Blues" Tuesday night, December 7. A large crowd attended and the seniors netted \$29.15. The seniors wish to thank Mrs. Hull for her willing help and grand cooperation.

Bond Rally

Miss Lilly and Miss Morgan will have charge of the bond rally to be presented Thursday, December 16. Their pupils, the first, second, third, and fourth grades, have spent much time in preparing a Christmas program. It promises to be an interesting entertainment so everyone come and—buy a bond!

Honor Roll

The honor roll this six weeks is not as large as last six weeks. In the senior class Toni Willi, Doris Allen, Mattie Landers, and Lewis Hensley remained on it. The junior honor students were Laverall Lee, Ouida Sharpes, and Nelda Lee Bettye Joyce Shelburne and Jo Alice Simpson were the freshmen on the honor roll. Many students missed the honor roll by just a few points. Better luck next time.

Wedding Bells

The senior class lost one of its most brilliant members last Wednesday night when Toni Willi became Mrs. Carrell Harrell. The entire high school, but especially the senior class, misses her, but wishes for them both a long,

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Appendicitis Case

Laverall Lee, junior honor student, is recovering from an appendicitis operation. The whole high school wishes her a speedy recovery and hopes she will be back to school real soon.

Who's Who

Our senior personality is that boy who admits he's conceited. He has black hair and brown eyes. He's 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighs 150 pounds. During the first part of the year his interests deserted Texas and wandered to Arkansas but they are back home now and centered around that blond sophomore. He was headed for football stardom but broke several ribs. He wants to join the naval air corps. Mrs. Hull predicts he will be president some day and he is one of her summer school pets. Who is he?

Our other personality is a blue-eyed blond-haired junior girl. She's about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs about 126 pounds. She has won freshman and sophomore scholarships and all the junior boys would like to "borrow" her notebooks. Her hobby is collecting picture postcards. She's a grand volleyball player and will very likely make the first string team. A grand sport and liked by all. Who is she?

Last week's "who's who"—Doris Allen and Tilman Allen.

NORTON

Members of the Baptist Women's Missionary Society will meet at 2:30 p. m. Monday at the home of Mrs. H. K. Berrey for a Christmas party and exchange of gifts.

The intermediate girls' auxiliary presented the Lottie Moon Christmas program at the Baptist church Sunday evening. Twelve girls took part in the program and a plate offering was given at the close.

Students who will arrive home this week for the Christmas holidays include Naomi Ash, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood; Eleanor Bryan, Nina Lee Mackey and Pansy Setser, of T. S. C. W., Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Roper and children, and Miss Joyce Roper, all of Houston, visited with relatives here over the week-end.

Mrs. Ira B. West, of Clovis, New Mexico, is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Setser.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Fagan moved Monday to their new home near Stephenville. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Williams also left this week to make their home at Loraine.

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SOME FIRMS DONATE TO RED CROSS FUND

A number of local business men have made inquiry in regard to the next Red Cross drive and stated they wished to make their contributions before the end of the year in order to deduct the amount on income tax statements.

The Red Cross campaign will be held in March and E. Shepperd is

the county chairman. Any person who desires to make a contribution between now and the end of the year may hand his check to Mr. Shepperd or mail the amount to him and it will be held and turned in during the drive.

The county's Red Cross quota has not been received but representatives have indicated it will be larger than last year's.

Read the ads and SAVE!

Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to our past customers for their fine support while we were operating the City Cafe.

It has been a pleasure to serve you and as we retire from that business we just want to say "Thanks" and also to wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Notice

We have purchased the property known as the MUSSER LUMBER CO., located at Winters, Texas, and will accept bids on the buildings and the real estate, until noon December 18.

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Below is a brief description of buildings:

One lumber shed, approximately 20 by 86 feet and with 20 by 24 foot warehouse attached.

One lumber shed, approximately 20 by 145 feet.

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All sheds frame construction with ship-lap walls and 2 1/2 inch corrugated iron roof.

One carpenter shop, 24 by 24, frame construction, walls and roof 1 1/2 inch corrugated iron.

One office building, 24 by 50 feet, frame construction, drop siding outside and ship-lap inside. The office part is covered with wallboard walls and ceiling. This building has porch 8 by 24 and the building is suitable for converting into residence.

We reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

For further information see

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Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their addresses promptly.
 Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in addresses furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move.
 The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

for Christmas day. These men will get only one day off for Christmas. Many of these student fliers are mere boys who will be spending their first Christmas away from home and are lonesome and homesick. Civilians who desire and request it may secure cadet guests for Christmas eve night and Christmas day but overnight passes will not be issued to any except those who have invitations into homes. All Ballinger churches have been asked to assist in getting cards inviting cadets signed and returned by December 20. This will permit time for checking cards against lists at the field, making proper assignments and notifying hosts who will be their guests, where to get the boys and other details. In previous years Ballingerites have taken care of every boy at the local field and nothing short of that is expected this year.

Christmas Matinee For Kiddies at Texas Friday, December 24

The management of the Texas Theatre has announced that the annual Christmas show for the children of this area will be presented at 9:30 a. m. Friday, December 24. All kiddies are invited to be guests of the Texas for this special matinee and admission will be free to all who come.

A group of films especially interesting to the little folk has been booked for this occasion and the full length show will be a Christmas gift to them.
 All employees of the theatre will be on hand to look after their little guests, the house will be comfortable and everything will be done for their entertainment.

In previous years the auditorium and balcony at the Texas have been filled to overflowing for this Christmas kiddy party. This year a full house is anticipated and nothing is being left undone to make it a huge success. Parents can bring their children to the Texas and pick them up after the performance.

The program will be concluded before noon to allow time to get the house ready for the afternoon matinee.

SINGING SCHEDULED SUNDAY AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

A singing has been announced for Sunday afternoon, December 19, at the Grace Baptist Church. The program is to begin at 2:30 and all singers are urged to attend and take part in the group singing during the afternoon.

Invitations have been extended to and accepted by singers at San Angelo, Miles and Winters, and there will be quartets and other groups present from these and other towns. Singers from Abilene are expected but no definite word has been received.
 The public is cordially invited.

Invest your CHRISTMAS savings in Uncle Sam's WAR BONDS. Keep on Backing the Attack.

Along the Road to Rome and Berlin



Left: These three soldiers are charged with the job of keeping up the fires on the fleet of cars used by the headquarters of the Allied Fifth Army in Italy. Shown with their repair car somewhere behind the front are Corp. Gordon Smith, Hilton, Va. (left), Corp. Morris Sigler, Hagerstown, Md. (center), and Pfc. Herman Muchleisen. Right: According to the sign these British engineers are 120 miles from Rome as they smooth out a road for units of the Fifth. The work of engineers gains in importance as the Germans attempt to retard the advancing Allies by blowing up bridges and destroying transportation facilities.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Brady city commission last week accepted the new water well from the contractors after all work had been completed and a test for 8 1/2 hours disclosed production of 800 gallons a minute. This well, the third in the Brady water system, will assure an adequate supply for all purposes. The third well was needed to take care of the increased population caused by the expansion of the aviation cadet school and the establishment of a prisoner-of-war camp near the city.

Sixty-five per cent of the taxes owed the county and state by Haskell county citizens this year has been collected. Discounts offered for prompt payment caused an early rush on the collector's office.

A meeting was held at the Rowena public school Monday evening to discuss the forming of Cub packs. All parents and boys in the age group were invited to attend and plans were made to attend and plans were made to attend and plans were made to attend.

The Sweetwater Lions Club has begun preparing for its annual minstrel show and has turned the entire director over to Harley Sadler, veteran West Texas showman, now a member of the state legislature. The annual show is part of the club's activities and much money is raised by this means to be used in the club's welfare work.

Mason county citizens have voted \$75,000 in bonds to be used in providing an airplane landing field. Need for the landing field developed some time ago and after discussion with army engineers and airplane operators bonds were voted to start the work in the near future.

A drive is being made at Menard today to enlist women for the Air-Wac. A special recruiting party will interview women and girls interested in joining. Similar drives are being conducted in many other West Texas towns by a group from San Angelo.

Christmas boxes for Camp Berkeley will be packed by the Winters Garden Club tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. This action was voted by the club and a large number of gift packages are to be delivered to the camp headquarters for distribution. The club will accept packages from any Winters resident for this purpose.

Mayor Wendell Mayes, of Brownwood, has issued an urgent appeal to the public to take as many Camp Bowie soldiers as possible into their homes for Christmas. Lights are being made up by the USO clubs and all citizens who sign for soldier-guests will be given the number asked for at dinner on Christmas day. Early response to the plea was encouraging.

Melvin citizens met last week and decorated the community center for the Christmas season. Colored lights and other Yuletide decorations were strung to make the center attractive both inside and out. A number of gatherings are scheduled there during the holiday period.

It was announced the past weekend that Miles school children would be dismissed on December 22 for the Christmas holidays and would resume work on January 3. Teachers who live elsewhere are planning to go home, and will arrive before Christmas eve.

The junior Red Cross drive in the Paint Rock schools has been completed with all pupils 100 per cent members. Teachers were in charge of the enrollment, making the solicitation by rooms. Annual dues have been mailed to national headquarters and pupils will also help in the work program.

Eastland county's war bond quota for November was topped by more than \$10,000, all selling stations making more sale than assigned. Monthly quotas have been met regularly throughout the year. Bonds in the amount of \$54,700 are to be sold during December.

SPEAKER SAYS GARDENERS BEAT FISHERMEN AT LYING

SANDERSTEAD, Eng., Dec. 15.—In opening a flower show in Sanderstead recently, C. H. Middleton declared he did not think veracity a habit among gardeners. "They like to swank to one another," he said. "They are bigger liars than fishermen. And a flower show gives them a chance to tell all their troubles to one another."

War bonds and stamps build ships and bombers. Buy them today.

Utilities Will Have Christmas Program Here Friday Night

All employees and their families in district G of the West Texas Utilities Company will assemble in Ballinger tomorrow (Friday) for their annual Christmas get-together.

The type of program will be changed this year and the old fashioned Christmas tree and exchange of gifts along with the visit from Santa Claus will be replaced by a dinner, show tickets for the kiddies, and a program for the adults following the serving of the meal.
 The affair will be held at the

city hall at 7 p. m. tomorrow and letters have been mailed all employees in the district urging as many as possible to attend. The after-dinner program being arranged calls for a toastmaster and a group of numbers.

The annual safety meeting, usually held in the afternoon before the Christmas party, is not scheduled this year and part of this will be presented in the after-dinner program.

There will be no exchange of gifts or other special gifts this year.

These programs have been well attended in the past and the 1943 meeting is expected to attract a large group.

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They are hoping for . . . praying for . . . **FREEDOM** not "four freedoms" or "five freedoms" or even "seven freedoms" but for the freedom of the American way of life. The freedom to go and come as they please. The freedom to work and the right to enjoy the fruits of their labors. The freedom to save, to invest, and to accumulate the rewards of private enterprise, of personal endeavor in order that they and their posterity may continue the American way of life.

An extra War Bond this Christmas will hasten the day when their prayers will be answered. A War Bond for Christmas helps three ways . . . it buys the material necessary to liberate those who fought for us . . . it is a present which will increase in value until the time they come home . . . it is a present which will help to conserve the freedom they suffer for.

How many EXTRA War Bonds are YOU buying this Christmas?

West Texas Utilities Company

Bearcats Capture Regional Football Championship Title

The Ballinger Bearcats became regional champions for the third straight year Friday afternoon when they defeated Crowell 19 to 0 in the final game of the season. The Cats were rated as underdogs in this regional game but soon showed that their offense could click against the heavier team which had piled up a great record in that section of the state during 1943.

Playing the game away from home, the Bearcats left Thursday of last week and spent the night at Haskell, where they had a light workout on the high school field and went on to Crowell early the next morning. The Bearcats were greeted at Crowell by a sweeping norther and a soft field from rain, but the condition of the weather did not bog them down in running or passing.

Fans at home were able to hear a broadcast of the game through station KRBC, Abilene, as compliments of the Ballinger Athletic Association. Supt. Nat Williams stated that this was the school's way of saying "thanks" for the fine support given football by Ballinger fans.

The Bearcats received the kickoff and were soon rushing yardage through the Crowell line with McWilliams doing a man's sized share of the ball lugging. McCortin, Russell and Bukemper were also taking turns to give the drive variety and to prove that all the backfield could carry the ball. McCortin's passing arm was never

better and he was hitting his receivers for good yardage all the afternoon.

Early in the first quarter the Bearcats drove deep into Crowell territory and McCortin hit Frazier with a pass in a clear field and the substitute end raced over for the touchdown. The kick was low and the Bearcats were out in front 6 to 0.

After the half the Bearcats came back to flash another running and passing attack to carry into the Crowell end of the field and again McCortin found Frazier in the open for a pass which resulted in the second touchdown. Russell carried the ball over from scrimmage for the extra point and the Bearcats led 13 to 0.

Crowell started a desperate game which threatened several times. Twice in Ballinger territory Agnew intercepted passes to stop drives and McCortin pulled in another near the Ballinger goal line.

With a powerful running attack the Bearcats pushed into the Crowell end of the field but fell short of a touchdown by two yards, Crowell taking over at that point. On the first play they failed to gain and on an attempted kick Bukemper broke through to block the punt and Frazier covered the ball behind the goal for a touchdown. The kick was low and the score was 19 to 0.

The Bearcats threatened again

before the close of the game but fell short of another score.

Frazier, playing end in place of Hendricks, injured in the Dublin game, was the touchdown hero of the afternoon, getting all three of Ballinger's touchdowns. McWilliams closed out his high school football career with his greatest game and was an outstanding star on both offense and defense.

Fans who witnessed the game declared that the entire Bearcat team was definitely champion in the Friday tilt and showed better coaching and execution of plays in every department of the game.

SAN ANGELO FOOTBALL TEAM WILL PLAY HIGHLAND PARK

A large number of Ballinger football fans will go to San Angelo Saturday afternoon to witness the semi-final game between the San Angelo Bobcats and the Highland Park team of Dallas. Site of the game was won for San Angelo on the flip of a coin in Dublin Sunday afternoon.

The winner of the San Angelo game will meet the winner of the Lufkin-Goose Creek game the following week for the state championship. San Angelo defeated Vernon last Saturday by the score of 26 to 0 and thereby won its way into the semi-finals.

A block of tickets was received here Tuesday for local fans and all were soon sold.

BALLINGER YOUTHS ARE ARRESTED AT VAN HORN

Sheriff J. L. Moreland received a message Tuesday from officers at Van Horn stating that three Ballinger youths were being held there for him. The trio are Morgan James, 16, Martha Clendenon, 14, and Wanda Bradshaw, 13.

Officers were asked to help in locating the trio after a pick-up belonging to Arch Brookshier was stolen the past week-end. Van Horn officers stated that the car had been sold but they would get it for the Ballinger officers.

Sheriff Moreland and Mr. Brookshier left Tuesday afternoon for Van Horn to bring the three children and the pick-up home.

B. C. D. DIRECTORS WILL HAVE MEETING TONIGHT

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will hold their regular December meeting this (Thursday) evening, starting at 8 o'clock, in the office in the city hall. All directors who can are urged to attend as some important business and reports are to be considered.

Realizing the rush of Christmas business the meeting will be streamlined as much as possible but President O. L. Huddleston stated it was important that the December meeting be held.

To the victory will belong the soil. Let's keep ours—buy war bonds!

Rev. Gary Hoffius Called as Pastor By Presbyterians

The membership of the First Presbyterian Church in session Sunday morning at the close of the regular worship service, voted to extend a call to Rev. Gary Hoffius, of Itasca, to be pastor of the local church. He was advised of the church's action by telephone Sunday night and accepted, stating that he would be here as soon as possible, and indicated that it would be about January 1, 1944.

Rev. Hoffius was here two weeks ago for two services and remained in Ballinger the first part of the week to look the town over and become acquainted with a large number of people.

The new pastor is a single man and has been serving the church at Itasca for some time.

The Ballinger church has been without a pastor for several months since Rev. J. C. Johnson resigned to enter the navy as a chaplain. Since then the church, considerably damaged by fire early in the year, has been completely remodeled and modernized and was recently opened for the first service. Members of the church have been anxious to secure a pastor and resume regular services in their own church home. During the summer services were held in the high school auditorium.

18,276 WAR RATION BOOKS ISSUED IN THIS COUNTY

To December 1 there had been 18,276 war ration books No. 4 issued in Runnels county, according to the local board. This is less than issued of the No. 2 or No. 1. There were 19,593 No. 2 books and 19,285 No. 1 books issued in the county.

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS

TO: J. S. Bailey, GREETING: You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 6th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4918. The names of the parties in said suit are: Pearl Bailey as Plaintiff, and J. S. Bailey as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff against defendant for judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them and divorcing them from each other and for general relief on the ground that while they lived together, defendant, without just cause, was guilty of cruel treatment, excesses and outrages toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; plaintiff further alleges she and defendant were legally married on August 20, A. D. 1940, and permanently separated on September 12, A. D. 1942, and that no children were born to them; plaintiff further requests that her maiden name of Hatter be restored to her.

Issued this the 6th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal) M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 9-4t

To blitz Berlin, buy war bonds and stamps.

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TO: L. H. Thomas, and the unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, of the said L. H. Thomas, whether living or deceased, and to any and all other persons, having any right, title, interest and claim, in and to the hereinafter described property, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4916. The names of the parties in said suit are: Chester Green and wife Mandy Green as Plaintiffs, and L. H. Thomas, et al as Defendants. The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Suit in trespass to try title in which plaintiffs ask judgment against defendants for title and possession of the following lot, to-wit: Lot 8, Block 12, Woodard

Heights Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas; for \$100.00 damages, for costs and general relief; plaintiffs' petition is in usual form of trespass to try title and alleges chain of title from sovereignty of the soil, and the three, five and ten year statutes of limitations; and that plaintiffs were entitled to possession of said land on 25th day of November, A. D. 1943, and were afterwards on said day dispossessed by defendants.

Issued this the 3rd day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal) M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 9-4t

ABILENE MAN PURCHASES GUIN FARM NEAR HATCHEL

R. C. Harber, of Abilene, father of Oscar Harber, of Ballinger, has closed a deal in which he purchased the Guin farm near Hatchel. A son, R. D. Harber, and family are moving to the place and will operate it in the future.

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WE ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF THE CITY CAFE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

Saturday at 5 a. m.

We have been closed for the past few days making repairs and redecorating the interior to be ready to greet the public at our opening.

FREE— Coffee and Doughnuts

We will serve FREE COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS SATURDAY FROM 5 to 11 a. m. We invite you to be our guest.

We will feature regular dinners, plate lunches and other delicious foods. We will appreciate your patronage and offer you a service that must please every customer.

City Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boen, Managers

Officers were asked to help in locating the trio after a pick-up belonging to Arch Brookshier was stolen the past week-end. Van Horn officers stated that the car had been sold but they would get it for the Ballinger officers.

Sheriff Moreland and Mr. Brookshier left Tuesday afternoon for Van Horn to bring the three children and the pick-up home.

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will hold their regular December meeting this (Thursday) evening, starting at 8 o'clock, in the office in the city hall. All directors who can are urged to attend as some important business and reports are to be considered.

Realizing the rush of Christmas business the meeting will be streamlined as much as possible but President O. L. Huddleston stated it was important that the December meeting be held.

To the victory will belong the soil. Let's keep ours—buy war bonds!

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for using Gas Wisely

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Lone Star Gas Service costs so little. But this is no reason why in these wartime days some thought shouldn't be given to its wise use. By planning, there are many things you can do to eliminate waste and thereby get full benefit from the economy of whole house heating. The eight suggestions below, taken all together, can add up to quite a saving over a period of months. But, more important, they mean the wise use of a fuel which is so important to war industries and the future of Texas.

1. Avoid overheating. Keep the house temperature around 72 degrees.
2. Keep all heating equipment in good operating condition; keep it clean and free from all dust particles.
3. Flame on radiant-type room heaters should not be allowed to lick out top of radiants.
4. If you have a gas heater in your fireplace, seal the flue to the extent that the room heat will not go up the chimney, yet leave sufficient space for venting heater.
5. See that windows and doors lock tightly; if possible they should be weather-stripped.
6. Where unvented equipment is used,

a small opening at the top of the window is recommended to help reduce "wall sweating." Window openings should be no wider than necessary for an ample flow of fresh air, otherwise they become heat wasters.

7. At night when windows are open in bedrooms, shut off rest of house to prevent temperatures from dropping so low that more fuel will be needed to build up warmth during the morning hours.
8. When properly used, insulation can reduce consumption of heating gas 20 to 25 per cent in one-story houses and 15 to 20 per cent in two-story houses of standard type construction. Insulation materials are plentiful.

Vital for Victory

Unity and co-operation are vital for victory. The nation faces the gravest peril. There is a big job to be done. The help of everyone is needed.

In our America we attained the highest degree of civilization that any nation anywhere has ever known. It may be that we did not always appreciate our many blessings, for we have not lived in other times, and most of us have not lived in other lands. Increasing scarcity of many things we have always had may now cause us to value them the more.

Winning the war is not alone a job for the army and navy, but is a gigantic task for all of us. Nothing is more important than to preserve our priceless freedom. One of the first ways to help is to invest in Defense Bonds. Buy them here.

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Want Ads

WANTED—Lady workers. Ballinger Steam Laundry. 7-1f

PERMANENT WAVE, 59c! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afflerbach's Variety Store. 28-10t*

Loans
Don't worry about your farm, ranch or business property payments. I can refinance them. Texas and New Mexico. No loan expenses. Write William H. Bickle, Box 481, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 5-3613. 4-10t*

Income Tax Assistance
A. M. King
Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg. Ballinger 18-1f

WANTED—to buy or trade for your old electric radio and electric iron. Bring cord to Williams Electric Repair Shop, 2102 Orange Street, P. O. Box 475, Abilene. 25-1f

FOR SALE—One Oliver '60' tractor on rubber, nearly new; one saddle mare; 1 yearling colt; two saddles. E. H. Forgy, phone 1341. 25-1f

WANTED FARM—to rent or lease. A. Knoff, route 1, Ballinger. 2-3t*

FOR SALE—Very choice Holstein and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with five heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw, New York. 2-5t

FOR LEASE—My building next door to Sam Behringer Grocery January 1st. W. A. Nance. 9-1f

FOR SALE—Plenty of fryers and shelled pecans. Will have both from now on. M. G. Justice. 9-2t

FOR SALE—Baby beef bronze turkeys. Hens, \$7.50; toms, \$10.00. Erwin Schraeder, Winters route four. 9-4t*

FOR SALE—One 1942 model B John Deere tractor with all equipment and accessories. Everything in A-1 shape. Erwin Schraeder, route 4, Winters. Located 8 1/2 miles north of Winters two miles north of Baldwin school. 9-3t*

WANTED—Reliable person who can drive car to stay with old couple 12 miles north of Ballinger. See or write Alva Berry, route two, Winters, Texas.

Salesmen Wanted
WANTED—Reliable hustler to supply consumers with 200 household necessities. State age, occupation, references. Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-36-Y, Memphis, Tenn. 11-t*

WANTED—Land to break, \$1.50 an acre. Write Box 111. 16-2t*

WANTED—To hear from owner of farm for sale. Address "Farm Wanted," Box 111, Ballinger. 16-1t*-H

FOR RENT—House to rent after January 1. Fred Tappee. 11-t*

FOR SALE—1939 1 1/2 ton Chevrolet truck. Good condition, good rubber. 12-foot grain bed. L. W. Williams, Hatchel. 11-t*

FOR SALE—198-acre farm, 12 miles northwest of Ballinger. See Fred Holliday. 11-1t-H

LOST—Pair of glasses in blue case. Please return to Ledger office. 16-1t

FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, practically new. See Dan Moody at 420 Strong Avenue. 11-t*

FOR SALE—One Petrine model "T" incubator, capacity 1,200, practically new. Priced to sell. Phone 1279. 16-3t

FOR SALE—1935 Ford pick-up, good running condition. Good tires. See Floyd Buckelew, Maverick, Texas. 11-t*

FOR SALE—Girl's bicycle, in good condition. E. M. Eubank, 905 Sixth Street. 16-2t

FOR SALE—Practically new all wool suit, size 38. At Atinipp's Tailor Shop. 16-1t*

WANTED—To buy work mule; also feed mill. L. F. Smith, route two. 16-1t*

FOR SALE—Piano. Bailey Clinic-Hospital. 16-1t

WANTED—To buy electric refrigerator. See Jim Duncan at Bailey Clinic-Hospital. 16-1t*

FOR SALE—Modern six room house. E. L. Morrison at Norton. 16-2t*

FOR SALE—Big passenger airplane (toy), perfect condition. Extra good Xmas present for a boy. Fred Holliday, Jr., phone 587. 16-1t

NOTICE

After this date we will make no more pickups or deliveries

Ballinger Steam Laundry

Telephone 75

Have your Feed threshed and ground with Howard McDorman, near Keesee's Grocery, Winters highway. 16-3t*

FOR SALE—A 17 jeweled Waltham man's wrist watch with leather band and in gold filled case. Slightly used and in excellent running order. Ballinger Variety Store. 16-1t

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J. N. NUTT FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY
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FOR SALE—One five burner, white porcelain Kurgas oil range, practically new. For further information call 1279. 16-3t

FOR SALE—Used windows, 1109 Broadway. 11-t*

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom, private bath. Ladies preferred. Phone 340, 208 Fourth Street. 16-1t*

FOR SALE—Windcharger, radio, 2 batteries, and the wiring for two lights. See Rube Virden. 11-t*

FOR SALE—Kitchen cabinet, practically new. Clarinet slightly used. Mrs. Iden's Rooming House, 111 Eleventh Street. Phone 497. 16-2t*

FOR SALE—Girl's bicycle, excellent condition, good tires. See Mrs. J. C. Beddo. Phone 148. 16-1t

FOR SALE—Log type gas heater. H. J. Zappe. 16-1t

FOR RENT—Room. Phone 1278. 16-1t

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Old, established firm, doing state-wide business needs:

1—Floor leader for retail sales department (will consider man or mature woman not over forty with at least high school education).
1—Clerical worker for accounting department, should be fast and accurate at simple mathematical calculations. Ability to type desirable, but not essential. Preference will be given to young woman with not less than high school education.

1—Mature woman, between 25 and 35 who is good typist, has at least high school education and can supervise work of 4 or 5 other typists in order department. Preference will be given to those having college education or teaching experience.

4—Typists, must be accurate and fast. No shorthand required. Minimum education: high school graduate, preferably some college work. Opportunity for advancement.

Firm needing the above workers is pleasantly located in a medium-sized city that is an educational and cultural center.
No application will be considered from a person now working in a defense industry or in an industry classified as essential.
Apply in writing to Box 111, The Ledger, Ballinger, Texas. 11

OLD CLOTHES CAMPAIGN IN COUNTY CONCLUDED

H. J. Zappe, county salvage chairman, stated Wednesday that the old clothes campaign for refugee assistance has been closed. No more clothes are needed and as soon as those on hand can be cleaned they will be shipped to concentration centers for removal to overseas depots where they will be issued to war victims.

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HICKS READ DIES IN TAYLOR HOSPITAL AFTER ACCIDENT

Hicks Read, 37, well known in this section of West Texas, died in a Taylor hospital Wednesday at 5 a. m. from injuries sustained in a car wreck near Taylor last Friday morning.

A brother, Dorsey Read, of this city, was called to the injured man's bedside the past week-end, and Mrs. Read left here Wednesday morning in response to a message telling of the death.
Decedent was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Read, of Blum, and the three brothers, Dorsey, Karl and Hicks Read, are all known in newspaper circles of West Texas, having been employed for many years on various publications.
Survivors besides the parents and the two brothers mentioned above are two sons, Joe Lynn and Hicks Eugene Read, and his wife. Funeral services will be held this week-end with interment to follow in the Blum cemetery.

OLFEN SCHOOL NEWS

Musical Notes
An hour of enjoyable entertainment was rendered by the music pupils of Olfen school on November 24, at 8 p. m. Satisfaction was expressed by their music-loving audience. Those taking part in the program were: Dorothy Lange, Ethel Halfmann, Emma Jean Halfmann, Marvin Haechten, Alice Halfmann, Dorene Halfmann, Annalee Fuchs, Yvonne Halfmann, Quintin Halfmann, Genevieve Hoelscher, Dolores Lange, and Beatrice Halfmann.

The St. Cecilia Music Club held its regular monthly meeting on December 1, at 8 p. m. Following a brief business session a Christmas party, which had been planned by Dorothy Lange and Annalee Fuchs, provided an evening of fun for all the musicians. Enjoyment, particularly for the younger members, reached its height when Santa arrived in full regalia and distributed gifts to each.

Games were played, and prizes were won by Dolores Lange, Quintin Halfmann, and Yvonne Halfmann.

Chicken and ham sandwiches and hot chocolate were served.

P-T-A Notes

The monthly meeting of the Olfen school P-T-A. was held December 9, at 7:45 p. m., in the school assembly room. Mrs. Theo Halfmann, president, presiding. The prayer was led by the Very Rev. F. M. Kaminsky.

Thirty-one new library books, a donation of the P-T-A. were exhibited during the meeting.
Mr. Hugo Hoffmann won the attendance prize.

After the meeting all went to the community hall where they spent the evening playing games. Each participant contributed to the fund for the lunch room, for which pies and coffee were also sold.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Carrie Alta Mae McKenzie

Mrs. Carrie Alta Mae McKenzie, 57, died at her home on Sealy Avenue Tuesday morning at 9:35

o'clock after illness of 12 months and failing health for the past seven years.

Decedent came to Ballinger in 1937 from Arkansas and made home here ever since.

Survivors besides the husband, R. P. McKenzie, include three sons, T. E. McKenzie, Ballinger; E. O. McKenzie, Arkansas; S. M. McKenzie, Ballinger; three daughters, Mrs. Ione McKnight, Mrs. Eudorena McKnight, Ballinger; Mrs. Evelyn Englike, Novice; three brothers, J. E. Patton, Ballinger; Leonard Patton, Grand Falls; Clifford Patton, Ballinger; three sisters, Mrs. Zeffie Harris, Mrs. Minnie Phillips, Ballinger; and Mrs. Annie Thomas, Freeport; and 21 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Church of God Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. T. N. Minix, Jr., officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Pallbearers were E. C. Grindstaff, W. O. Middleton, Oscar Batts, Mead McShan, Mr. Allen, and Carlton Kitchens.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Angelita Mordez Gonzales

Mrs. Angelita Mordez Gonzales, 22, died at San Angelo Saturday after illness of only ten days. She was a member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include the husband, parents, three brothers and four sisters.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. Edward B. Postert officiating. Interment fol-

lowed in the Mexican Catholic cemetery.
Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Adolph Hartmann

Adolph Hartmann, 47, died Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the San Angelo Clinic-Hospital one hour after he had been admitted.

Decedent had resided at Lowake since 1901, moving to that community from Taylor. He had served four years on the Lowake school board and at the time of his death was community chairman for the AAA. A veteran of the first World War, he served with company B, 308th Infantry, 77th division. He spent six months in France in combat duty. For a number of years he had been a member of the Pat Williams Post of the American Legion in Ballinger and was a regular attendant at meetings.

Survivors besides the wife include two daughters, Helen Marie and Kay Francis, San Angelo; three

brothers, Otto and Henry Hartmann, Taylor; Robert Hartmann, Lowake; two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Fryer, Orange Grove; Mrs. Ida Sweldon, San Antonio.

A prayer service was held at the Killough-Davis chapel this afternoon at 1 o'clock and funeral rites were conducted at Zoar Evangelical Reformed Church in Rowena, Rev. Frank Lemmert officiating. Interment followed in a Rowena cemetery. Members of the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, were in charge at the cemetery.

Pallbearers were Alfons Kriegel, Otto Jeschke, Horace Murphy, Albert Schlake, Walter Schuhmann, Fritz Backhaus.

Killough-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Low Prices Every Day

Grocery Values

White Figs	12-Oz. Pkg.	18¢
Kraut Juice	Hamlets 12-Oz. Can	10¢
Oats	Morning Glory Quick or Regular 20-Oz. Pkg.	9¢
La Fiera GRAPEFRUIT JUICE		
2 No. 2 Cans 23¢		
Not Refused		
Wheaties	Breakfast of Champions 8-Oz. Pkg.	11¢
Post Toasties	11-Oz. Pkg.	9¢
Ivory Soap	Large Bar	10¢
Ivory Soap	Med. Bar	6¢
Ivory Snow	12 1/2-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Oxydol	Granulated Soap 9-Oz. Pkg.	10¢
Toilet Tissue	3 Rolls	13¢
Simonize	Assorted Shades, Wax 4-Oz. Can	45¢

Clicquot Club GINGER ALE
Sparkling Water and White Soda
2 Quart Bottles 25¢ Plus Deposit

Safeway Quality Meats

Veal Steak	Irish	Lb.	38¢	Points Per Lb.	7
Veal Roast	Shoulder	Lb.	25¢	Points Per Lb.	5
Beef Roast	Grade A	Lb.	25¢	Points Per Lb.	7
Jowls	Smoked, Fine for Sausages	Lb.	19¢	Points Per Lb.	2
Salt Pork	No. 1 Clear	Lb.	21¢	Points Per Lb.	3
Pork Sausage	Grade AA-2 Cloth Bags	Lb.	35¢	Points Per Lb.	5

Cured HAMS
Butt End Lb. 34¢
6 Points Per Lb.

Cured Hams
Shank End Lb. 33¢
Corer Slices Lb. 49¢
Points Per Lb. 4, 9

Sliced Bacon Grade A Lb. 41¢
Points Per Lb. 5

PICNICS Wilson's Certified Lb. 29¢
3 Points Per Lb.

Slab Bacon Half or Whole Grade A Lb. 32¢
4 Points Per Lb.

Holiday Values

Pumpkin	Libby's (15 Green Points)	No. 2 1/2 Can	15¢
Corn Meal	Mammy Lou	5-Lb. Bag	27¢
Chocolate	Bakers For Baking	1/2-Lb. Pkg.	17¢

Bread Julia Lee Wright's (Unleavened-Defatted) 1 1/2-Lb. Loaf 10¢

Your Favorite COFFEE

AIRWAY	Mellow Flavor	1-Lb. Bag	21¢
EDWARDS	Full Strength	1-Lb. Bag	25¢

Coffee Hub Hill Quality 1-Lb. Bag 23¢
Coffee Admiration Fine Quality 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
Coffee Palmer's Fine Quality 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢
Coffee Chase & Searns 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢

Cherub MILK
3 Tall Cans 26¢
BORDENS MILK
Tall Can 9¢
1 Brown Point Per Can

Grapefruit Texas Seedless Lb. 5¢
Oranges Florida July Lb. 8¢

Delicious, Winesap and Rome Beauty APPLES
Lb. 11¢

Tangerines Texas July Lb. 10¢
Brussels Sprouts Lb. 21¢
Avocados Nutritional 24 Size Each 15¢
Cranberries Fresh Red Lb. 33¢

California Crisp PASCAL CELERY
Pound 12¢

Texas Yams No. 1 Kiln Dried Lb. 10¢
Rutabagas Fancy Waxed Lb. 5¢

No. 1 Colorado Rural POTATOES
10 Pounds 39¢

Grocery Values

Flour	Kitchen Craft Enriched	10-Lb. Bag	52¢
Flour	Harvest Blossom	24-Lb. Bag	1.00
Flour	Gold Medal Fine Quality	10-Lb. Bag	60¢
Flour	Gold Medal	25-Lb. Bag	1.32
Flour	Suzanne Pascoke	20-Oz. Pkg.	7¢
Crackers	N.B.C. Premium	1-Lb. Pkg.	19¢

Christmas Trees
Ea. 39¢ AND UP

SAFEWAY