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\$40,000 Fire Destroys Grocery-Market Here

One of the worst fires in the history of Ballinger occurred here early Wednesday morning when the Sam Behringer & Co. Grocery and the Weldon Howell Market, both in the same building, were almost completely destroyed. The fire, discovered about 3:30 a. m., quickly spread through the large building and it was soon apparent nothing could be saved, and only efficient work of the local firemen kept the flames from spreading to adjoining buildings.

All day Wednesday the firemen continued to fight the flames and did not completely extinguish the fire until Wednesday night.

It was estimated this morning that the loss was approximately \$40,000. This includes the grocery stock, building, fixtures and market stock. Insurance adjusters arrived Wednesday and one man was named to be in charge of all adjustments. Removal of the stock to be salvaged began today and it will be moved into the W. A. Nance building where it will later be sold in a fire sale. Mr. Behringer stated this morning that it would require considerable time to do this work and make arrangements with the OPA for selling salvaged rationed items.

The cause of the fire has not been determined but early arrivals said there was a blaze in the rear of the building first.

In addition to the regular food and meat market businesses, the grocery store operated several large refrigerated vaults where produce was kept. These as well as other fixtures were a complete loss.

Messrs. Behringer and Howell stated today that they had made no plans for the future. Mr. Behringer indicated that it would be practically impossible to rebuild until after the war. He added that he had received word from many jobbers offering to sell him merchandise and also from other stores offering to sell fixtures.

As soon as insurance adjustments are made and the operators have time to make plans a more definite statement will be made regarding operations.

Suspect Jailed Here For Robbery of Local Stores in October, '37

Sheriff Lee Moreland disclosed Wednesday that S. M. Hedges was in the Runnels county jail, being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond in three cases, alleging robbery committed here in 1937.

In October, 1937, a man entered the Kirk & Mack Hardware Co. and the C. C. Davis Co. stores and stole quantities of merchandise. Entrance to the buildings was gained through the skylights and letting down on a rope. C. R. Roberson, then night watchman here, detected the robber at work in the alley and a running fight occurred in which the robber fired at Roberson in the alley back of the West Texas Utilities Co. He was later caught and made bond. He jumped bond and was never brought to trial. Since then officers of this county have been on the alert for the alleged robber.

Hedges was arrested at Midland Friday afternoon and was brought to Ballinger Saturday morning by Sgt. E. J. Browning of the state patrol.

Bond was set Monday but has not been made to date.

POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE GAIN CONSIDERABLY IN '43

Receipts at the Ballinger post-office gained approximately \$1,000 per quarter in 1943 over 1942, and the grand total for the year just ended was \$36,909.60.

The first quarter of 1943 was the only one which failed to make a gain. A comparison by quarters for the past two years follows:

1st quarter	\$8,013.66	\$7,818.74
2nd quarter	7,274.73	8,823.92
3rd quarter	7,136.09	8,895.67
4th quarter	9,721.54	11,361.27
Total	\$32,146.02	\$36,909.60

Army Asks Campaign Be Conducted Against Rats

The army has requested that a rat extermination campaign be conducted in Ballinger and the Ballinger Board of Community Development will have a survey made here next week and that to be followed by an expert from A. M. College coming here to prepare poison and put out the baits in downtown stores.

Inspections made by army officers disclose that there are many rodents in the business district and they have asked that steps be taken to kill these pests and thereby eliminate disease hazards.

J. A. Killough, secretary-manager of the B. C. D., stated Tuesday that managers of all local stores would be called on next week and given an opportunity to sign up for poison and the services of the rodent specialist. There will be a charge of 75 cents for the poison and service and every business house in the city is expected to cooperate whether there are rats on their premises or not. A list will be kept of firms which do not sign up to join the campaign.

The campaign is primarily in the downtown business district, home-owners may participate if they desire. Announcement is to be made when the poison will be mixed and home-owners may come to the city hall that day and get baits at the same cost as for the business houses.

Statement from City Health Officer

"As your city health officer I would like to urge every business house and resident of Ballinger to cooperate with the rat eradication program now being sponsored by the Ballinger Board of Community Development.

"The military authorities have asked that this campaign be put on that we might get rid of the rats that we now have. There are not a lot of rats, but I feel that a war against the few we have will rid the town of them almost completely. We have already had a few cases of typhus fever and by staging a rat eradication campaign we may not be bothered with that disease further.

"Dr. J. W. Macune, City Health Officer."

CHAIRMAN APPOINTED FOR BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. M. A. Wheelon has been appointed chairman of the activities for the President's Birthday observance and with others will outline a program here for the last of this month. The proceeds go to the Crippled Children's Association and to fight infantile paralysis.

The "march of dimes" is one phase of the observance and it is probable that a number of birthday balls will be held in the city on Saturday, January 29.

Mrs. Wheelon will have further announcements on this observance in the near future.

Made homeless by a 1940 raid on Coventry, England, Mr. and Mrs. M. Phillips have spent more than 1,000 nights in an air-raid shelter.

Three Brothers Serving Country



Pfc. Milton Owens



Frits Owens



Pvt. Thomas Owens

Ballinger Officer's Heroism in Battle Wins Silver Star

Word was received here several weeks ago that Captain Price Middleton had been awarded the silver star, the army's third highest award, for action in Italy. It was not until this week that the action responsible for this award was learned here.

A copy of the citation was received from the public relations bureau of the war department, and is as follows:

"With the Fifth Army, Italy—Captain Joseph T. Middleton of Ballinger, Texas, has been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action during the Fifth Army invasion of Italy.

"Captain Middleton, who serves with the 36th infantry division, received the award for outstanding service on September 12, 1943, in the vicinity of Altavilla, Italy. Middleton's company was dug in on a hill northeast of the town. The captain ordered his company to withdraw and go to the assistance of the company on his right flank.

"At this time, his company was under heavy enemy small arms, mortar and artillery fire. As his company left its position and was withdrawing down the hill, German infantry rushed into their vacated position and attacked them from the rear.

"Perceiving the possibility of encirclement of the battalion by this force, Captain Middleton reversed his whole company, ran to the front of his men and led them through severe small arms fire to the top of the hill, retaking the position.

"With this maneuver, the enemy was driven from the hill to the next ridge, freeing the company so that it could proceed to the aid of the company on its right."

"Throughout the entire attack," the citation said, "Captain Middleton moved among his platoons through lines of heavy fire, giving orders as to the hostile positions and reorganizing his company for further effort. His quick thinking and outstanding leadership prevented the encirclement of the battalion by the enemy and removed a serious menace to our troops."

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Ernest Carter, machinist's mate 2c, 14th U. S. N. C. B., has been here for a visit with his mother, Mrs. E. C. Carter, and his wife, Carter left Ballinger on June 1, 1942, and was on active duty fifteen months. He saw service at a number of points in the South Pacific, including New Caledonia and Guadalcanal. Carter was a member of the local Texas Defense Guard company before leaving Ballinger and assisted in the organization and early training of that group.

Staff Sergeant Roman A. Multer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Multer, was at home recently on a ten-day furlough to visit his parents, other relatives, and friends. He is in the ordnance corps at Camp Iron Mountain, California.

During December fourteen 16-year-old boys registered at the office of the Runnels county draft board. These youths registered on the day they became 18 and are subject to induction through regular channels at once. The first named below has volunteered for induction and will be sent on the next call. The complete list follows:

2 NEW MEMBERS NAMED TO LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

The Runnels county draft board is beginning the year with two new members. The appointments of W. B. May and W. E. Middleton have been announced and they have assumed the duties, to serve with O. C. Sykes, already a board member.

The two new members are succeeding M. L. Northington, who recently resigned, and Paul Trimler, who is retiring on account of his health. Both new members were interviewed some time ago and agreed to serve. They have been officially appointed by the governor and for the next several weeks will have much to do as new calls for men from this county will be large and quotas are behind.

Both the new members have sons in the service overseas.

BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE TO OPEN HERE ON JANUARY 11

The following schedule has been announced, with the local games to be played in the high school gymnasium at night:

January 11, San Angelo, here
 January 14, Paint Rock, here
 January 18, Mozelle, here
 January 21, San Angelo, there
 January 25, open
 January 28, Mozelle, there
 February 1, Lakeview, here
 February 4, Paint Rock, here
 February 8, Lakeview, there.

This schedule will take the Bearcats up to the district tournament to be played here on February 12, at which time the district 8A champion will be decided.

Dr. W. H. Bruce, Noted Educator, Dies in Alabama

Dr. W. H. Bruce, 87, eminent Texas pioneer educator, formerly president of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, and North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, died last Thursday at Opelika, Alabama, where he was visiting a son and daughter.

Dr. Bruce was a brother of R. W. Bruce, of Ballinger, and was known here by a large number of people. R. W. Bruce was unable to attend the funeral of his brother, held at Opelika last Sunday, at the residence of his daughter.

Decedent was internationally known as a mathematician and was the author of several books used for years in public schools of the Southwest. He was a member of honorary fraternities and was listed in Who's Who in America, Who's Who Among North American Authors, Who's Who in American Education, Who's Who in Texas Writers Today and Leaders of Education in America, and in American Men of Science.

He had a long and successful teaching career, starting in Milltown, Alabama, and did his first teaching in Texas at Blanco in 1884. He was an ex-president of the Texas State Teachers' Association, member of the National Educational Association, Alpha Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Chi, Delta Phi, the Placid Club of Dallas, the Forum Club, Kiwanis, American Association of Teachers, Colleges, Texas Academy of Science, Masons, and Baptist Church.

Winters, Ballinger Legion Posts Hold Joint Meeting Here

A joint meeting of the Winters and Ballinger posts of the American Legion was held at the city hall here Tuesday night. Nineteen members of the Roy Scroggins post of Winters came here in a bus to attend the meeting and the veterans were in session for more than two hours.

Post Commander Ollie Floyd opened the meeting and a small amount of business was transacted before the open forum was held. In the business session it was decided to start raising money by every possible means to be put in a building fund. As this money is accumulated it will be invested in war bonds and held until after the war, at which time an American Legion home is to be built as a memorial to the men now serving in the second World War. A beginning has already been made and the local Auxiliary contributed a \$25 bond at the meeting. A building committee composed of Tom Agnew, J. E. Smith and Tom Caudie was appointed.

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E. L. Shaffer, commander of the Winters post, took the chair and conducted an open discussion of the progress of the war and matters dealing with strikes in war industry were discussed from the floor. It was voted that a letter from the two posts be sent to Congressman O. C. Fisher in regard to his support of impending legislation on this matter.

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County's 4th Loan Quota Announced at \$923,000

All Knitting Due Here January 15; Afghan Finished

Knitters are turning in garments fast and a shipment will soon be ready to leave here. Date for completion of the present quota is January 15 and indications are that all garments will be finished then.

In this shipment will be an afghan made of 6-inch blocks pieced together to make the dimensions 4 by 6 feet. The blocks were knitted by many individuals and were then put together by Mrs. Cora Green, who also crocheted on an edge. A large number of the blocks were made by Ballinger Girl Scouts.

Supervisors state that this is the easiest kind of knitting and urge everyone to rip up old garments and reknit them into blocks. The afghan just completed will be sent to McCloskey general hospital at Temple for soldier patients.

All those who have not completed garments for the present quota are urged to do so at once and turn them in by January 15. Finished garments were turned in this week by: Mmes. C. D. Mills, A. S. Love, Hugh Parrish, L. B. Rudder, L. W. Faris, C. J. Lynn, Warren Lynn, Troy Simpson, E. S. Malone, Drury P. Hathaway, Victor Miller, R. M. Lowry, C. W. Jennings, E. C. Caskey, Arthur Doose, E. C. Tinsley, H. G. Agnew, Ralph Vancil, F. M. Hale, W. E. Middleton, Wilson Middleton, W. O. Middleton, Ed Sommer, J. F. Currie, Misses Carmen Demmer, Juanita Faris, Marryatt Smith, Lola Eubank, Myra Tankersley.

January 18 is the date set for beginning the fourth war loan drive and Runnels countians will have to dig down and purchase to the tune of \$923,000. This is less than the county was asked for in the third war loan drive when the county's quota was \$1,149,000. The fourth war loan calls for the purchase of more series E bonds however, and individuals will have to buy \$477,000 in that type of bond. Series E are sold to individuals for \$18.75, \$37.50 and \$75, and no individual can purchase more than \$5,000.

Chairman W. J. Hembree stated that the county quota would be broken down at once into community quotas and work would be started, with all January sales counting on the fourth war loan campaign. While the quota is a little less than for the fall drive it is expected to be equally as difficult to raise as it comes at a time when citizens are paying taxes and other expenses incident to the first of the new year.

The county has been thoroughly organized and workers named to carry on promotion and sales work. Those in charge of the campaign hope to complete the job by February 1 and report over the top by that date. Mr. Hembree pointed out that our fighting men were scoring smashing victories on every battlefield and that the home front should come through quickly with the money asked for in the sale of bonds.

In Ballinger bonds will be issued at the two banks and at the local postoffice. Those who wish to start making investments in these freedom securities now are asked to buy at once at any of the issuing stations.

BOY SCOUT REVIEW BOARD TO MEET HERE JANUARY 13

A district board of review for all Boy Scouts of the district will be held here January 13. All boys due promotion are expected to be here for the meeting at which they will receive advancement certification.

4 International Speakers On Rotary Institute Here

For the first time in history, the Ballinger Rotary Club will bring to this city the Institute of International Understanding in which four of the top ranking speakers of the nation will appear here to talk on assigned subjects. In past years Ballinger Rotarians have visited other cities to hear institute speakers but desiring to do something for their home town that have bought the appearance of the institute and will bring it here.

A plan will be announced within a few days in which tickets will be issued by the club to those desiring to attend. All attending will be required to hold tickets, but the tickets will be complimentary to the local citizens from the club. Enough tickets will be issued for each performance to fill the auditorium.

Speakers for the four dates will give two talks in Ballinger, probably appearing before school children here in the daytime and the general public at night.

The general theme of the entire institute is "Contributors to a New World Order."

The first speaker will be Dr. Samuel Guy Inman, of Bronxville, New York, who will appear here on Tuesday, February 1. His subject will be "The Americas as Contributors."

The second speaker, Dr. Yo-Yong

Pack, of Kirksville, Missouri, will be here on Tuesday, February 15. Dr. Pack is a nationally known Chinese and his subject will be "Oriental Nations as Contributors."

The third speaker, to appear on Tuesday, February 29, is Simon M. Davidson, of Luna, Ohio. His subject is of particular interest at this time, "The Russian Republic as a Contributor."

The concluding speaker is Lt.-Col. E. F. Lascales, of London, who will discuss "The British Commonwealth as a Contributor." The engagement is for Tuesday, March 21.

A more complete announcement which will include pictures of the speakers, short sketches of their lives, and their qualifications to discuss the assigned subjects, will be published later.

Wilbur Redwine, formerly of Ballinger, is co-editor of the Little Rock (Arkansas) high school paper and has written many poems that have been published. His poem was winner in a contest for the school song.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Schnable and Mrs. Lee Ison and son, of Shawnee, Oklahoma, have returned home after a Christmas visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable.

DR. J. E. SMITH
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Home Demonstration Agent's Report Shows Much Accomplished in 1943

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, has completed one of her most active years since she has been with the extension service. Due to the war and the new activities taken over by the extension service in which agents have been given responsibility for in their areas, the work has been much harder than in the past and accomplishments in Runnels county have been gratifying, revealing the degree of cooperation given by rural citizens in the war effort.

During 1943 Miss Tankersley held 183 adult meetings, 126 club meetings, spent 65 days on office work and 224 days in the field. She made 745 home visits, 473 to clubs, received 266 phone calls, issued 2,119 bulletins, gave 102 method demonstrations at 104 club meetings.

The county home demonstration club council expanded its work by giving demonstrations in unorganized communities and in this way many more were touched by the extension service and much valuable information passed on to rural families.

All the clubs are well organized and have representation on the county council. Marketing was one of the subjects given much attention during the year. Several club members conducted sales of dressed fryers during the year and more attention is to be given sales in 1944. Information was given on selling fresh vegetables, how to grade, how to bunch, etc. Two women operated a home-makers' market and are still selling individually from their places.

Home management was taught in demonstrations during the year to give up-to-date information on this subject to club members and others. Ninety-six women in the county report taking additional jobs such as riding tractors, mend-

ing fences, helping with stock and other heavy work which has helped during the labor shortage. Those taking this course have assisted others in a better understanding of rationing, inflation, income taxes and many other problems.

Home improvement came in for much attention among the clubs. Forty-seven rooms were improved, upholstery was done in many homes which resulted in saving much furniture, more storage space was provided, and various other work along this line was done. Miss Tankersley gave a number of upholstery demonstrations so that everyone could see and learn first hand how to do the work. Repairing of springs was also taught. Making of furniture from barrels, boxes and other materials was given in demonstrations. Reseating of chairs with Hongkong grass was taught.

The clothing demonstration was one of the most active during the past year and many women in the county did sewing which replenished their wardrobes. This work included everything from suits and heavy coats to hats. Women made more than 800 garments and 4-H club girls over 1,000. Eighteen sewing machine clinics were held and 86 machines were cleaned and put in good operating condition. Club women helped in the Red Cross production program during the year.

The agricultural victory council, comprised of a man and a woman from each of the 46 communities of the county, assisted in the explanation of rationing, aided in the scrap campaigns, assisted in selling war bonds, helped with the labor program, and fought against food waste.

Perhaps the most extensive report was from the home food production program. All women and girls aided in producing more food for war and reports were excellent. Much assistance has been given outside of organized clubs in the preparation of and planting of gardens. Especially was this true in towns where victory gardens were planted early last spring.

Women and girls sold more than 120,000 dozen eggs and consumed 26,372 dozen at home. Other tabulations of interest in this division were:

1,837 spring gardens	309 fall gardens	957 fruit trees, vines and bushes planted	215 cuttings rooted
15,445 quarts vegetables canned	251 quarts vegetables brined	1,179 quarts of meat canned	13,640 pounds of meat stored
3,908 quarts of fruit canned	35,415 pounds of milk sold	15,148 pounds of cream sold	4,194 pounds of butter sold
5,913 quarts of vegetables canned	5,916 pounds of vegetables brined	1,830 quarts of meat canned	68,704 pounds of meat stored
4,687 quarts of fruit canned	246 pounds of fruit dried		

PAYMENT FOR COFFEE IS BRAZILIAN PROBLEM

RIO DE JANEIRO, January 5.—With Europe practically stripped of coffee and needing many million bags at war's end, Brazilian authorities are puzzled to know how these vast shipments are to be financed. It is realized how improbable it is that Nazi-occupied countries will have financial resources to handle the enormous transactions involved. The necessity of taking early steps to find the solution for the problem is everywhere urged. In the first place, adequate transport must be provided, but with the surplus shipping in sight as soon as the hostilities cease, this will not be the main problem.

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*See directions on label

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Marriage Licenses Issued 32 Couples Here in December

County Clerk John B. Rayburn issued a total of thirty-two marriage licenses during December. While the average was about one issuance a day, rushes were experienced on week-ends and during the Christmas holidays. The following couples were issued the coveted permits:

William Teal Cochran and Mrs. Mary Sue Cochran
Eldon Mack Williams and Miss Mae Esther Albright
Joseph Ralph Minor and Miss Dorothy Faye Guy
Arthur Joe Dean and Miss Ludie Katherine Compton
Joe A. Nitch and Miss Lucy Hard

Alvin L. Curbo and Miss Bunna Belle Berry
James Carroll Harrell and Miss Toni LaVerne Will
Herschell A. Anderson and Miss Loyce Aleen Lindley
Ysaioz Pena and Miss Carmen Medrano
Ralph Weldon Young and Miss Hazel Dale Sheppard
Frank Garcia and Mrs. Maria Baladez

Adolph Marquero and Miss Augustina Chavez
Bob B. Bledsoe and Mrs. Jessie Johnson
Louis Silvos Anesia and Miss Rita Lara
Dwight Gordon Olson and Miss Velma Leone Bodine
Jim Davis Fenwick and Miss Lucille Horton

T. F. Hicks and Miss Rebecca Blankenship
Dean Burton McClatchey and Miss Maxine Deone Giefer
James A. Cheatham and Miss Thelma Blessing
Phillip Enoch Teague and Miss Willie Ruth Bohlman
Arthur Marlin Humble and Miss Allie Alfleta Smith
Everett M. Oranage and Miss Marie Louise Jonas
Merle Wilbur Harrington and Miss Betty Marie Papura
Clyde Thomas Sanders and Miss Agnes Louise Lewis

Raphael Eugene Kuka and Miss Mary Ellen Dunning
James J. Morrison and Miss Earlene Joyce Cox
Arnold Rudolph Malish and Miss Virginia Harville
Bryan Edward Gruber and Miss Louise Younkman
Steve Malina and Miss Marjorie Coleman
Irvin Stokes and Miss Patsy Smith
Edward Otto Halfmann and Miss Della Marie Urbanek
C. C. Coleman and Miss Lona Allen Green

Back the attack by upping your payroll savings your very next payday. Measure your savings by your new higher income.

STATEMENT of Condition

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

December 31, 1943

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 328,134.93
Overdrafts	452.21
Banking House	27,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,900.00
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 592,000.00
Bonds and Warrants	154,017.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	59,398.87
U. S. Defense Stamps	100.00
Bills of Exchange	68,822.25
CASH AND EXCHANGE	1,162,883.82
	2,037,022.24
LIABILITIES	\$2,460,009.38
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	72,553.90
Reserve for Taxes	2,839.31
Reserve for F. D. I. C. Assessments	900.00
Dividend No. 104	4,000.00
DEPOSITS	2,379,716.17
	\$2,460,009.38

We carry no state, county nor municipal interest bearing deposits.

We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.

Ancient and Modern Locomotion in Italy



Italian peasants with their bullock cart present a strange contrast to the lightning-fast, streamlined fighter planes of the Royal Air force at an air field near Naples. The bullock team was loaned by a local farmer to clear the field for use by the RAF. This is a typical example of the cooperation Italian and Sicilian peasants have given the Allied armies as our forces steadily move northward toward Rome and Berlin despite desperate German resistance.



Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Sunday, January 9:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:00 p. m., evening service.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

First Christian Church (Broadway and Murrell)

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

Eighth Street Church of Christ

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:45 a. m., preaching service.
11:45 a. m., communion service.
6:15 p. m., young people's meeting.
7:00 p. m., evening worship.
Monday:
4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class.
Wednesday:
7:00 p. m., prayer meeting service.
"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

First Baptist Church (400 Eighth Street)

Sunday, January 9:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Organized classes for all ages.
11 a. m., public worship and sermon by the pastor, "Why I am a Christian."
5 p. m., cadet fellowship.
6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. A place for every member of the family.
7:30 p. m., sermon by the pastor, the second sermon of the Sunday night series on "The Symbolic Representation of God in the Bible." Subject this Sunday night, "The Eyes of God."
ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday:
The Woman's Missionary Society with the Sunbeam Band, Royal Ambassadors and Young Woman's Auxiliary meet.

Tuesday:
The junior and intermediate Auxiliaries according to schedule.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., mid-week services conducted by the pastor.
The public is invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena

Church school, 10:15 a. m.
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.
FRANK W. LAMBERT, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene (Ninth and Harris)

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 7:15 p. m.
Evening worship, 8:15 p. m.
E. M. WALKER, Pastor

Church of Christ (1100 Ninth Street)

Services:
Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.
Friday, 8:00 p. m.
Always welcome.

First Methodist Church

Sunday, January 9:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Vesper service, 5 p. m.
Cadet fellowship hour, 6:00 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship in all these services.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

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"Jesus, a Man of Prayer."
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
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Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor
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Sermon, 11 a. m.

Sermon, 8 p. m. Wednesday:

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Young people's service, 7:00 p. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 p. m.
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Eddy, Susanna Foster and Rains Co-Stars of 'Phantom of Opera'

"Phantom of the Opera" comes to the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 8, 9, 10, 11. The long-anticipated production, heralded as Hollywood's super thrill classic, is said to have been filmed on a lavish scale and is listed as one of the year's outstanding movie projects. Photographed in technicolor and featuring a cast of thousands, the picture attracted record-breaking crowds at its premiere showings. It looms as one of the most successful attractions yet made by Universal studios.

Nelson Eddy, Susanna Foster and Claude Rains are co-stars. Distinguished players in the supporting cast include Edgar Barrier, Leo Carrillo, Jane Farrar, Fritz Feld, J. Edward Bromberg, and Hume Cronyn.

The Gaston Leroux play, on which the story is based, is regarded as an extraordinary screen material, combining as it does romance, mystery, music and an element of dramatic terror unique in literature. The magnificent Paris Opera, complete in every ornate detail, was reproduced by Universal for the film and serves as a background for the spectacular melodramatic sequences.

Eddy and Miss Foster appear as opera singers and Rains has the title role of the "Phantom," the frustrated, disfigured musician, a terrifying monster shrouded in mystery who haunts the giant edifice.

AFRICAN HENS ON STRIKE BECAUSE OF NEW DIET

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Jan. 5.—Egg prices are soaring and South African hens are on strike because of a new diet. The egg-production slump followed the shift in hen diet from mealies to mash. Poultrymen are shaking their heads and predicting the hen strike will continue until mealies again are available regularly on the chicken menu.

Fisher Discusses Progress of War At Rotary Meeting

Congressman O. C. Fisher, at his home in San Angelo for the holidays, was guest speaker at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday and brought a brief off-the-record discussion of the progress of the war and insight of what to expect in the future. Mr. Fisher will return to Washington within the next few days to resume his work.

The congressman only spoke of matters which have been in the newspapers recently but enlarged to some extent on their scope. He pointed to the progress already made in every phase of the war and spoke bluntly of the coming invasion of fortress Europe and the cost it would require.

Praising the U. S. air force which recently put 1,500 planes into a single flight over Germany, he stated that it was just now reaching its peak and that within a few months it would double or increase even more. This is caused by the fact that it requires from 22 to 24 months to prepare a combat flier and the United States air force is just reaching the point where it will be augmented by thousands of fliers.

The speaker struck a pessimistic note in referring to the strength of the German army, its ability to produce in the face of constant bombings and warned his hearers not to become too optimistic in regard to the war. He praised Texans for their fine record in combat and said while every American deserved the same praise, we of Texas are filled with pride at the achievements of our native sons.

Picturing the progress in the Pacific, he added that General MacArthur expected to go back into the Philippines this year on his way to Tokyo.

Mr. Fisher was in Ballinger Tuesday to make up his Rotary attendance and was asked to speak after he arrived here.

LOST CHILDREN ARE BEING RETURNED HOME IN RUSSIA

LENINGRAD, Jan. 5.—Russia is finding her lost children and restoring them to their families. In long-beleaguered Leningrad, behind blackout curtains and within sound of shellfire, a man in a blue militia suit sits at a table going through endless heaps of papers. He is looking for the names of lost children, and sooner or later will find most of the little ones. These little ones were separated by war from fathers who went to the front and then from mothers who were working in Leningrad war factories which were hastily transported eastward by plane as the Nazi invaders approached. After that the children were evacuated in huge numbers. In this way families have been scattered from the Ukraine to Siberia. As the Nazis are rolled back thousands of other children are found and given back to their parents.

Mrs. Allen B. Dorsey and sister, Mrs. Florence Thomas, and Mrs. Hazel Free and daughter, Patricia, of Springfield, Ill., visited here recently with Sgt. Dorsey and his mother, Mrs. J. B. Dorsey, of Ballinger route two. Miss Mary Dorsey, formerly employed in governmental work at Fort Worth, accompanied them back to Springfield and will work in Peoria, Ill.

Yankee Jokes Found Even on Tarawa



Even the bloody battle of Tarawa could not kill the American soldier's capacity for wit. One of the signs in this picture reads: "Dead Jap or more. Please don't disturb." Marines sitting in front of signal headquarters are (left) Private P. B. Gibson, 19, Tucson, Ariz., and Sergt. Jack David, 28, Chicago, Ill.

Epic Romance, 'Union Pacific' Is Retold by Cecil B. DeMille

The sweeping drama of the building of the nation's first transcontinental railroad and the linking of two oceans is brought to the screen by that master of spectacle and romance, Cecil B. DeMille, in his epic production, "Union Pacific." The picture, a thrilling story of human titans who clamped a continent together with bands of steel, is to be shown at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. On the same bill are several short subjects.

"Union Pacific's" two stars are Barbara Stanwyck and Joel McCrea, giving the outstanding performances of their careers. Miss Stanwyck, in a role different from any she has previously played, is Mollie Monahan, a lusty girl of the frontier, daughter of the U. S. P.'s first engineer, postmistress of "end of the track," and little sister of the men building the railroad. McCrea plays Jeff Butler, the sturdy and handsome trouble-shooter, whom the Washington government sends out to quell disturbances.

A strong supporting role is portrayed by Brian Donlevy, as a frontier gambler, in his usual robust style.

Jeff and Mollie meet in the gaudy, lawless settlement called "end of track," at a time when the intrigues of a frontier sharper, Sid Campeau, played by Donlevy, and his smooth lieutenant, Dick Allen, played by Robert Preston, threaten to halt the building of the road. The men are playing the game of a Chicago financier who wants to stop the construction, sell "U. P." stock short and make a big profit on the transaction. Mollie finds herself uncomfortably in the middle since Dick, one of her oldest friends, also loves her.

Although Jeff's spectacular feats cause her to fall in love with him, Mollie is unable to let Dick down. When Dick is suspected of helping hold up the pay train, she saves him by marrying him. Later unexpected events dissolve the meaningless marriage.

"Union Pacific" carries the great DeMille tradition with credit.

In cooperation with U. S. geological survey specialists, the University of Texas bureau of economic geology is making intensive studies of the Elenberg group of formations in Texas, with a view to aiding exploration for deep oil to run the nation's war machine.

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James Cagney in Typical Action Offering, 'Johnny Come Lately'

In "Johnny Come Lately," the attraction at the Texas Theatre in preview Saturday midnight, also Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, January 9, 10, 11, James Cagney is back fighting a slam bang crusade. With fists, sharp wit, and a full portion of dramatic suspense, he returns as a battling itinerant reporter in this first offering of the new company formed with his brother, William, as producer, to release through United Artists.

It is a performance piece. Cagney, Grace George, in the first screen appearance of a long stage career, some uproarious facsimiles of the Keystone cops, and the entire supporting cast make the production memorable. There is a combination of action, sentiment and humor at that happy midpoint where both the patrons and critics register delight.

Miss George is Vinnie McLeod, editor and a fighting pioneer woman who will be damned if she'll let the town's political machine smash along unopposed. Marjorie Main contributes a full store of the laughs. Marjorie Lord is Miss George's niece, and Bill Henry is the politician's son, this pair furthering the romantic phase of the story. Hattie Mc-

Daniel, George Cleveland and Margaret Hamilton stand out in supporting parts. "Johnny Come Lately" should stir the Cagney rooters, provoke some audience discussion for and against, and provide interesting entertainment for a good segment of the populace.

FORTUNE COMING TO MILAN GIRL AT END OF HOSTILITIES

LONDON, Jan. 5.—When the war ends in a treaty between Great Britain and Italy riches will come to Sylvia Galeotti Pausini, of Milan. She was willed control of \$372,375 by her aunt, Miss Lillian Heywood, of Prestwich, England. It is known that the niece was living in Milan at least until the RAF blitzed it. Because of a clause in the will, however, she was not able to exercise her power over the fortune until Italy and Britain conclude a peace treaty. Miss Heywood left the residue of her fortune to such person or persons as Sylvia chooses, including herself, provided consent of the executors is obtained. Sylvia does not know of her inheritance because the executors cannot get in touch with her.

New Palace Serial Is Modern Thrill And Action Picture

The Palace Theatre will launch another absorbing Republic serial with the opening of episode one of "Secret Service in Darkest Africa," announced for showing next Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 8 and 9.

"Secret Service in Darkest Africa" starring Rod Cameron, Joan Marsh, Lionel Royce and Duncan Renaldo, will play every Saturday and Sunday for fifteen weeks, bringing local serial fans a gripping, timely chapter-drama of the part our secret service is playing in the war effort.

The opening episode, "North African Intrigue," sets the action in Casablanca. Rod Cameron portrays an American undercover agent who has been serving incognito with Gestapo in Berlin. Through this connection he learns in detail of the Nazi plans to swing the African Arabs to the Axis cause, using as persuasion the "dagger of Solomon" and a forged scroll purporting to be the words of an ancient Moslem leader.

Joan Marsh portrays a courageous young girl undercover agent, and Duncan Renaldo plays an officer of the Free French army who joins Cameron and Miss Marsh in their hazardous efforts to curb the menace of the Nazi fifth column.

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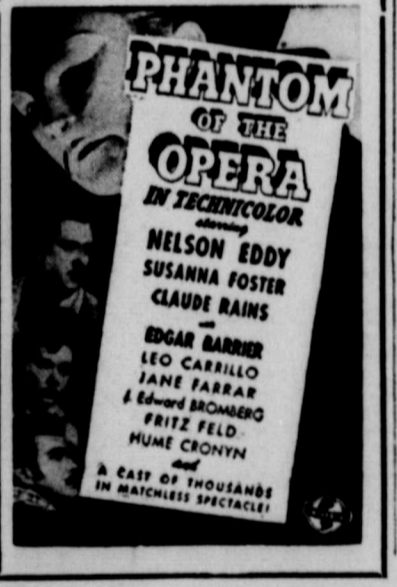
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Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	681,561.77
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	23,352.98
Bills of Exchange	61,096.23
	\$1,910,858.80
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We wish to express our thanks to everyone who helped us in the saving of our store during the fire here Wednesday morning.

In the rush and excitement, we failed to recognize many who assisted in taking merchandise from the store, combating the fire and ridding the building of smoke. We would like to thank each one in person, but this would be impossible, as so many helped in so many ways.

Especially do we extend our thanks to the firemen who fought the fire and kept it from spreading. As result of the effort of everyone, our loss was held small.

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RURAL NEWS

OLFEN

Misses Geraldine Halfmann and Doris Ann Gerngross spent the Christmas holidays with their grandmother, Mrs. Anna Gerngross.

Mrs. Augusta Halfmann had as guests in her home on New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Halfmann and children, LaVerne, Bernice and A. T., Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Halfmann and children, and Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hoelscher and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Alois Gerngross spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at Fredericksburg and San Antonio.

HERRING

We had a good general rain over the week-end that greatly benefited the grazing and put out stock water.

The Christmas holidays are over. There was a lot of visiting and some families could be together and have their Christmas celebrations and others couldn't enjoy

Christmas because they have loved ones scattered in different parts of the world. We're daily praying that this cruel war is over before another Christmas.

Our school at Talpa had one week's holiday and is running on regular schedule this week.

There has been a lot of sickness here since the holidays, mostly bad colds with a few cases of flu.

Mrs. Wesley Shelton and children, of Ballinger, spent part of last week with Mrs. Telitha Ray and Alleene.

Norma Sue Fuller spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Marshall Belcher and family, of near Hatchel.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller visited Thursday evening with Mrs. Telitha Ray and Alleene.

Presley and Ransome Galloway, of Glen Cove, who are being inducted into the army soon, went coon and fox hunting here one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watkins and daughter, of Hobbs, New Mexico, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent.

NORTH NORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cantrell and children, of Amherst, spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bryan and other relatives here.

Kirby Robinson has been on the sick list the past several days with flu and a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Odum, of Ft. Worth, moved to this community last Friday. They recently purchased the farm owned by Judge Paul Trimmer on Valley Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Casey and son, Pfc. Billy Casey, of Lubbock; and daughter, Mrs. Robert Shipp, and little son, Jerry, of Amherst, visited with relatives here and at Maverick over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Smith had a number of their children home for the holidays.

Miss Eleanor Bryan, of Denton Woman's College, spent the holidays with home folks and her brother, Pfc. Ira Lee Bryan, was also a visitor with home folks.

Miss Frances Bryan, of Abilene, recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan, and family.

Mr. Bob Bryan has been improving the past few days and is able to be up part of the time.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. M. Barnett, a medical patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital, is improving nicely and responding to treatment.

Mrs. L. E. Blair is reported to be improving after receiving treatment at the hospital for the past ten days.

Mrs. L. C. King, of Paint Rock, is gradually improving after sustaining serious injuries in a car crash near Ballinger on Christmas eve. Mr. King is considerably better but is still receiving treatment.

Mrs. J. C. Lumburg, of M-nard, a patient in the hospital here, was reported improving today. She was admitted for treatment Saturday while on a visit here to her mother, Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Mrs. C. E. Kirby, of Millersview, has reentered the local hospital for treatment and is reported to be improving. She had returned to her home after one stay in the institution but was forced to come back for further treatment.

Victor Mika, of Rowena, is improving nicely after breaking a leg more than a week ago.

Mrs. Willie Englert and baby son were dismissed from the hospital today and returned to their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Puckett are parents of a fine baby daughter, born at the Bailey hospital Tuesday. Mother and daughter are doing nicely.

Miss Alice Smith, Bailey Clinic-Hospital superintendent, flew to San Antonio the first of the week to be with Miss Anna B. Mapes while she was operated on at a

hospital there. Last reports indicated Miss Mapes' condition was satisfactory. Miss Smith flew back to Ballinger immediately after the operation.

Clinton Crisp is improving from an operation more than a week ago and will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McClure, of Paint Rock, are parents of a son, born today. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Misses Ann Guynes and Marjorie McGregor left Monday for Denton, where they will enter North Texas State Teachers' College.

Read the ads and SAVE!

With proper care, the supply of underground fresh water in Texas will last forever, geologists meeting at the University of Texas this fall were informed. But if the pumping level is allowed to fall too low, there is a danger of exhaustion or of contamination of the fresh water sands by brackish or salty water.

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We also want to express our appreciation for the fine patronage given us by the people of this area in the past. Right at this time we have no announcement to make regarding the future and it will require time before we can make a decision.

All groceries that can be salvaged will be moved into the W. A. Nance building, next door to our store, and as soon as it can be cleared, displayed and arrangements made with the office of price administration for sale of rationed articles, we will hold a fire sale. This will require considerable time and no date can be announced now.

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IN SOCIETY

Theatre Party for Younger Group
Members of a junior high school crowd met at the home of Virginia Baker on Seventh Street New Year's Eve for a get-together, and then went to the Army and Navy Club for an hour's dancing. The evening's festivities concluded with a midnight theatre party.

Others were: Martha Saunders, Gary Brian Woody, Anna Sue Embree, Nancy Guynes, Betty Jean Lengefeld, and Dorothy Ann Holliday; Virginia Baker, Everett James Grindstaff, Charles Miller, Bud Wright, Bob Agnew, Hal Dean Caskey, and Howard Matteson.

Allies and Auxiliary Host Dance
Airfield Allies and the Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary were hostesses at an informal New Year's Eve dance Friday evening at the downtown Instructors' Club. All decorations in the holiday theme were about forty couples danced to nickelodeon music. Mmes. Earl Wood, W. L. Gunnell, C. D. Shamburger, E. C. Apts, and Jerry Church were in charge of all arrangements.

Bearcats are Honor Guests
The 1943 Bearcats were honor guests Friday evening at an informal entertainment given in the Army and Navy Club sponsored by the committee. Full holiday decorations were still much in evidence throughout downstairs reception rooms and

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the upstairs auditorium where dancing to nickelodeon music was interrupted by the presentation of a floor show.

A large banner with the words, "Honoring the Bearcats—Regional Champs 1943" adorned the stage curtain.

Lt. Robert Tiffany, student officer at Bruce Field, accompanied by Aviation Cadet Earl Hayes of Twin Falls, Idaho, sang and played on the cornet a group of popular numbers. Then he and Mrs. Tiffany, the former Miss Clarine Marsh of Abilene, sang duets of old ballads. O. M. Kirkaby, civilian instructor at Bruce Field, magician, provided the other enjoyable diversion.

About 75 couples and the following adults were present: Messrs. and Mmes. Felton Wright, Fred Miller, Nat Williams, Troy Simpson, Harry Lynn, C. D. Richards, Austin Harper, F. M. Pearce, R. W. Earnshaw, G. A. Buxkemper, L. C. Adair, Mrs. Kirkaby, Mrs. Fred Vetterlein, Miss Vera Taylor, and Miss Willa Gilbreath of Dublin.

Program on Shrubs for Garden Club
Mrs. Lee Maples was chairman for an interesting program on shrubs presented for the Civic Garden Club Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium with Mrs. Estes Lynn presiding for the routine business period.

Topics discussed by Mrs. T. J. McCaughan and Mrs. Warren Lynn were "Landscaping a Yard," and "Selecting Yard Shrubs." Mrs. Lynn illustrated her talk with a beautiful winter arrangement of nandina and ligustrum berries with sprays of blue cedar. In conducting the Question Box, Mrs. C. R. Stephens named Mrs. James A.

Wear and Mrs. Lynn leaders to choose sides for an old-fashioned question and answer class. Two new memberships were announced.

First Baptist W. M. S. Meets
Mrs. James Wear presided for the first business meeting of the year 1944 for the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon in the church parlors.

After "All Hail the Power" was sung in unison and Mrs. E. F. Lawless gave the opening prayer, Mrs. Elmer Shepperd and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan made inspirational talks concerning the year's watchword "Labor Together with God" and the theme song "The Morning Light is Breaking." The meditation period was concluded with the singing of this hymn and a prayer by Mrs. R. P. Canady.

After routine reports of officers, committee and circle chairmen, the attendance banner was awarded Circle Four.

Others present were: Mmes. E. P. Talbott, Charles Ferguson, E. L. DeWitt, J. W. Blasdell, T. J. McCaughan, M. G. Justice, R. D. Jenkins, H. O. Campbell, C. W. Jennings, L. L. Strobbe, R. T. Williams, O. L. Parish, A. O. Bartlett, Calvin Robertson, J. H. Endacott, Jack Gibbs, Fred Holliday, C. J. Lynn, Ralph McShan, W. J. Hembree, W. E. Harvey, J. A. Norwood, A. M. King, J. H. Parrish, C. E. Maedgen, Ted Whitehead, Lee Maples, Mark Davis, Melvin Patterson, Alton Underwood, Cam Blackmon, Arthur Crockett, Elliott Kemp, Wesley Whitman; Misses Alice and Emma Thomas.

Methodist W. S. C. S. Committee Personnel Announced

Mrs. J. G. Douglass directed the first business meeting of the new year for the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service Monday afternoon in the Doss Bible Class room.

After the devotional by Mrs. Joe Forman, Mrs. Douglass talked of plans and aims for the year's work and announced the following committee personnel: spiritual life, Mmes. Forman, Ross Causey, and Miss Zaidie Royalty; program, Mmes. E. L. King, Y. B. Griffis, Ford Taylor, and E. C. Tinsley; finance, Mmes. W. R. Clark, R. A. Dickinson, H. Ravellette, and Taylor; membership, Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, L. C. Adair, Jack Nixon, Sr., and Bill Clark; flowers, Mmes. George Clements, E. C. Baskin, Tom Caudle, and Tom Agnew; fellowship, Mmes. H. G. Agnew, Griffis, and L. M. Bowden; status of women, Mmes. M. E. McClenney, Fred Middleton, and Myles Nixon; sacramental stewards, Mmes. J. E. Dankworth, Edward Sommer, and W. O. Irby; parsonage, Mmes. John Weeks, T. J. Forgy, and Tom Agnew; circle chairmen, Mmes. J. L. Davis, R. D. Midgley, and Irby. Sponsor and assistant sponsor of Sally Odom circle, Mmes. C. P. Shepherd, and J. F. Currie.

Mrs. Hembree Entertains Sew Club
Nandina berries were used to decorate rooms of her Tenth Street home by Mrs. W. J. Hembree Tuesday afternoon when she was hostess to her sewing club.

After the usual informal sewing hour she served a salad plate with cake and coffee. Included were: Mmes. J. A. Killough, Levy Lee, H. J. Zappe, George Newby, J. A. Schnable, E. C. Caskey, E. C. Grindstaff, and Edwin Moorman.

First Christian Society Meets
Mrs. M. A. Foy was presiding officer for the regular monthly business session of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Broadway. Six missionary books were reported read and plans were made for a cookie shower for the Juliette Fowler Orphanage the first meeting in February.

Mrs. Horace Murphy was program leader and gave the devotional "The Light of Life." Mrs. Foy's topic was "Learning for Living;" and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh discussed "The Average Man's Religion and Democracy."

Others present were: Mmes. O. P. Dorsey, Oscar Pearson, R. R. Williams, Dick Vecker, W. V. Connelly, Ed Walker, J. R. Lusk, Marvin Clark; Misses Lula McElroy, Nan Kevill, and Agnes Glover.

Music Club in Baskin Home
The Ballinger Music Club met Tuesday evening in the home of Miss Eugenia Baskin on Sixth Street.

Pink and white carnations decorated rooms where Mrs. Horace Murphy presided for the business period. Mrs. Gene Crawford was placed on the associate list awaiting a vacancy. Nominating committee members named were Mmes. C. R. Stephens, F. M. Pearce, and Crawford.

Miss Carmen Demmer gave the lesson from "Masters of the Symphony" by Percy Goetichius which dealt with Haydn and Mozart. Recordings of all four movements of the Mozart Symphony in G Major No. 48 were played as was the "Bassoon Concerto" by Mozart.

Others present were: Mmes. L. R. Burnett, Sim Cottelle, Arthur Giesecke, W. B. Halley, R. V. Pinson, O. G. Joiner, Stephens, A. B. Stobaugh, J. F. Currie, John Guion, L. R. Tigner; Misses Olga Schawe, Maggie Underwood, Lola Eubank, and Hattie Mae Dunlap.

Mrs. Wheelon Hostess to Instructors' Auxiliary
Members of the Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary were guests of Mrs. M. A. Wheelon Tuesday afternoon in the downtown club.

After a short business meeting, directed by Mrs. Wheelon, games of contract gave diversion. The next meeting, February 18, will be in the home of Mrs. Donald Nichols.

Coffee was served with doughnuts to: Mmes. Jerry Church, W.

P. Norris, Nichols, Frank Smith, C. D. Shamburger, Robert Gee, Charles Stewart, Ray Livesay, members, and E. V. Boynton and G. M. Castner, visitors.

Mrs. Stone is Triple-Four Hostess
Mrs. Claude Stone included a few added guests Wednesday afternoon when she entertained the Triple-Four contract club in her home on Ninth Street.

Blooming pot plants graced rooms where a salad course was served with cookies and coffee after the game series. Mrs. E. W. Stasney was winner of high score prize and bingo awards went to Mmes. Fred Vetterlein, Delbert Vancil, and J. A. Schnable.

Others were: Mmes. Alex McGregor, L. R. Tigner, R. W. Earnshaw, Troy Simpson, Harry Lynn, Ross Murchison, R. M. Lowry, Tom Agnew, Leslie Baker, F. M. Pearce, Jack Nixon, Sr., Robert Tiffany, W. J. Hembree, and Horace Sessions of Fort Worth.

Naomi Class Makes Surgical Dressings
Mmes. Lee Maples, J. H. Endacott, and Cam Blackmon were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening.

After assembling in the Maples home on Ninth Street for the short business meeting, members went to the Red Cross surgical dressings center at the Court House to make gauze sponges, then returned to the Maples home for the tea hour when the hostesses served a salad course with hot spiced tea.

Others were: Mmes. Melvin Patterson, Naomi Keithley, W. J. Hembree, Vivian Marshall, W. D. Davenport, L. L. Strobbe, and Homer Bibbs.

Health Program for Fannie Stephens Study Club
A program in observance of National Health Week was given for the Fannie Stephens Study Club Wednesday afternoon at the regular bi-monthly meeting at the Army and Navy Club.

Simple aids to health and beauty were given in answer to roll call. "Syphilis and the National Campaign Against This Disease" was discussed by Mrs. H. G. Agnew, and Miss Grace Lacey's topic was "Mental Disease as a Social Problem."

During the routine business session, Mrs. Ernest Moody, president, appointed Miss Carmen Demmer, Mrs. Jack Rogers, and Mrs. W. H. James nominating committee members.

Others present were: Mmes. W. O. Irby, Lee Maples, W. E. Moss, George Newby, M. E. McClenney, J. M. Williams, Alton Underwood, O. G. Joiner, and Miss Joy Eaton, members, and Mrs. R. D. Midgley, a visitor.

Three Are Hostesses to Allies
Mrs. Jerry Church, Mrs. E. L. Ingram, and Mrs. K. K. Hoffman were hostesses to Airfield Allies Wednesday afternoon, entertaining in City Hall auditorium.

Games of bridge and rummy gave diversion with prizes for high contract score going to Mrs. G. E. Vordenbaum while Mrs. Clinton Polansky was winner at rummy.

Refreshments were served at the American Cafe to the hostesses and Mmes. Jack Crow, Vordenbaum, Earl Wood, S. G. Christ-

WITH "TIRES UP" "GAS IN THE TANK"

Bombs, shot and shells pouring on the enemy—and our fighting forces On the Road to VICTORY—

the Nazis will collapse in 1944 provided the home front does its duty.

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Our Fighting Forces
are paying the price of VICTORY and WORLD PEACE—They are not falling down on the job.

Shall We on the Home Front—
do less than our very best to keep them supplied with the best of everything—that will help them to win.

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The Home Front—Must Not—
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Have Our "Tires Up" "Gas in the Tank"
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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1943, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$452.21 overdrafts) \$	516,608.06
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	592,000.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	154,017.50
4. Corporate stocks (including \$4,900.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	4,900.00
5. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,162,883.82
6. Bank premises owned \$27,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,500.00	29,500.00
7. Other assets	100.00
12. Total Assets	\$2,460,009.38

LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,004,226.95
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	172,754.95
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	15,974.66
17. Deposits of banks	84,549.41
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	6,210.20
19. Total Deposits	\$2,283,716.17
23. Other liabilities	3,739.31
24. Total Liabilities	\$2,287,455.48

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	64,000.00
27. Undivided profits	8,553.90
29. Total Capital Accounts	172,553.90
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$2,460,009.38

MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	325,000.00
(e) Total	325,000.00

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss: I, Harry Lynn, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY LYNN, Cashier.
(SEAL) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1944.
Ina Crockett, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: F. M. Pearce, R. G. Erwin, Paul Petty, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 388,134.93
Overdrafts	452.21
Banking House	27,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,900.00
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 592,000.00
Bonds and Warrants	154,017.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	59,398.67
U. S. Defense Stamps	100.00
Bills of Exchange	68,622.25
CASH and EXCHANGE	1,162,883.82
	\$2,460,009.38

Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	72,553.90
Reserve for Taxes	2,839.31
Reserve for F. D. I. C. Assessments	900.00
Dividend No. 104	4,000.00
DEPOSITS	2,279,716.17
	\$2,460,009.38

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

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31 day of December, 1943, published in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 6 day of January, 1944, in accordance with a call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Law of this State.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including overdrafts—Schedule I	\$ 320,040.81
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed—Schedule II	546,075.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	100,586.77
Corporate stocks, including \$ None stock in Federal Reserve Bank	35,000.00
Bank premises owned	14,000.00
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1.00
Other real estate owned	2.00
Cash on hand and due from approved reserve agents	895,153.22
Total Resources	\$1,910,858.80

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus: Certified \$1,000.00; not certified \$30,500.00	31,500.00
Undivided profits	9,333.49
Due to banks and bankers subject to check on demand checks outstanding	69,485.97
Cashiers checks, dividend checks and certified checks outstanding	2,353.25
Demand individual deposits	1,428,566.94
Demand public funds, including postal savings and U. S. Government deposits	255,405.31
Time individual deposits	14,213.84
Total Liabilities	\$1,910,858.80

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS I, Edward Sommer, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of condition is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Edward Sommer, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1944.
(Seal) J. W. Rudd, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

CORRECT—Attest: R. W. Bruce, Mrs. J. F. Currie, Wayne Bennett, Directors.

RECAPITULATION	
Assets	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 320,040.81
Overdrafts	2,852.27
Banking House	14,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate	2.00
War Saving Stamps	\$ 100.00
Cash and due from Banks	895,153.22
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	681,661.77
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	23,352.98
Bills of Exchange	61,096.23
	\$1,910,858.80
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	31,500.00
Undivided Profits, Net	9,333.49
Deposits	1,770,025.31
	\$1,910,858.80

Food Also Fights—Raise More in '44

Products of the fields have gone to war. Without food for our fighting men and others, the march toward victory would soon stop, and hope would change to gloom.

On the food front, America's slogan will be "Raise More in '44." Here in this great food producing region, when they speak of food they talk our language. New goals for production will be set, and, with the aid of Providence, they will be reached.

If a loan will help you produce more food, you are cordially invited to talk over your plans with us. Here you get prompt, understanding, personal service. No banking by remote control, regimentation, or red tape. Use this bank and help to preserve freedom of choice... another freedom for which our soldiers fight.

Raise more in '44. It will be both patriotic and profitable.

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

A fair amount of water was running into the local reservoirs Sunday from slow rains over the watershed the past week-end. A check-up of small tributaries of Elm Creek Sunday disclosed each was running and it was believed the city reservoirs would continue to fill up for several days or possibly weeks. It was found that many inactive springs had begun running and these are expected to provide additional water for the lakes here over a long period. The increased supply does not mean that restrictions are raised and this will not occur until city officials announce it.

Runnels countians are urged to pay their poll taxes during January. This is a political year and may be the hottest in many, many years. Every citizen will want to have a say in the election of leaders in this critical time and will, therefore, require a poll tax receipt. Holders of these receipts will have the opportunity to use them plenty during 1944 as state primaries are to be held as well as other elections and the general election is slated in November. With wartime issues in national politics the privilege of voting will be worth more than ever before.

The year 1944 starts with citizens of this country asked to buy fourteen billion dollars worth of war bonds to meet the call of the fourth war loan. In Runnels county the quota is \$923,000 and leaders are launching the drive right away to be sure this county does its share in financing the war. With victory ringing in the ears of the home front from every battle zone of the world, selling this issue should be the easiest in the war to date. Most people are making more money than for many years. This is reflected by

bank deposits from every section of the nation, and while they are making this extra money there is nothing safer to invest it in than United States war bonds. There must be no let-down on the home front. The buying of bonds and meeting other war calls is easy compared with the invasion of islands and continents where machine guns and heavy artillery are the reception committee. Don't wait until the last few days of this drive and force leaders to leave their business and approach you to get you to invest in what everyone knows is his duty. Buy your share in these bonds and do it now. Runnels county will go over the top, so let's do it the first ten days of the drive and not have that final sweat to raise the quota at the last minute.

Club Hostess Will List Apartments And Rooms Here

Mrs. A. McGregor began her work as hostess at the Army & Navy Club Sunday and will be on duty there each afternoon except Monday. She will give special aid to cadets' wives residing in Ballinger, including finding them living quarters and employment if they desire to work, and planning and sponsoring socials for them at least once a week.

Mrs. McGregor is anxious to list all available rooms and apartments so this service can be given when a new class of cadets is sent here. She asks that all citizens who have rooms or apartments to let to call her at the club (telephone 564). This data will be put in a card file and this will enable placing new arrivals without undue delay.

All wives who come to Ballinger to live while their soldier husbands are in training are asked to register at the club. On these registration cards will be information on what kind of work they are experienced in and other pertinent facts. Any merchant needing part time help may phone Mrs. McGregor and she will be able to suggest someone for the work who has had experience in the particular line. She will also encourage the girls in assisting in the local war program of making bandages, knitting, and in selling war bonds. A club of the wives is to be formed for social activities and they will have access to the club rooms on afternoons when other groups are not meeting there.

The hostess will be on duty on Sundays and in the near future will announce special programs for certain hours during the afternoon. Cadets and their wives as well as local girls and the public will be invited to visit the club on these occasions.

To blitz Berlin, buy war bonds and stamps.

450-Year-Old New England Oak Goes to War



All over America giant trees are crashing to earth to take their place on our navy's ships. One of the oldest and largest was a 130-foot high New England red oak which had buried its roots in a New Hampshire forest for 450 years. Left: The huge oak crashes down on the forest bed. Top right: It is loaded onto a truck. After almost five centuries it leaves the peace of the forest for the chaos of the battlefield. Center inset: Robert Guild tests his axe for another job.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Studies were resumed in the Miles public schools Monday with attendance about normal. A regular meeting of the parent-teacher association was scheduled the past week-end to consider activities in connection with the schools. The Miles Messenger will not be published this week in order to let the owner attend to other business.

The C. R. Anthony Co. at Brownwood was destroyed by fire on December 28 with an estimated loss of \$75,000. It was announced that the building would be reconstructed on the same location as soon as possible. The alarm was sounded at 6:30 a. m. when a strong north wind whipped the flames and caused the firemen much trouble. While the fire was confined to the one building the contents of the store were a total loss.

More housing for Coleman has been recommended by the war manpower commission. The suggestion followed a recent survey in which it was found that many more apartments and houses were needed to take care of war workers stationed there. The survey was called for when it was learned that 21 more male workers are to be sent to Coleman in the near future.

Lt. Lillie Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Harris of the Hatchel community, has completed an advanced nursing course in England. On duty in England for some time, the Runnels county girl was stationed there when her brother, Lt. Jack Harris, was killed in a bombing raid over Germany.

The Menard post of the American Legion has started raising funds with which to erect a memorial to the war dead in World War 2. Decision of the post is to raise not less than \$2,500, keeping the fund intact until the war ends, when the work will be done. Just what kind of a memorial will be put up also is to be decided at the end of the war.

The Melvin American Legion post has started a drive in which it will continue through 1944 to send cigarettes to men in the service overseas. The post made a good start the first few days and a shipment is to be made at once.

Representatives of the Panama government have been at Brady recently seeking foundation animals in McCulloch county for a livestock improvement program. Good breeding cattle are being purchased. Houston Stock Show also have been in the county seeking entries for the spring exhibition.

Stockholders in the Fort Stockton Warehouse Co. voted a 25 per cent dividend at their annual meeting last week and also pro-

LOCAL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE GOOD AT OPENING OF TERM DESPITE FLU PREVALENCE

Ballinger schools opened Monday following the Christmas holidays with all teachers but one on duty and attendance more than 90 per cent throughout the system. Miss Joy Eaton, junior high school music teacher, was the only faculty member on the sick list and only a small percentage of pupils were out on account of the influenza epidemic.

Schools in some towns of this area delayed opening because of prevalence of flu which confined many pupils and teachers to their homes. There have been numerous light cases of flu reported here, but many had recovered sufficiently to resume school work the first of this week.

board factory would be considerably increased.

Fountain Pens to be Sought Here for Use By Overseas Soldiers

A salvage campaign that has an appeal to everybody is being launched in Runnels county this week. The committee in charge of this drive wants to get in every old, discarded fountain pen in the county as quickly as possible.

These old fountain pens are to be shipped to Emerson McCord, of Houston, who is an expert fountain pen repairman. Rubber ink sacks are provided by the White Rubber Co., of Ravenna, Ohio, and McCord repairs the pens, makes them as good as new and they are then donated to the army.

The pens are shipped to chaplains overseas and they in turn give them to soldiers in foreign service who have no pens. McCord is an invalid with an income sufficient for his living and is doing this work free as a hobby and to help the men in service. He has run out of old pens and up to now has had no support from organized groups. The Texas salvage committee is now behind the plan and thousands of pens are expected to pour into the Houston shop within a short time.

In Ballinger old pens may be left at The Ledger office, with County Superintendent Ernest Caskey, or at the Ballinger high school.

War savings stamps will save democracy. Buy yours today.

GRINDSTAFF TO ADDRESS SONORA BOY SCOUTS

Judge E. C. Grindstaff will attend a meeting of the ranch district, Concho Valley council, Boy Scouts of America, at Sonora on January 19. He has been assigned the subject, "The Value of Scouting."

The Sonora Lions Club will be host to the district scout meeting.

Card of Thanks
 We wish to thank the many friends and neighbors for their kind words and acts of kindness in our hour of sorrow, and for the many beautiful floral tributes to our loved one. We also desire to thank the Rev. W. E. Shipp for his consoling words of comfort. May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one of you.

Mrs. Grady G. Cotton and children
 R. L. Cotton
 O. M. Cotton and children
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The Window, in homes where open flame, unvented room heaters are used, has a prominent part in maintaining healthful winter conditions. For it is the slight opening of the window which permits a flow of fresh, oxygen-laden air into the room. This is important if wall sweating is to be reduced.

All air contains a certain amount of moisture. Condensation or "sweating" that collects on cold surfaces inside the room is caused by too much moisture in the room. Water vapor is one of the products produced by burning fuel. This water vapor combines with the moisture that is already present in the air and when the room air reaches a super-saturated condition "sweating" or condensation collects on any cold surface, such as walls, windows, doors, and furniture.

The open flame, unvented heater is practical for quick heat and is used with great satisfaction when sufficient ventilation is provided by slightly opening a window.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

County Farm Agent's Report Shows Diversification During Past Year

An inventory shows that 619,000 acres of Runnels county land is now used as revenue producing, divided about as follows: 105,000 to cotton; 2,000 to peanuts; 30,000 to wheat; 183,000 to grain sorghums, oats, barley and bundled feed; 10,000 to temporary grazing crops such as sudan, etc.; 2,000 to truck, gardens and orchards; and 287,000 acres of permanent pasture land. In livestock with which to utilize the pastures and feed crops there are in round numbers about as follows: range cattle, 2,000; cows and heifers for milk, 9,500; sheep and lambs of all ages, 140,000; goats, 2,000; hogs, 13,000; hens and pullets for laying, 277,000; turkeys, 14,500; and a few tame geese and ducks.

Reports on individual activities follow: In soil conservation the agent states that farm levels in the office were let out to 58 farmers and that he personally visited, terraced and contoured 65 farms having a total acreage of around 3,000, bringing the total for the county of properly terraced land to 106,000 acres, which on an average results show when properly terraced this land returns an annual increase of \$2.50 per acre. There are now 250,000 acres of land on contour.

In cotton demonstrations: Work on better staples pushed varieties such as Acala and Rowden. The gins continued their work under the Smith-Doxy act, 26 of the 28 gins in the county being under this cotton grading program. Work on cotton insect control with both adults and 4-H boys was carried on such as dusting for fleas, boll worm, boll weevil and leaf worm. Contours and terraces again aided much in the yield of this crop in 1943 by holding water, even with the small amount of rainfall.

Twenty-six demonstrations were carried out in maize, both regular and combine types. In the combine types, Martin and Plainsman were the most generally favored, both doing well the past year. This work will be continued with the introduction of a new combine maize, the Bonita.

Hybrid corn No. 8 seems to be spreading in popularity with a number of farmers reporting as high as 20% to 40% increase in yield over the regular corn.

Wheat improvement has been carried on; also the control of smut in wheat. The Blackhall and Tenmarq varieties have both done well. A new variety, Comanche,

was introduced in the county last year, planted for harvesting in 1944, which farmers are watching with interest as to how it will produce, etc. About 200 bushels of this variety have been planted.

Runnels county 4-H clubs, 11 in number, with a total membership of 161 boys were active the past year, aiding in the efforts for more food production. The boys fed out 143 head of hogs for a total weight of 30,408 pounds; 9 beef calves with a weight of 8,349 pounds; and 74 sheep weighing 7,020 pounds, making a grand total of 45,877 pounds of meat, and with their crop projects of cotton, maize and corn and poultry the boys sold a total of \$7,091.98, clearing a profit of \$2,544.94. The club boys also aided in all the special work efforts, purchasing \$3,645 worth of war bonds and stamps, collected 106,232 pounds of scrap iron, as well as donating to the Red Cross and United War Chest drives. Twelve boys won registered pigs, growing them out and entering them in the San Angelo show. One won a \$95 registered heifer and the others 500 high bred baby chicks. Fifteen learned how to inspect and detect insects in cotton with 13 of these boys being awarded a sack each of cottonseed meal that was donated by the West Texas Cotton Oil Co. of Ballinger. Forty-five boys entered county shows, exhibiting 74 hogs, 70 sheep, 4 beef calves, and 5 dairy cattle. Forty-one boys and 3 local leaders made the trip to the Fort Worth livestock market, selling their livestock. Five boys made the grade of "I Feed a Fighter Club," winning a free trip to a 4-H Army Day at Camp Barkeley, Abilene. Wesley Stewart won a gold star, and W. H. Schwartz, Jr., the gold medal for their work in livestock. Special instruction was given these boys on feeding their home grown feed to their hogs, heaves, sheep and dairy cattle. Instruction also was given in terracing, poultry culling, parasite control in cattle and hogs, and increased field crop production.

Beef Cattle: In both Hereford and Shorthorn there are in this county at this time around 325 registered cows and some 75 registered bulls that are owned by breeders. Something like 40 head of registered bulls were sold in the county last year for placing with grade herds of beef cattle. The extension service has advocated the growing of feed and feeding to cattle on individual farms and through this practice Runnels county farmers have gradually increased feeding of a few steers at home during the winter and records show that there has been an increase of 25% to 35% in the past 5 years over the previous 5-year period. Another beef cattle practice that is on the increase is that of temporary pasture grazing and then to finish out steers in feed lots. In dairy cattle there has been a rapid increase in numbers as well as the introduction of better bulls, more balanced rations fed and the control of the "grub in the back" program. Last year at the one-day dairy classification show 41 different growers of dairy cattle exhibited.

Swine: This office sponsored better breeding stock, self feeders, more grazing for hogs, more mineral and balanced rations. All of these are on the increase.

Work with poultry has been along the line of practices that will decrease death losses and increase egg production per hen. Poultry has increased from around 200,000 hens to 277,000 in the past three years. Our program for 1944 is for a slight increase in number

but a special effort to be made to increase average egg production per hen. The program on home orchards has been that of more planting, improved pruning, terraced sites for orchards and planting varieties of fruit that will grow in this section. Will Tyree has terraced orchard and found that his trees in this orchard produced larger and more abundant fruit than the other. J. A. Patterson, another advocate of terracing for the orchard, finds that water is essential for better trees and fruit.

Mixing of grasshopper poison was carried out in 1943 through the cooperative efforts of the Ballinger Co-op Gin and poison was provided for 40 Runnels county farmers who protected their crops from these pests.

Rodent control work was carried out on rats, prairie dogs, rabbits, ground squirrels and English sparrows.

A statistical summary is as follows: 92 days with 4-H club boys; 203 days to adults; 74 days in the office; 221 days in the field; made 528 farm visits; 1,927 office calls and 401 telephone calls; prepared 173 news articles in county and daily papers; distributed 3,009 farm bulletins and pamphlets. Traveled during the year on official business 8,263 miles; wrote 733 individual letters and 32 different circular letters with 5,919 copies sent out; held 267 meetings with a total attendance of 6,602 people.

This office has had the cooperation and has worked with the war board, Chest drive, war bond sale committee, service clubs such as Lions, Rotary, B. C. D., chamber of commerce, victory council, U. S. employment service, Triple-A, vocational teachers, commissioners' court, 4-H clubs, local leaders, the four newspapers and individuals in rural areas and towns.

The county agent has worked for a more diversified county, has done what could be done to save the soil of the county, to carry out the slogan, "Let no muddy waters leave the county." Increased production of crops has been better by the introduction of better and improved seeds; instituted practices that decreased diseases of livestock, poultry and crops; aided in insect and parasite control of livestock, poultry and crops; encouraged the feeding of home grown feed to cattle, sheep and hogs that has resulted in a greater number of livestock being fed. He has encouraged the growing of more home orchards, more foodstuff for home uses. In fact, he has pushed a year-around program that means a year-around income, better business for the towns, less credit needs for the farmers, a more equal distribution of year-around labor,

longer terms for the rural schools, better homes and a more prosperous and longer lasting agriculture that will not only benefit the individual farms but will be an advancement to the communities, towns and county as a whole.

REDMANS ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE AT KILLEEN

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Redman went to Taylor on New Year's day on account of the death of Mrs. Herman Rose, 91, Mrs. Redman's grandmother. Decedent was buried at Killeen following death at Taylor. Survivors include 36 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren, and one great, great grandchild. Others from Rowena who attended the funeral included Mrs. C. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rose, and Henry Rose, Alfred Rose, of Brucher, also attended the funeral.

CUSTOMERS ALSO LIABLE IN IRISH CLOTHING RULES

BELFAST, Jan. 5.—Customers who encourage Northern Ireland tailors to break austerity clothing rules are equally guilty, according to the Belfast Board of Trade. As a result, those who insist on extra pockets in their suits and cuffs on trousers may be penalized as heavily as the tailor making the garments, it was stated. Coupon shortages have cut business and made it difficult for tailors to resist customer demands.

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, Geneva 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 1/2 varas to the Southwest 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 1/2 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 R. 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. 16-41

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BUILDING OF HIGHWAY OPENS MEXICAN MINE
MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 22.—Construction of a highway has opened an important gold and silver mine near Chilpa de Diaz, Mexico. The deposit was discovered twenty years ago but remained unexploited because it would have been necessary to ship the ore by burros or mules by a long and difficult route to a smelter.

C. R. Stone, Jr., Richard Hembree and James Striplin left Monday for College Station to reenter A. & M. College.

You never know



If you KNEW your car would never be involved in a collision, you wouldn't need Collision Insurance. But you don't know. No one ever expects a collision, but they happen all too often. Sometimes no one is to blame, but the resulting damage must be paid for just the same, by someone.

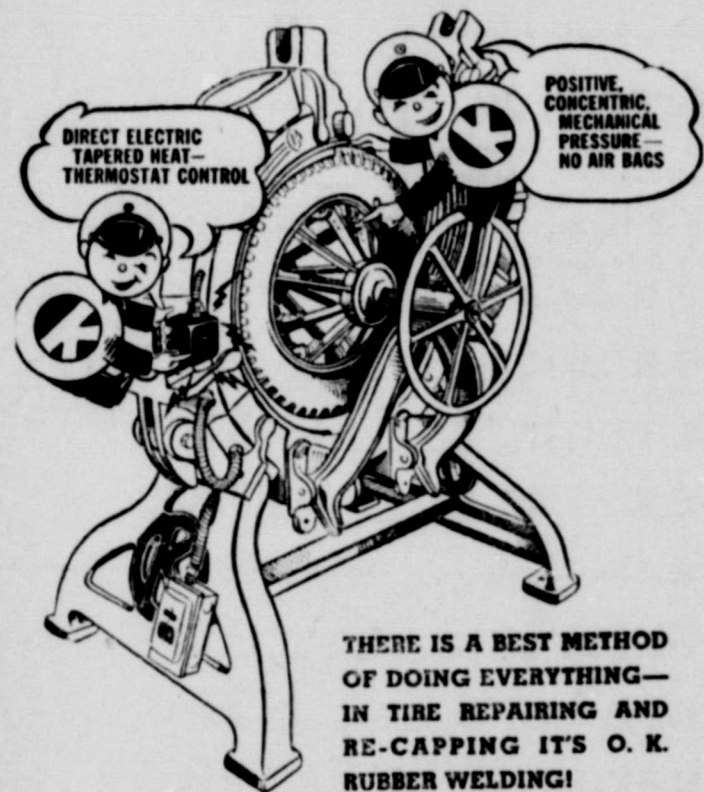
Collision Insurance covers damage to your car from a crash, whether it be with another car, with a roadway obstruction, or with an embankment or paving in an upset. You ought to have it.

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DESERVE THE VERY BEST... HERE IT IS!



THERE IS A BEST METHOD OF DOING EVERYTHING—IN TIRE REPAIRING AND RE-CAPPING IT'S O. K. RUBBER WELDING!

The war is teaching motorists of America the serviceability, reliability and economy of Re-capped tires... but re-capping jobs are not all alike. For the best results, your old tire must be in sound condition. The materials used for the job must be the best available. And the work must be right. New developments in rubber welding machinery... and just installed in our shop... assures you that expert re-capping for your precious tires is available right here at home.



OK Tire Shop
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Have a Coca-Cola = Let's be friendly



...a way to win a welcome wherever you go. There's friendliness in the simple phrase "Have a Coke." It turns strangers into friends. In both hemispheres, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes—has become the high-sign of the good-hearted.

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I found THE WAY to an amazing NEW VITALITY..PEP!



- 1—Promote the flow of vital digestive juices in the stomach
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THESE two important steps may help you to overcome the discomforts or embarrassment of sour stomach, jerky nerves, loss of appetite, underweight, digestive complaints, weakness, poor complexion!

Build Sturdy Health and Help America Win. Thousands and thousands of users have testified to the benefits SSS Tonic has brought to them and scientific research shows that it gets results—that's why so many say "SSS Tonic builds sturdy health—makes you feel like yourself again." At drug stores in 16 and 20 oz. sizes. S.S.S. Co.



An EMPTY TIN CAN and a spoonful OF GREASE Are Mighty Weapons in this War!



Superiority in the air...the prerequisite to victory on the battlefield... can only be attained by the use of hundreds of planes, bombers and fighters. These planes must be armed. The fighter must have thousands of rounds of machine gun bullets; the bomber must have bombs, fifty pounders or block-busters.

YOU, an American housewife, can help arm these planes. The spoonful of waste grease you pour into the empty tin can is a mighty weapon of war. The grease you save and sell to your local grocer goes into the making of nitroglycerine... the basic explosive used in bombs and bullets.

Your job here at your electric service company is to furnish the power that turns the wheels that makes the planes that carry the bombs and the bullets which your kitchen helped to furnish. The job of producing planes to secure and maintain superiority of the air is a job that only American industry backed by power produced in business managed, privately owned electric companies could accomplish.

Seven-eighths of all power used in war production is produced by companies operating under the American system of private enterprise.

West Texas Utilities Company

Want Ads

WANTED—Lady workers. Ballinger Steam Laundry. 7-11

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

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. Biecke, Box 481, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 3-8613. 4-10L*

Income Tax Assistance
A. M. King
Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg. Ballinger 18-11

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. 25-11

FOR SALE—One Oliver "60" tractor on rubber, nearly new; one saddle mare; 1 yearling colt; two saddles. E. H. Forsy, phone 1341. 25-11

FOR LEASE—My building next door to Sam Behringer Grocery January 1st. W. A. Nance. 9-11

Baby Chicks
J. N. NUTT FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY
Ballinger Phone 174 14-11

Removal Notice
Dr. E. W. S.aney announces the removal of his dental office to the E. Shepherd building in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. C. F. Bailey. The new office is located on South Seventh street opposite the court house lawn. 23-4t

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. 23-11

FOR SALE—Full blood baby beef toms. Mrs. J. M. Pyburn. 30-21

WANTED—Setting eggs. Premium paid on eggs. Chicks in season. Reese Hatchery. 30-31

FOR SALE—Between 120 and 130 lambs. Mostly black face. M. L. Hambricht, nine miles east of Winters on pavement. 30-21*

FOR SALE—315 acre stock farm, \$21.00. Small farm, easy terms. Good home in Ballinger. A. M. King. 30-31*

FOR SALE—or Trade: 500-pound cream separator. Lester Pfleger, Ballinger route one. 30-21*

FOR SALE—1,950 bundles cane and hegar, 4¢ per bundle if all is taken. See D. H. Owens, 806 Tenth Street. 6-5t*

Bargain
1 set leather harness
1 good farm wagon
1 cultivator
1 planter
See Blackie Smith, Morgan Motor Co. 6-11

FOR SALE—Good young 4 gallon milk cow, calf. Terms. Blackie Smith. 6-11

We invite you to come and look these over:
1941 Plymouth coupe, clean
1940 Chevrolet 2-door
1938 Buick coupe
1938 Nash 4-door
1937 Ford 85.
MORGAN MOTOR CO.
109 South Ninth Street 6-11

LOST—Tuesday before Xmas, strand of large pearls, especially valuable to mother of soldier. Please phone 357. Mrs. V. B. Burk. 6-11*

FOR SALE—Cocker Spaniel puppies, blacks and blondes. 903 Ninth Street. Phone 1280. 6-11

FOR SALE—Four good cords of wood. Lee Evans, Norton, Texas. 6-21*

FOR RENT—Several bed rooms. Phone 179. 6-11*

FOR SALE—Regular Farmall tractor, cultivator, planter, and 3-disc plow. See Tom Marsh. 6-31

FOR SALE—Small barn and fence, new material. R. W. Earnshaw. 6-11*

FOR SALE—Milk cow. J. P. Burnette, end of Ninth Street. 11

FOR SALE—Baby bed and mattress. Write Box 502. 11

FOR RENT—Apartment, 801 Twelfth Street. 11*

Serving Uncle Sam
(Continued from page 1)

Mrs. Clarence Jaeggli is here from El Paso, where she had been with her husband several months. Lt. Jaeggli's address is now c/o the New York postmaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Price have returned from Virginia, where they visited their son, stationed at a military camp.

Alexander McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, left A. & M. College Tuesday for Miami, Florida, where he will enter officers' training school in the air corps engineers. Prior to his recent course at A. & M. College, he served several months at Aberdeen, Maryland.

Pfc. Boggs Ryan has returned to A. & M. College after spending the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

Cadet Bill Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes, has gone to the Palmaris Flight School, Lancaster, California, where he will get basic flight training. He recently graduated from the primary phase of army flying at Thunderbird Field, Arizona. Mr. and Mrs. Sykes and Bob spent Christmas with him at Glendale, Arizona.

Leonard Frank Crockett, U. S. N. R., V-12 student of the University of Texas, Austin, spent the holidays with home folks at Norton.

C. W. O. Ralph D. Crockett, who had been stationed in Oregon, visited several days during the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crockett, and other relatives at Norton.

Sgt. and Mrs. Adrell Crockett, now stationed in Oregon, visited several days during the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Buster Crockett, and other relatives at Norton.

Sylvester E. Block, seaman 1c, returned to Seattle, Washington, after spending a 15-day furlough.

FOR SALE—300 baby chick electric brooder. Mrs. Claudia Humble, box 206. 6-11*

FOR RENT—Bedroom, kitchen privileges. Mrs. Charles Furgason, 303 Thirteenth Street. 6-11

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Semi-private bath. Open for inspection. 207 Eighth Street. 6-11*

I want to keep children in my home: 803 Twelfth Street. Phone 1210. 6-21

COTTON SEED HULLS FOR SALE
While they last
MORRISON GIN
Open 10 until 3 o'clock only. 6-11*

POULTRY RAISERS
For better health and more rapid growth feed your baby chicks QUICK-RID poultry tonic—it can't be beat as a disease resister and conditioner—also good in the treatment of roup and colds for poultry of all ages. For more eggs and a healthier flock feed QUICK-RID, sold and guaranteed by your local drug and feed dealer. 5-4t

BOYD'S NURSERY
wants to beautify your home. We will sell you the plants and plant them for you. Our prices are very reasonable. See Mike at
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Custom Pork Curing
We cut up your hog, grind and season sausage, render lard, cure and hickory smoke the meat.
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Your Government Needs Your DEAD ANIMALS
Nitroglycerine and other vital national defense needs are extracted from greases from dead livestock. We'll pick up unskinned dead animals within 50 miles of San Angelo. We buy old greases, hides, old horses and mules. Call collect, day or night.
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Dial 7271-1 or 7995

day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Block of the Miles community, and other relatives and friends. He obtained his furlough to come home after serving eleven months at sea. He took part in the battles for Kiska and Attu. Arriving back in Seattle, he expects orders to go to sea again within a short time.

The sailor was honor guest at a supper given by his parents last Thursday evening at their home. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bankston, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schwertner, Evelyn Wilbert, Raymond Bankston, Bobby Block, Clements Schwertner, Bennie Brosh, the parents, and the honor guest.

A dinner was given in his honor Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Bankston which included the parents, Mrs. Raymond Schwertner, Evelyn Wilbert, Bobby Block, Clements Schwertner, Bennie Brosh, and the honor guest.

Mrs. LeRoy Ellis has received the first letter in over a month from her husband, Pvt. LeRoy Ellis. Pvt. Ellis stated he was in England, that he made the trip okeh, and was doing well so far.

Dayton Elwood Wilson, seaman 2c, has returned to the naval training base at San Diego, Calif., after spending a ten-day furlough here, visiting his wife and other relatives.

Pvt. Freeman B. Morgan left Wednesday for Camp Gordon, Georgia, after spending a 15-day furlough with relatives and friends here. He is recovering nicely from an operation performed a few weeks ago.

Commander LeRoy Nicholson has embarked on another trip, accompanying the merchant marine on an ocean crossing.

Lester D. Cape, seaman 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cape, is at home on furlough and will be here until January 12. He has been in the navy fifteen months, eleven months of which has been in combat in the Pacific. During his combat experience he has taken part in seven major engagements.

A twin brother, Chester Cape, seaman 2c, recently was at home on furlough and is now somewhere in the South Pacific.

Weldon Simpson, who is serving in the marine corps somewhere in the Pacific, has been promoted to the rank of corporal.

Sgt. Robert Nicholson, son of Mrs. Eulalia Nicholson, is still a patient in a North African hospital, where he has been for the past three months. Recent word from him was to the effect that his foot wound was improving but that his eyes were not improving much so far.

Pvt. S. C. Chrisco came in December 20 to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. S. C. Chrisco, and Ballinger friends. He left December 31 for Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

Staff Sergeant Steward Johnson, recently cited for gallantry, has been reported wounded in Italy. His wife, the former Miss Dorothy Caudie, received a message from the war department this week informing he was wounded on December 16, the wound being in the lower part of the left leg. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, and a brother of Mrs. C. W. Cheatham.

Sgt. and Mrs. Charles Thorp came in the past week-end from

California for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thorp and other relatives and friends. They left today with Sgt. Thorp to report at Camp Roberts for special training. Before getting a furlough he had been on desert maneuvers and was recently moved to a camp on the Pacific coast between Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Cpl. and Mrs. Clifford Archie, and the former's mother left yesterday for San Antonio after a visit with relatives and friends here and at Winters. Archie is a mechanic in the air force.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie M. Campbell left yesterday for Tolar, where Mrs. Campbell and the children will make home for the duration. Mr. Campbell will return here and leave for induction into the army on January 12.

Henry Green, local negro, has been accepted for service in the army and will report for duty on January 24. The local draft board announced the date of his call Wednesday.

A letter was received this week by Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Peizel from their son, William Leo Peizel, seaman 2c, informing that he was on board a ship in the Pacific. He added that he liked it fine and was getting to eat all the coconuts he wanted when he got shore leave.

E. W. Gray received a letter this week from his son, Lt. Willard Gray, who is serving somewhere in the South Pacific. He stated that this was his third Christmas away from home and he hoped to be back before the fourth.

Mrs. Ernest Miller returned home Wednesday from San Angelo, where she underwent a minor operation. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions and Bob, of Fort Worth, are here for a visit in the home of Mrs. R. T. Trull.

DEATHS

OTTO GULLY
Otto Gully, 79, died at his home three miles east of Rowena Saturday evening at 9:23 after illness of about two weeks and failing health for two years.

Decedent came to Runnels county in 1905 and made home here ever since. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church of Rowena, of the O. D. H. S. and the St. Joseph's Society.

His wife preceded him in death on April 15, 1940. A part of the home place is now included in Bruce Field.

Survivors include a son, Frank J. Gully, Rowena; four daughters, Mrs. Ben Eggeneyer, Rowena; Mrs. Walter Lange, Olfen; Mrs. A. J. Bukkemper, Slaton; and Mrs. Leo Multer, Olfen. Other survivors are 29 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at St. Joseph's Church Monday at 9:30 a. m. Rev. W. F. Bosen officiating. Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., and Rev. F. M. Kaminsky assisted in the rites. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery. Grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J. W. HARRISON
J. W. Harrison, 79, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. B. Goodwin, of Borger, Saturday.

Decedent came to Runnels county in 1926 and remained here until 1937 when he went to Borger to make home. His wife died in 1927.

He had been a deacon in the Baptist church for 50 years and took an active part in religious work.

Survivors include two sons, J. C. and J. D. Harrison, Borger; two daughters, Mmes. R. D. and C. B. Goodwin, Borger; eight grandchildren, eight foster grandchildren, and six foster great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at Borger Sunday and at the graveside in Ballinger Tuesday.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

Future Homemakers Meet
In the December meeting of the Norton chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas the home-making I girls acted as hostesses. The program was a skit, "Goldilocks Up-to-Date." Bettye Joyce Shelburne was narrator and Pauline Zak played Goldilocks. Emma Tinney, Mildred Wertemberger, Annie Ray Briggs, Mozelle Martin, and Jo Alice Simpson answered the nutritional quiz as Goldilocks wandered through the forest in search of adventure.

Popcorn balls were served during the social hour.

Classmates Back
Geraldine McDorman and Laverall Lee, who have both been recovering from appendicitis operations, are back in school. All high school was glad to have them back with us.

Mid-Term Exams
Mid-term examinations will be given next week. Good luck to everybody.

Who's Who
Our senior personality is that morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. M. C. Golden officiating at the rites here. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

little brown-haired, green-eyed girl. She is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 113 pounds. She is a grand sport and everyone knows her "laugh." Her favorite game is football. She wants to be a telephone operator and already has been learning how to run a switchboard. She firmly declared that she couldn't fly through a locked door, in the senior play.

Who is she?

Our other personality is that sandy haired junior "brat." He is 6 feet 2 inches and weighs about 145 pounds. He played football and is very likely to be a basketball star. He is interested in that brunette singer of the junior class. He rides the Oak Creek bus and is known for his practical jokes and gags. Who is he?

Last week's who's who—Wayland Martin and Neida Faye Lee.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. ("Buster") Parrish are parents of a daughter, born last Friday at San Angelo. The young lady has been named Grace Ann and she and her mother are doing nicely.

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Funeral Directors Counselors

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Old-time Food favorites

They go a long way toward making a wartime meal hearty and satisfying—those baked dishes that were so easily made by the old timers! Here at Safeway we have the ingredients, tops in quality but low in price. Stock your pantry, today!

Green Stamps G. H. J. Good January 1 to February 20 (Book 4)

Non Rationed Values	Rationed Values
Green Beans Standard Cut No. 2 Can 11¢	Beans Pinto 3 - 1-Lb. Pkg. 29¢ Green Points 6
Macaroni or Spaghetti Red Label 4-Oz. Pkg. 4¢	Beans Baby Lima 1-Lb. Pkg. 12¢ Green Points 2
Oats Morning Glory Quick or Regular 48-Oz. Pkg. 19¢	Beans Small White 1-Lb. Pkg. 11¢ Green Points 2
Corn Meal Morrison Premium 5-Lb. Bag 26¢	Beans Great Northern 2 - 1-Lb. Pkg. 21¢ Green Points 4
Popcorn Blue Diamond 1-Lb. Pkg. 18¢	Dinner Luxury Macaroni Reg. Pkg. 10¢ Brown Points 1
Malted Milk Carnation 1-Lb. Jar 38¢	Pure Lard 4-Lb. Crtn. 72¢ Brown Points 8
Toilet Tissue 3 Rolls 13¢	Cherub Milk 2 Small Cans 9¢ Brown Points 1
Oxydol Saturated Soap 24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢	Tomatoes Gardenide Standard No. 21 15¢ Green Points 15
Flour Best 25 - 5-Lb. Bag 1.28	Sauce Gardenide Tomato 8-Oz. Can 5¢ Green Points 5
Flour Gold Medal Fine Quality 50 - 5-Lb. Bag 2.80	Other Values
Flour Kitchen Craft Fine Quality 10 - 5-Lb. Bag 52¢	Purity Oats 16-Oz. Pkg. 8¢
Flour Gold Medal Fine Quality 10 - 5-Lb. Bag 60¢	Juice House of Grapefruit Juice 46-Oz. Can 27¢
Flour Best 10 - 5-Lb. Bag 55¢	Baking Powder Clubber Girl 5-Lb. Can 59¢
Safeway Quality Meats	Grape-Nuts 12-Oz. Pkg. 14¢
Fresh Pork Loin	Post Toasties 11-Oz. Pkg. 8¢
ROAST Loin End Cuts	Rippled Wheat Reg. Pkg. 10¢
Lb. 28¢	
4 Points per Pound	
Pork Chops Center Cuts Lb. 33¢ Points 7	
Bacon Whole or Half Slab By the Piece Lb. 29¢ Points 3	
Cured HAMS	
Shoulder Lb. 33¢ 5 Points	
Shank End Lb. 31¢ 3 Points	
Center Slices Lb. 49¢ 8 Points	
Sliced Bacon Grade A Lb. 35¢ Points 4	
Picnics Wilson's Certified Lb. 29¢ Points 2	
Sausage Pure Pork, AA-2 In Cloth Bags Lb. 33¢ Points 5	
Veal Steak Sirloin Lb. 37¢ Points 7	
Veal Roast Shoulder Cut Lb. 25¢ Points 5	
Baked Loaves Ass'd. Lb. 29¢ Points 4	
Fresh Fruits & Vegetables	
Texas Seedless Grapefruit	
Lb. 5¢	
Potatoes No. 1 Colorado Royals 10 Lb. 39¢	
Apples Delicious, Winesaps, and Rome Beauty Lb. 11¢	
Oranges Sweet Novel Lb. 10c	
Potatoes Nebraska Triumphs 5 Lb. 18c	
Texas Yams Lb. 10c	
Avocados Nutritional 24 Size 2 for 25c	
Cauliflower Texas White Lb. 10c	
Waxed Rutabagas Lb. 5c	
Fresh Crisp Turnips and Beets	
2 Bun. 15c	

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