



Women's, Society and Club News

Shakespeare Club Has Regular Meeting

The Shakespeare Club met last Thursday afternoon in the Army and Navy Club. The fourth of a series of programs on the general theme, "The Search for Lasting Peace," was directed by Mrs. W. J. Hembree when she discussed "Acquisitions by Great Britain." Mrs. Sim Cottle's topic was "The Three Partitions of Poland," and Mrs. J. B. Striplin told of the "Mistakes of the Congress of Vienna."

Mrs. C. R. Stephens conducted the business session during which the club voted to contribute to the Mary B. Fiske Art Fund.

Others present were: Mmes. James W. Guynes, B. C. Kirk, Lela McAdams, T. J. McCaughan, F. C. Miller, Horace Murphy, Leonard Stallings, H. Ravellette, A. B. Stoughton, Ford Taylor and R. T. Williams.

Mildred ("Tookie") Wade Honored on Ninth Birthday

Mildred ("Tookie") Wade was complimented on her ninth birthday anniversary when her mother, Mrs. V. O. Wade, entertained with a party Saturday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street.

The patriotic theme was carried out in decorations and the white birthday cake decorated with red and white sweet peas and topped with red, white and blue candles, was cut and served with ice cream and candies. Plate favors were miniature flags.

Claudine Lange, Arabella Toney and Jerry Egan received prizes in games and contests. "Happy Birthday" was sung, and Sharon Sue Thompson sang and gave several tap-dance numbers, with Mrs. Joe Paxton playing accompaniments.

Margaret Louise Moonen, Anita and Janie Wade and Joe Dean Paxton assisted in entertaining.

Others included were: Barbara Stuart, Janice Church, Mary Jo Forman, Sally Bailey, Carolyn and Marilyn Schott, Patsy Zappe, Ruth Ann Erwin, Rosalee Nicholas, Margaret Ann Hampton, Betty Don Davis, Betty Clements, D'Maris Sharpe, Jo Ann Douglass, Yvonne West, Virginia Hoelscher, Carolyn Afflerbach of Winters, Pauline Mueller, Billy Moonen, Lange Hoffman, Billy Ueckert, Jackie Cook, Edison Cox, Glenn Hoelscher, Julius Killough, Robert and Fred Holliday, the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert, Miss Juanita Huddleston, Mrs. Sim Cottle, and Mr. V. O. Wade, who presented Tookie with a war bond for a birthday gift.

Mrs. Reynolds Club Hostess

Mrs. Virgil Reynolds was hostess to her contract club last Thursday with a luncheon at the Cactus Coffee Shop followed by games in her home on Third Street.

Daffodils combined with acacias were used to add beauty to living rooms, and the George Washington motif was given pretty emphasis in table and game appointments. The club high score award went to Mrs. C. D. Shamburger; second and low to Mrs. E. L. Ingram and Mrs. Roy Worley, and bingos also went to Mmes. Shamburger, Ingram and Worley.

Others present were: Mmes. W. L. Barber, D. O. Henson, Fred Harman, K. K. Hoffman, and B. C. Roberts, Jr.

Glaves-Linkis Wedding in Morton Home

The marriage of Miss Irene Opal Linkis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Linkis, of Chicago, and Flight Instructor Richard Elmore Glaves, son of Mr. and Mrs. I.

Glaves, of Ontario, Oregon, was solemnized last Saturday evening at seven o'clock in the home of the Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, who read the single ring ceremony.

The bride wore a dressmaker suit of gray wool, with matching hat and white gloves. Her other accessories were black and her corsage was of pink carnations.

Instructor C. L. Fiene and the bride's mother, Mrs. W. M. Linkis, were attendants.

The bridegroom is a flight instructor at Bruce Field.

The couple will be at home at the Central Hotel.

Know Your Neighbors in Barton Home

Mrs. John Barton included Mrs. C. A. Glover, Mrs. Carroll Potter and Mrs. Ralph Carnes as added guests when she entertained Know Your Neighbors Tuesday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Bouquets of forsythia, japonica berries and violets were used to decorate the home where knitting and other handwork gave diversion.

The George Washington motif was used for table arrangements where the hostess served a salad plate with coffee.

Others included were: Mmes. Cal Adair, Bill Clark, Dee Saylor, Rothal O'Kelly, LeRoy McAulay, Ernest Moody, Joe Flynt, J. H. Endacott, Malcolm Morgan, Cecil Jones, and Jack Nixon, Sr.

Methodist Philathea Class in Earnshaw Home

Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw and Mrs. R. D. Midgley were hostesses to the Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening in the Earnshaw home in Wilke Terrace.

The patriotic motif was used for

decorations, with red, white and blue tapers burning in three-branched crystal candelabra on the buffet, and the lace-laid dining table was centered with an arrangement of ghodesta, blue dutch irises and baby's breath.

Mrs. Clinton A. Glover presided over the business session and also gave the devotional.

The hostesses served a sandwich plate with chocolate muffins and hot spiced tea. Plate favors were small American flags. Those present were: Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, Rothal O'Kelly, Jim Smith, John A. Barton, Glover, Tom Agnew, Ford Taylor, Edward Walsh, Kenneth Feaster; and Miss Thelma Midgley.

Mrs. Hill Program Leader for 8th Street Presbyterian Society

"The Negro" was the foreign and national topic for the program led by Mrs. Roy Hill for the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society at its meeting in the church parlors Monday afternoon.

After "Blest be the Tie" was sung in unison and the opening prayer by the group, Mrs. J. D. Coulter gave the devotional and Mrs. G. P. Teague read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer. "With Malice Towards None, With Charity to All" was the topic discussed by Miss Eva Lilly. "African Mission Schools," by Mrs. Kenneth Kevil; "In the Life of African Womanhood," by Mrs. B. H. Erwin; "The March of Time and the Negro," by Mrs. Carroll Bell, were individual topics. Mrs. W. A. Erwin and Miss Maggie Lilly gave the prayers for the program.

The patriotic theme was used for room and table decorations when Mrs. J. Stubblefield, Mrs. J. W. Mackey and Miss Mae Stubblefield were social hour hostesses. A sandwich plate with cake and coffee was served to: Mmes. W. A. Erwin, B. H. Erwin, A. W. Sledge, E. S. Malone, Bell, Kevil, H. T. Russell, Coulter, Mary Spreen, Teague, Della Halley; Misses Eva and Maggie Lilly.

Miss Tarver Complimented

Miss Dorothy Tarver, bride-elect of Flight Instructor Clinton L. Fiene, was guest of honor at a kitchen shower Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Donald Nichols was hostess in her home on Tenth Street.

White pottery bowls of sweet peas in the pastel shades and baby's breath with fern gave floral decoration to rooms where games of bunco were played and high and low awards went to Mrs. P. S. Harris and Mrs. Charles Oeters, and low to Miss Norene Rainwater. Gifts were presented the honoree in a large pink and white decorated box. The hostess served angel squares decorated in pink and white, with punch.

Included were: Mmes. Fletcher Curry, H. T. Forson, R. B. Mack, Hector Billa, Buster Parrish, Fred Harman, A. C. Vanden Bulcke, W. P. Norris, Kenneth Feaster, Oeters, Harris, L. R. Tigner, Leonard Stallings, Misses Lea Matteson, Matteson, Norene Rainwater, Effie B. McMillan, Maggie Johnson and Zeida Spreen.

Mrs. Johnson Hostess to Officers' Wives Club

Mrs. Bruce B. Johnson was hostess last Thursday afternoon in her home on Third Street to members of the Officers' Wives Club.

Arrangements of spring flowers decorated rooms where high club score prize went to Mrs. Thomas J. Scanio, and low to Mrs. Donald G. Thomason.

Cherry tarts were served with coffee to: Mmes. Wendell Seibert, J. W. Capps, L. A. Handrick, Scanio, Thomason, W. L. Barber and Fred Harman.

Christian Conference of Colored Women at Baptist Church

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger sponsored an interdenominational Christian Conference of Colored Women last Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Baptist Church on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Q. V. Miller, secretary of Christian social service, directed the program and made all arrangements for the conference.

Following the musical prelude, with Mrs. Alex Saunders at the piano, Mrs. Joe Forman gave the opening prayer. The welcome was given by Mrs. L. E. Goode (col.) and the response was by Mrs. Saunders. A group of colored school children sang the "Negro National Anthem" after the history of the hymn was given by the principal of the colored school, H. J. Betts. Mrs. Victor Miller discussed the purpose of the conference. Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, gave the devotional, Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, played a solo, accompanied by Mrs. O. G. Joiner; Mrs. Charles Bailey spoke on "The Contribution the Negro Has Given to Christianity and to the World;" Mrs. I. G. Gooden (col.) talked on

"Missions;" Mrs. Leonard Stallings discussed "Health." Mrs. C. R. Stephens conducted the question box, which included questions on the "Problems in Christian Living," and the question leader was Mrs. Martha Grimes (col.). Others assisting on the program were: Georgia Tisdale, Clara Grimes, Sarah Moore, Mattie L. Tenner, and Rosa Lee Collins. Group songs were sung, and the Lord's Prayer in unison was given before dismissal. Christian literature was presented the colored people from the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary.

Other Presbyterian Auxiliary members present were: Mmes. J.

McGregor, Warren Lynn, Leslie Baker, W. B. Woody, McCain and Elma Mann, and they assisted in serving punch and cookies to the group.

Card of Thanks

We wish to show our sincere appreciation to the people who were so kind to us during the fire hazard of our home which was completely destroyed by fire Friday morning, February 11. We want to thank our many friends who have been so grateful, after following our great disaster in donating to us our needy things.

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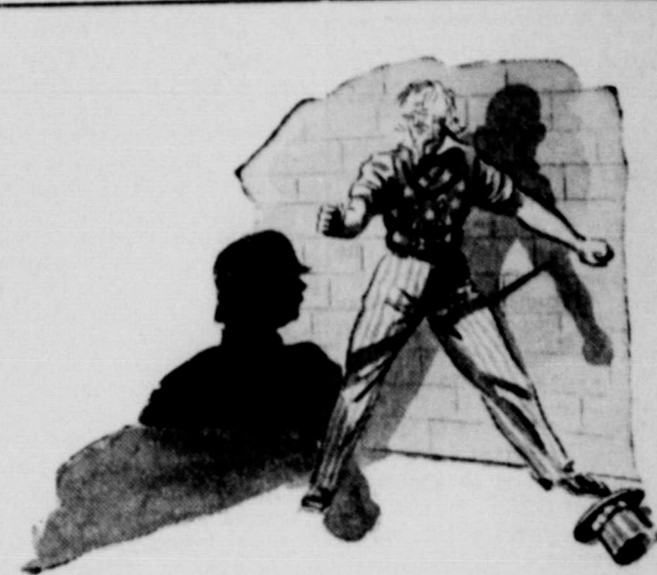
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Russia Will be Subject Of Third Rotary Speaker

The third lecturer for the Rotary Institute of International Understanding will be heard at the Ballinger high school auditorium Tuesday evening, February 29. A capacity house greeted Dr. No-Yong Park and an even larger crowd is expected for the third number as the talk will deal with Russia, a very important part of the Allied war machine at this time and a nation that will be a power in settling the affairs of Europe after the war.

The speaker is Simon Michael Davidian and his subject will be "The Russian Republics as Contributors to a New World Order." Mr. Davidian, traveler, lecturer, and specialist in international affairs, comes from Armenia, now one of the republics in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics. His people escaped from Armenia during the Turkish massacres of a generation ago, and Simon was born in Constantinople. His parents subsequently lived in Paris and then emigrated to America. Simon was reared at Worcester, Mass., in the atmosphere of an Armenian home and the school room of the New World democracy.

He attended a college at Bethany, Virginia, and Yale University. After completing his academic education he traveled extensively, especially in Europe. Even during his college days he was called on often to make addresses on "What America Means to Me," and he came to

have a clear conception of what American democracy and freedom mean to the world.

His interest and reliable knowledge of Russia and the modern development of the Soviet Union



Simon Michael Davidian

makes Davidian a speaker with a very vital message at this particular time.

Members of the Rotary Club hope a large audience will hear Davidian. Any person not having a ticket may obtain one free by seeing any Rotarian or calling on the secretary, L. R. Tigner.

The concluding number of the institute will be presented March 21, at which time Lieut.-Col. E. F. Lascelles, of London, will speak on the British Commonwealth of Nations.

MORE AIR-WACS SOUGHT FOR SPECIAL SERVICE; INFORMATION OFFERED

Cpl. Edwin H. Sullivan, of the Abilene recruiting office, was in Ballinger Friday in the interest of WAC recruiting for the special air branch. He stated that recruiters were covering this section of West Texas in an effort to sign up as many Air-Wacs as possible to meet a large quota.

Girls and women between the ages of 20 through 49 are urged to contact the recruiters and get all information on the advantages offered in this special service.

Lt. Virginia Williams, who is in charge of recruiting for the Abilene district, has headquarters in room 301, post office building, Abilene. She invites interviews at any time.

Read the ads and SAVE!

Election Managers And Judges Named For All Precincts

The Runnels county commissioners' court this week named election judges and managers for the 29 voting boxes in this county. These will officiate at the general election in the fall. They are not to be in charge of the Democratic primaries unless they are the same appointed by the county Democratic chairman.

In the following list the first named is the election manager, and the others one or more election judges:

1. Ballinger, A. McGregor; Ed Sommer, E. L. Moody
2. Hatchel, A. B. Davis; Earl Caudle
3. Benoit, J. Milton Clayton; J. L. Green
4. Crews, E. W. Rainwater; Noble Paulson
5. Tokean, J. W. Bright; Warren Aldridge
6. Harmony, J. W. Seals; Bryant Bishop
7. Winters, Buford Owens; R. B. Osborne, Miss Loye Kornegay
8. Victory, Jim Eoff; Ernest Marks
9. Pumphrey, W. O. Hudson; Howard Mitchell
10. Wingate, W. L. Burns; Ed Deen
11. Baldwin, Henry Mitchell; W. J. Gardner
12. Wilmett, F. E. Berryman; Egin Davidson
13. Cochran, Joe Crockett; Earl Chapman
14. North Norton, Kirby Robinson; L. B. Hambright
15. Marie, G. W. Shelton; Henry Pruitt
16. Maverick, J. M. Slaughter; Alto Lee
17. South Norton, Roy Roper; D. E. Compton
18. Hagan, I. M. Turner; L. Nunn
19. Brookshier, M. L. Nixon; Herbert Holland
20. Miles, B. F. Moore; E. J. Schwartz, N. S. Wright
21. Rowena, Henry Teplicek; H. A. Braden
22. Offen, Ed Hoelscher; Wm. Halfmann
23. Bethel, G. H. Dierschke; Pat Mapes
24. Ballinger, John Purifoy; Joe Forman, Ralph Ballou
25. Dale, J. S. Brown; Jim Phelps
26. Winters, H. Baldwin; W. B. Oliver, J. D. Sowell
27. Oak Creek, J. H. Clark; George Cope
28. Ballinger, T. W. Agnew; J. A. Schnable, Claude Mansell
29. Ballinger, J. Whit Patterson; A. J. Thorp, R. M. Lowry

"Empties" Spell V



Texas girls, like Norma Gilchrist, are patriotic when it comes to empties. All milk, carbonated beverage and beer bottles should be returned to the point of purchase at least once a week.

Baptist Revival And Annual Prayer Week Announced by Pastor

Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has announced that beginning Monday and closing Wednesday afternoon the Woman's Missionary Union of the church with its auxiliaries, the Sunbeam Band, the Royal Ambassadors, the junior and intermediate girls, and the young women's auxiliary will engage in the annual week of prayer in behalf of home missions as sponsored by the Baptist General Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention with which the Ballinger church cooperates. Mrs. James A. Wear, president, and Mrs. Mark Davis, missions chairman, and the circle chairmen will present the program.

Rev. Morton also announced that the annual spring revival at the First Baptist Church will start on March 12 and continue through March 19.

The music for the revival will be under the leadership of Dr. E. L. Carnett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, La. He was formerly a teacher of music at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, in the school of sacred music, and head at one time of the school of gospel music of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans. Dr. Carnett is the composer of a number of gospel songs, both words and music, and is regarded as an authority on sacred music among Southern Baptists. He is a tenor soloist of reputation and a successful choir leader and leader of congregational music. He will be with the choir of the First Baptist Church one week preceding the opening of the revival in a music institute.

The preacher for the revival is Dr. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the

First Baptist Church, Tyler. Dr. Bailes is a gifted pulpiteer and is the author of a number of books. He is also the president of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. The public has a cordial invitation to attend the services of this revival.

Administrator's Notice of Sale Estate of M. H. Wolvorton, Deceased

No. 1925
In the County Court of Runnels County, Texas.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, O. C. Sykes, administrator of the Estate of M. H. Wolvorton, Deceased, by virtue of order of the County Court of Runnels County, Texas, will on the 7 day of March, A. D. 1944, near the residence of Leon Thomas on 12th Street in the city of Ballinger, Texas, in the County of Runnels, sell at private sale certain personal property belonging to said estate of M. H. Wolvorton, deceased, consisting of two oil well

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To qualify a young woman must be between the ages of 20-36, with no children under 18 years of age. She must be an American citizen with at least two years of high school or business school education. She must be able to pass the aptitude test, the physical examination, and the personal interview.

All enlistees are trained at the coast guard training station, the former Biltmore Hotel, Palm Beach, Florida, and all enlisting in February may enter the February 28 and March 29 classes at Palm Beach.

All persons interested are urged to write or visit the SPAR recruiting office, 401 Federal Bldg., box 2487, San Antonio, for further information and application blanks. If an applicant passes all preliminary qualifications, she will be sent transportation requests for a round-trip to San Antonio for a personal interview and examinations.

Graduate Nurses Offered Positions In Civil Service

Trainee positions at \$1,820 per year plus overtime are now open to graduate nurses, in addition to previously announced jobs paying \$168.75 a month in the Panama Canal Service and \$1,800 a year in other agencies, according to J. L. Davis, local civil service secretary. Trainees must have graduated from a recognized school of nursing and must have registered as a graduate nurse in a state or territory of the United States or in the District of Columbia.

No experience is required for the trainee positions. Nurses appointed will be trained for six months in Veterans' Administration facilities and promoted, if work has been satisfactory, to the position of graduate nurse (general staff duty) at \$1,800 a year plus overtime.

All persons wishing to apply for aeronautical inspector (trainee) positions in the civil aeronautics administration, at \$2,600 a year plus overtime, should file applications with the United States civil service commission, Washington, 25, D. C., on or before February 28, 1944. Applications will not be accepted after that date.

Information on these positions and forms for applying may be secured from the commission's local secretary, Mr. Davis, at the post office.

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WACS in India See Dancing Snakes, Sacred Cow



WACS and their British equivalents are now stationed at the Allied Southeast Asia command. Top left: Two WACS are pictured with the Indian sweeper who keeps the military ladies' room spotless for \$3 a month. Bottom left: Snake charmers perform for a group of WACS and a British WREN. Right: A sacred cow interests two WACS and a WAAF. Uniformed WACS have proven their worth at many Allied posts. The organization is constantly campaigning for more patriotic members to join its ranks. Although there are 63,000 WACS, field commanders have presented requests to the WAC commander, Col. Oveta Culp Hobby, for 600,000 lady troops.

Agricultural Credit During War Favored If Production Upped

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 23.—It is patriotic to use credit where doing so would result in production of additional food without loss to farm families, asserts Tyrus B. Timm, economist in farm management for the Texas A. & M. College extension service. If credit is needed to expand farm yields and to improve the family's health status, its use is as valuable to the war effort as the use of farm machinery and hired labor.

Credit is like other farm production tools. The quality determines the profitability of the investment even more so than the amount applied, he explains. After years of trial and error, usually farm credit can be analyzed as notes and installments arranged to conform to expected income; interest and other costs in line with similar risks in other business endeavors; funds available when need is proved; amount of loan sufficiently large to use best production and marketing practices; definite understanding about additional advances and renewals in case of emergencies not created by poor husbandry; fair amount of collateral provided for lender as insurance for his service; and lender who understands and appreciates the hazards of farming and the scope of rural life.

Timm suggests that reorganizing existing short-term indebtedness offers another sound use of wartime credit. This might effect a reduction in the cost of carrying such debts. But he cautions against using credit in an attempt to make money on livestock and other farm items through future price changes. Such speculative use of credit by many farmers is one commodity simply builds up the price of goods.

He also discourages incurring long-term indebtedness which cannot be paid within the lifetime of the item for which the money was borrowed. For example, a tractor with a normal life of 10 years should be paid off within that period. Payment in half the time would be better because of latter year breakdowns and obsolescence.

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WILD ANIMALS GET LOOSE ON VOYAGE TO BUENOS AIRES

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 22.—Two tigrisses, three crocodiles and two wolves now in the Buenos Aires zoo all appear quite contented, but their recent trip from Los Angeles cannot be described as uneventful. One of the crocodiles broke from its wire cage while aboard ship and caused quite a reign of terror before being recaptured. An ostrich, which died aboard ship, was the only casualty of the voyage, however.

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Badoglio Tells His Plans to U. S. Newsmen



Pietro Badoglio, Italian premier, is pictured with American reporters during a recent interview in which he revealed his plans for the immediate future of Italy. He said he would resign as head of the government as soon as Rome is set free. He also announced that he would appoint a temporary government of undersecretaries.

Men Who Smashed Nazi Greenland Base



U. S. armed forces that penetrated Arctic wastes to discover and destroy a Nazi radio base on Greenland were sketched by Coast Guard Combat Artist Norman Thomas. In this picture two U. S. army scouts and a corporal of the Greenland army are shown as they prepared to go inland on a reconnaissance patrol.

Family Adopts Orphaned Fawn



When a train killed a doe near Harriman Heights, N. Y., recently, "Bambi," a tiny fawn, was orphaned. The family of young Elwood Lewis adopted her, fed her with a medicine dropper, but did not confine her. "Bambi," pictured above, lives in the woods near Elwood's home. She comes out each morning for breakfast and again after school to romp with Elwood.

World War I Vet a Gunner in No. 2



One war wasn't enough for smiling Sgt. David Cole pictured at left. At 45 he is the oldest tail gunner in the European theater of operations. He is a veteran of the First World War and has five stars on his victory ribbon which represent major engagements in which he took part in that war. In civilian life he is a taxi driver from Portland, Ore.

JUNIORS SPONSORING BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

Semi-finals and finals in a basketball tournament sponsored by the Ballinger junior class to raise money for the annual junior-senior banquet will be played here Friday night, starting at 7:30 in the high school gymnasium.

Community teams are entered in the tourney and a large number of the games were played last week, cutting the competition down to only four teams. These will compete in the semi-finals and the two winners will then meet for the championship.

School patrons are urged to attend and assist the junior class in raising money for their activities which include the entertainment of the seniors in the annual banquet.

FORMER WINTERS COUPLE MOVES TO HOME HERE

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald and daughters, co-owners of the Ballinger Home and Auto Supply Store, have moved here from Winters to make this their permanent home and are residing at 704 Harris Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have been active in civic, social, and religious activities in Winters. Mr. McDonald was a member of the volunteer fire department and has served as scoutmaster of a troop of Boy Scouts for some time. Mrs. McDonald was an active member of the federated clubs there and both were members of the First Baptist Church, and were active in all its work.

Mrs. McDonald will be remembered here as the former Miss Ethel Kemp, a graduate of the local high school and a former teacher on the local faculty.

REV. DICK O'BRIEN SPEAKER AT ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Ballinger Rotary Club members had their wives as special guests Tuesday noon for a meeting at which Rev. Dick O'Brien was the speaker. The meeting was one of the best of the year and the humorous speaker kept his audience laughing from the time he stood up until he was seated. In his usual manner he told one yarn after another, also bringing in points of seriousness that struck home.

Rev. O'Brien was here to be the guest speaker at the annual get-together of the brotherhood of the First Baptist Church Tuesday night. When it was learned he was to be here, he was invited to come on in time for the Rotary Club's noon meeting.

J. W. Guynes was accepted as a new member in the club Tuesday and committee members stated that several other new members were to be presented within a few weeks.

It is expected that Simon Davidian, next institute speaker, will attend the meeting next Tuesday.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED AT ST. MARY'S

The Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church, announces the following Lenten devotions: Daily mass, 8:00 a. m. 1st, 3rd and 6th Sunday masses at 11:00 a. m.

Stations of the Cross and benediction of the blessed sacrament for Latin-Americans, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Stations of the Cross and benediction for Americans, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

BIRTHS

Pfc. and Mrs. Leon Neely are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Wednesday morning, February 16, at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. The young man has been named Joe Preston and he and his mother are both doing fine. Pfc. Neely is now stationed at the army bombardier base at Ardmore, Oklahoma. He has just returned to camp after a few days visit with his wife and son.

VARIOUS AND SUNDRY JOBS OCCUPY WELCHMAN'S TIME

CARDIFF, Feb. 23.—Life is just a succession of jobs for W. B. Morgan, of Llandrindod Wells, Wales. He is a grocer from 10:45 a. m. to 3 p. m. on Saturday, a telephone worker twenty-two and a half hours a week, a special constable, a warden two evenings a week, a home guard, and a lay preacher on Sunday. His real job is teaching school, Monday to Friday. In his spare time he acts as a war savings committee secretary, is chairman of a parish council, a billiting officer, and a member of St. John Ambulance Association.

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Display your colors now!

Do you remember that soldier you saw on the bus with his arm in a cast? Do you recall that sailor you saw hobbling down the street on a cane? Have you noticed the list of casualties printed from time to time in this newspaper?

What you are asked to do, compared to the boys who are really in it, is easy. But your job is mighty important, too. Once again

you are asked to BUY AT LEAST ONE EXTRA HUNDRED DOLLAR WAR BOND. A Series E War Savings Bond will cost you only \$75 and you get back at maturity in ten years \$4 for every \$3 invested; this is the least you can do. Invest more if you possibly can—\$200, \$300, \$400. Remember, it all comes back with interest.

So play square—do your share. HE DID!

Let's All BACK THE ATTACK!

This is an official U. S. Treasury advertisement—prepared under the auspices of Treasury Department and War Advertising Council.

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Tandem Disc, Mouldboard Plow, Bedder, Hydro Scoop—this equipment will get the job done easier and with less expense. If you are interested in buying a tractor, see your local Ford dealer first—

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Nazi Soldier, Civilian After Allied Raids



Left: Ruins and fires can be seen behind this German soldier who was pictured in the Kiev area of the Russian front where the Nazis have been retreating. Right: Nazi newspaper vendor in Berlin distributes papers containing stories about the previous night's Allied raid. These pictures were received from a neutral source.

Hannegan Receives Gavel From Democrats



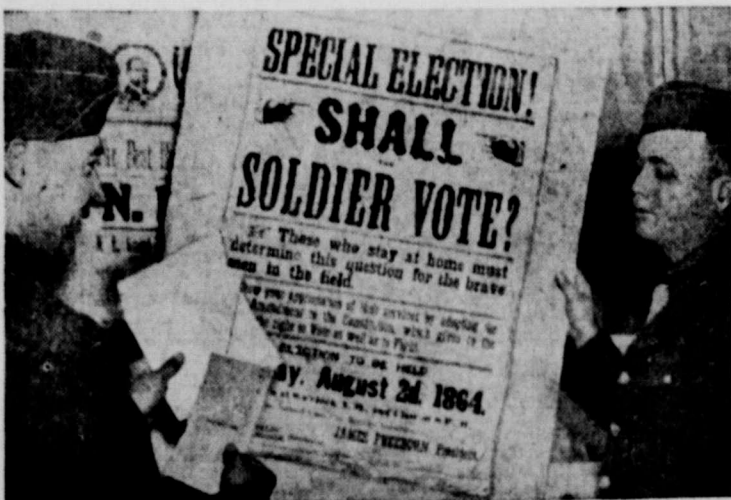
Following closely on the heels of the Republican National committee meeting which set in motion political wheels for the 1944 campaign, was the Democratic National committee meeting which selected Robert E. Hannegan of St. Louis, Mo., as its chairman. He is shown receiving the gavel from the retiring chairman, Frank C. Walker. Both major parties will hold their nominating conventions in Chicago.

Nazi Sailors Supply U-Boat



This photograph received in the United States through a neutral country, shows crewmen of a German submarine transferring supplies via a rubber boat. The supplies are going from a submarine supply craft to a raiding submarine at sea. Early in the war there were reports of huge supply submarines which could provide fuel and provisions for several subs and crews.

We Did It Before



History repeats itself as state and national legislatures debate question of whether or not soldiers shall exercise their voting privileges in the 1944 campaign. Two soldiers examine an election notice poster of August 2, 1864, from the archives of the Americana gallery in Chicago. They also inspect a sample ballot of that day.

Collision Which Killed 72



Wreck of the Atlantic Coast Lines' two streamlined trains which killed 72 and injured approximately 100. Workers using torches are shown attempting to reach victims. Cars of one train were derailed and a few minutes later the second train crashed into the derailed coaches despite a red signal which had been built by passengers of the first train.

Queen Smokes



Queen Tabnon of the Gilbertese natives gets a light from Lieut. Bruno Raymond whom she hasn't seen since he was a child. He was born on the Gilbert Islands and returned there as a pilot for the U. S. navy during the invasion of Makin. He is a member of the Royal Australian Naval reserve.

Given Highest Award



Lieut. John C. Morgan as he was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. He returned his plane to England while the pilot and all gunners were unconscious from injuries.

Mediterranean Chief



Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, who was named supreme commander in the Mediterranean theater of war succeeding General Eisenhower of the United States. Wilson formerly was the British commander in chief of the Middle East.

Swimming Does It



Esther Williams of the motion pictures who was selected as the "Swim for Health Week Gal." Miss Williams has held swimming championships.

'All Aboard'



High feminine voices are calling the stations along the Illinois Central suburban lines these days. Peggie (left) and Bette Schoenbeck, identical twins, are helping to keep the trains running on time.

Claude Mansell, operated on at the Bailey Clinic Hospital last week, is reported to be improving.

Canning Equipment Prospects Declared Brighter This Year

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 23.—Prospects for more and better home canning equipment are brighter for 1944 than they were last year, and if the home food preservation movement is successful this year the chief responsibility will rest with homemakers to take care of cookers and sealers and to follow sound practices.

A recent war production board announcement that 400,000 new pressure canners will be manufactured in 1944 should be welcome, but prospective buyers should take the long view and not invest too heavily unless they regard canning as a permanent part of their program. While pressure cookers are not rationed this year, equitable distribution will be necessary if all needs for equipment are met. This advice comes from Mrs. Winifred J. Leverenz, specialist in food preservation for the Texas A. & M. College extension service, who just has returned from food preservation conferences in Chicago and Peoria.

Mrs. Leverenz also brings the news that some cooker manufacturers will be able soon to provide dial gauges for valve-type wartime models produced last year, and most manufacturers now can supply necessary parts. She suggests that homemakers have their pressure cookers thoroughly checked before putting them into use during the coming months. This should be done at once, Mrs. Leverenz says, for delay until the canning season

opens may prove unfortunate. In Texas, Mrs. Leverenz says, every effort will be made to reduce spoilage of home-canned food. A recent survey in one midwestern state showed that 40 per cent of the homemakers who conserved home-canned food had some spoilage of products. Of 150 million containers reported canned in the state in 1943, two million were believed to be spoiled.

Avoiding this is possible by following proper methods of canning, and Mrs. Leverenz suggests that homemakers obtain authoritative information from their county home demonstration agents.

NEW HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT BEGINS WORK HERE

Miss Ozzie Folkes, new home demonstration agent for Runnels county, arrived the first of the week and has been busy getting her office in shape and the work started in the county. She succeeds Miss Myra Tankersley, agent here for the past eight years, who has transferred to Eastland county.

Miss Folkes will begin meeting with the girls' and women's clubs of the county and will direct other work fostered by the extension service.

PIANO MUSIC CHEERS WOMEN WAITING FOR RATION BOOKS

EDMONTON, England, Feb. 23.—Two young Edmonton women have been thanked officially by the local food committee. They decided to make waiting a little less tedious for harassed housewives and others in the long queues while the new ration books were being distributed. They brought out their piano and entertained with lively music for hours.

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS ARE INSPECTED BY POLICE

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt and Chester Cape made a second city-wide inspection of electric wiring today. They were acting in the capacity of fire marshal and at the direction of the city and state governments to determine whether all local wiring conforms to the laws of the city and state.

The inspectors stated that large numbers of hazards have been found in Ballinger and that store managers were advised to have corrections made.

Chief McNutt said some questioned their right to enter buildings for inspection and that in these cases nothing could be done but make reports of the non-cooperation and take further action. Similar inspections are being made all over the state in an effort to forestall fires. The chief pointed out that a store manager who insisted in permitting hazards was endangering adjoining property as well as his own and also would boost the insurance rate of all in case of a destructive fire.

Practically every store manager in Ballinger has been advised of the condition of his wiring and another check will be made later to see that suggested corrections have been made.

FETE FOR RETURNING SOLDIERS CANCELED

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 23.—Plans for a welcome in honor of military personnel returning to New Zealand on a hospital ship were cancelled when the ship's officer reported smallpox aboard. All of the personnel had been in the Middle East.

Ledger want ads pay.

CHURCH OF GOD REVIVAL WILL START FEBRUARY 5

Rev. Myron O. Gilbert, evangelist, will conduct a week's



Rev. Myron O. Gilbert

revival at the Church of God, at the corner of Sixth Street and Strong Avenue, beginning Saturday, March 5.

Evening services will be held daily commencing at 7:45 and special music will be provided. The public is invited to attend.

RELIGIOUS POSITION PAYS KING GEORGE \$4 A YEAR

CARDIFF, Feb. 23.—King George in addition to being head of the Church of England, has a position in the Church of Wales that few of his subjects know about. He is "first curial canon" of St. David's Cathedral, which entitles him to \$4 a year. He is also entitled to preach once a year in the cathedral, but has not availed himself of the privilege.

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?

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

March has been designated Red Cross Month throughout the United States and during the 31-day period Americans will be called on to donate \$200,000,000 to the organization. This huge fund, to be used in carrying on the war activities of the Red Cross, is the largest sum ever asked of the nation for this work. The expanding of the war and the huge job the Red Cross has in keeping up with American fighting men calls for much more work in 1944. Runnels county's part in this call is \$13,900 and every community will be asked to do its share in providing the money. Donations must necessarily be large and the usual small sums from individuals will not get the job done. Citizens of this county are urged to decide now what they can give and be ready when called on. Canvassers are giving their time away from their own work and cannot make a number of unnecessary calls on any person. In Ballinger leaders hope to complete the drive in a few days.

Runnels county continues to get moisture but the rains are not heavy enough to run water and storage tanks, lakes and streams are not being filled. The ground is getting so wet in most places that provided. Heretofore the band has

springs are beginning to run, however, and small grain already planted is growing nicely. Citizens of many West Texas towns are still anxiously waiting for rains that will fill reservoirs and relieve the domestic water situation.

The Runnels county draft board sent another large contingent away for physical examinations this week and is arranging to fill heavy calls in March. At the rate married men are being called the city and county will soon be picked clean of eligibles. Two plans are being discussed in congress, one to increase the age limit to 45, and the other to draft women to release men for combat duty. The group of more than 50 men sent to Lubbock this week was composed principally of married men with children. Those who were examined early in the month have not yet received calls to report for induction, but probably will about March 1.

Notice of Execution Sale
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 County of Runnels:

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 3rd day of June, 1942, in favor of John Phillips and against Mary Phillips Stone and Aaron Stone in the case of John Phillips against Mary Stone et al, No. 4701, in such court, I did, on the 26 day of January, 1944, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot Six (6) in Block No. Ninety-Three (93) of the First Railroad Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same is shown upon the map or plat of said town on record in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, and on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1944, being the first Tuesday of such month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Mary Phillips Stone and Aaron Stone in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 7th day of February, 1944.
 J. L. MORELAND,
 Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas.
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Card of Thanks
 We wish to express our deep appreciation to our friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the recent illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. A. D. Jones. Your expressions of sympathy, your deeds of kindness for our comfort, and the beautiful flowers were a real help to us in this sad hour. May God bless each of you.
 A. D. Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Jones
 Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hensley
 24-11

Rolling Toward Rome; Chiefs of Surprise Landing



Left: British troops of the Allied Fifth Army are shown in their carriers rolling toward Rome after suddenly flanking German forces by landing on Italy's west coast near the Eternal City. Right: Lieut. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the Fifth Army, shakes hands with Admiral F. J. Lowry, chief of the naval forces which participated in the landing. Only slight defensive action by the enemy was encountered and 100,000 Germans faced the possibility of being trapped between Allied armies in the south and the new landing forces.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Preparations have been completed in Concho county for the annual Red Cross drive to be held in March and no time will be lost in finishing the canvas. P. W. Williams is chairman for Paint Rock, and Mrs. Ellen Sims is chairman for all rural sections. The Paint Rock chapter includes the town of Paint Rock, and Eola, Millersview, Concho, White Point, Dry Hollow, Duck Creek, Lowake, and Henderson. The quota is \$1,800.

Eight Sweetwater youths were charged last week with burglary after an investigation by officers. The charges developed from the theft of articles from cabins at Lake Sweetwater and it is believed the problem has been settled. Two boys were caught in act of ransacking one of the cabins and implicated six others in confessions to the police.

Cpl. Scott H. Roberts, of Menard, was at home last week for a visit with relatives. A paratrooper, he took part in the invasion of Sicily, where he was wounded. Roberts and one of his buddies at Ashburn general hospital, McKinney, were permitted to visit at Menard. His experiences in Sicily have made him a widely known hero.

Dr. R. N. Richardson, acting president of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, was the principal speaker at a meeting held in the Winters high school auditorium last week. Dr. Richardson's subject was "The United States and United Leadership in the Post-War Era." This program, for both students and parents, was sponsored by the Diversity Club.

A building on the Brownwood high school campus is being remodeled and will be converted into a band hall. A large hall for rehearsals, a band office, an office for the director, dressing rooms, and lockers for uniforms will be

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take care of the added load. The contract for the 400-foot well was let for a consideration of \$1,200. The location has just been staked south of the municipal plant.
 Miss Irene Olsak, of Harlingen, spent Sunday here, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olsak.
 Plant good seed—in war bonds—and harvest security after the war.

At the annual meeting of the Rising Star Chamber of Commerce last week reports of standing committees were heard and all officers reelected for another year. The chamber is in excellent financial condition as revealed by the treasurer's annual statement.

Lake Scarborough at Coleman will be opened February 29 for a fishing rodeo to which all citizens of Coleman county are eligible. Sponsored by the junior chamber of commerce, cash prizes will be paid at the end of the day for the largest string, the largest fish, and a number of other special events. Many anglers are making plans to be at the lake early to get the big ones and also to find a place to cast their lines before the crowd arrives.

McCulloch county boys started their livestock parade as the bigger Texas shows were opened last week. They already have been awarded 45 ribbons and three were for grand champions. The better animals will continue to be exhibited at state shows of the most prestige and are expected to win many more places. For a number of years McCulloch county club boys have won many livestock awards.

Supt. J. I. Warren, of Miles, has been appointed community Red Cross chairman and will organize and conduct the annual drive for war funds. The Miles quota has not been set but will be apportioned at a meeting of all committeemen in the near future.

A huge war bond rally was held at Comanche last Friday to put the county over the top. A special show, "The Baptism of Fire," was presented Thursday evening to parents of all boys from the county in the armed services. An additional \$150,000 was needed to attain the 4th war loan quota.

The Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co. has just completed installing new machinery in its shops at Melvin. The machines are housed in a recently constructed building and will enable all kinds of woodwork to be done for customers.

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff has ordered an election on March 4 to determine whether patrons of the Groenwald and Sweet Home school districts wish to consolidate with the Rowena district. The election is set early in order to allow the Rowena school board time to enlarge and be ready for the term which starts next September.

The Stephenville city commission has let a contract for drilling an additional water well to help

County Tuberculosis Association Elects Officers for New Year

The annual meeting of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association was held at the city hall here last Saturday with good attendance. Officers for the year were elected and a standing committee reports were heard.

Reports of standing committees were the most encouraging ever made. Mrs. K. V. Northington, seal sale chairman, reported a total of \$1,256.68 collected on seals, bonds and bangles, making it one of the best years in the history of the county organization.

Mrs. Nat Williams' report for the nominating committee was accepted and the following elected: Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, president; Mrs. Wallace Martin, Winters, vice-president; Dale Douglas, Norton, second vice-president; Mrs. J. B. Striplin, secretary; Mrs. John A. Barton, treasurer. Added to the executive board for the ensuing year were Mrs. Roy Roper, Norton; and Mrs. Alton Underwood, Ballinger.

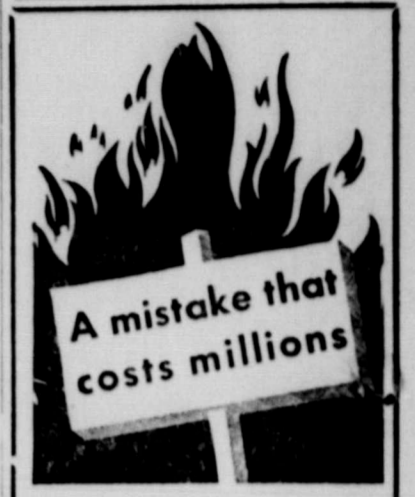
Discussions were held on hiring an executive secretary and it was voted that the executive committee employ the secretary.

The objective for the year is to give the early diagnosis to all high school pupils. The next quarterly meeting will be held on the first Saturday in May.

At the close of the meeting the group reassembled at the Cactus Coffee Shop for refreshments. Those present were: Mmes. L. White and Wallace Martin, Winters; W. C. Harkins and E. C. Snyder, Wingate; F. A. Davidson,

Miles; C. R. Stephens, K. V. Northington, J. B. Striplin, Lee Maples, Ernest Moody, C. Alvarez, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Miss Grifflie Atkins, all of Ballinger; and Mrs. H. H. Wagner, Rowena.

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If potatoes are peeled before cooking, much of their food value is lost in the cooking process. In cooking potatoes, boil in covered utensil in just enough water to cover them or bake in hot oven (450 degrees).

In cooking potatoes, or any other food on your gas range, remember the range should have the best of care. Today it can only be replaced under very rigid wartime regulations. Our home economics department offers the suggestions below:

CARE for your gas range

- Do not put wet dishes directly on the enamel. (This enamel is glass.) Protect top with asbestos mat.
- Wipe off spilled foods at once, with dry cloth. Later when range is cool, clean with damp cloth.
- To clean top burners of aluminum or enamel, use mild soapuds, rinse and dry. (Do not boil in soda solution.)
- To clean broiler grill, let cool before washing with soapuds; use fine steel wool. (Remove grill and pan from the range, as soon as food is taken off.)
- Whenever possible, use only a moderate heat for broiling, and you will find the broiler easier to clean. (Many foods broil well with a moderate heat.)
- The oven-lining will last longer, if you roast meats at low temperatures (250° to 325°). It makes better tasting meat, besides, and also cuts down grease-spatter on oven-walls.
- To clean up spill-overs on oven-floor, let cool, and then use a fine steel wool.

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LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

Little Margaret O'Brien Stars In Heart-Warming 'Lost Angel'

A tender and human comedy, full of laughter and just a few tears is M-G-M's "Lost Angel," to be the principal attraction at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 27, 28, 29. The star is the wonder child, Margaret O'Brien, who will forever be remembered by moviegoers for her poignant portrayal of the title role in "Journey for Margaret."

This time Margaret stars in a comedy about a child who is raised as a prodigy by a group of pro-

fessors and thinks she is happy until an irresponsible reporter, played by James Craig, enters her tiny sphere and captures her imagination with a promise to show her magic. The result is an evening's fun for all when the super-intellectual child sets out and challenges him for proof. And when circumstances force Craig to keep the child for a few days events begin to pop. Craig learns a valuable lesson which enables him to find happiness with his torch singer sweetheart, played by Marsha Hunt, and the young genius becomes a normal, healthy, happy child, aware of all the wonders of childhood.

In this picture little Margaret O'Brien proves herself a finished actress in words and deeds and sets a pace few child actresses can equal. James Craig and Marsha Hunt, paired recently in "The Human Comedy," contribute outstanding support to young Miss O'Brien as the romantic leads, and Keenan Wynn makes his delineation of Packy, befuddled racketeer, a comic characterization not to be easily forgotten. Others in the cast include Philip Merivale, Donald Meek, Henry O'Neill and Sara Haden.

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W. A. FORGEY ASKS FOR RE-ELECTION

To the Voters of Runnels County: I wish at this time to announce for reelection to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector of Runnels County.

In making this announcement I wish to first express my appreciation to my many friends for their fine cooperation with this office during the past years and for the fine support given to me and the members of the force in this office. It has always been a pleasure to serve the people of Runnels County and I have enjoyed my work with and for you.

During the days of war, we have all been called upon to do more work and the burden may become even greater. I have tried to keep a force of workers that could attend to the job in the tax office and be ready at all times to wait on any taxpayer who had business there. I will continue to conduct the affairs in such a manner and you will find me always ready to be of service when possible.

I want to continue as your assessor-collector. I feel that I am qualified in every way and that the years in the office has educated me in tax matters until I am far more capable than when

Deputy Collectors Will Assist Local Income Tax Filers

Two deputy collectors of the internal revenue bureau will be in Ballinger Monday and Tuesday to assist those who need help in preparing their income tax returns. An office will be established in the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and the collectors, Earl B. Morgan and George H. Blackwood, will be found in the office from 8:30 a. m. until 5 p. m.

This service is free and all citizens who need information or help are urged to see the deputy collectors while they are here. This will be the only opportunity to get this free aid before the final date for filing on March 15. Those needing assistance should bring with them the following information:

1. Total salary or wages for 1943, including bonus and overtime pay before deductions
2. Statement of income and victory tax withheld by employer during 1943 (forms V-2 and W-2)
3. Total amount of all other income during 1943
4. Amount of tax paid on 1942 return
5. Amount paid on 1942 income tax
6. Amount paid on estimated return form 1040-ES, if any
7. Members of the American forces during any part of 1942 or 1943 should furnish copies of their 1942 income tax returns.

FORMER BALLINGER MAN GETS STATE APPOINTMENT

Horace B. Sessions, member of the 44th legislature from Ballinger, has been appointed securities commissioner and administrator of the real estate dealers license act. Announcement of the appointment was made by Sidney Latham, secretary of state, at Austin Monday.

Mr. Sessions is a son-in-law of Mrs. R. T. Trail of Ballinger, and made this home for a number of years.

I first entered the work. In this announcement I ask that you give me every consideration and take this as a personal solicitation for your support in the primary elections this summer. In past years it has been the custom to visit as many as possible personally and ask for their support. This year the war, rationing of tires, cars and gas, and the shortage of help, may keep me from seeing some of you, but I ask your continued friendship and support in my reelection.

Yours sincerely,
W. A. FORGEY
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'Riding High'



Scene from "Riding High" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Lamour, Dick Powell, Vic Moore In Singy Western, 'Riding High'

Another great new Paramount musical, in technicolor, co-starring Dorothy Lamour, Dick Powell and Victor Moore, is due to arrive at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight, with Gil Lamb, Cass Daley, and Milt Britton and his Band, when "Riding High" is shown in preview here. This attraction also is booked for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 27, 28, 29.

According to advance reports, "Riding High" is one of the merriest film musicals ever made, a whiz-bang of a western, glorified with gorgeous girls, peppy tunes, eye-filling costumes, all that and technicolor, too.

It tells the hilarious story of Victor Moore, a counterfeiter, who tries to elude Sheriff Gil Lamb and play cupid to Dottie and Dick Powell at the same time. Dottie has the role of an ex-burlesque queen who returns to Arizona because her father has become part owner of a silver mine. Dick is the other owner, but the mine hasn't been able to operate without money. That's where Moore and his counterfeit lettuce come in.

Lottie Harrison. This film is rated an exciting comedy-drama. The return engagement of "The Oklahoma Kid," starring Cagney and Bogart, was prompted by the great popularity of these Warner Bros. stars, who scored tremendously in recent pictures. In support are Donald Crisp, Rosamery Lane, Harvey Stephens, Hugh Sothern, Charles Middleton, Edward Pawley and Ward Bond.

The picture is laid in the wild and lawless days when the Indian Territory was being opened to settlement. One of its most impressive scenes is the beginning of the famous land rush of 1893 in which some 30,000 homesteaders raced across the country to stake out sites in the newly opened territory.

Warner Baxter Has Star Role in Latest 'Crime Doctor' Film

"Crime Doctor's Strangest Case," latest Columbia picture in this thrilling series adapted for the screen from the famous radio stories of Max Marcin, is booked at the Palace Theatre next Saturday and Sunday, February 26, 27.

Warner Baxter is again starred in what advance reports say is an even more exciting story than the first in this group. Featured in the cast are: Lynn Merrick, Reginald Denny, Barton MacLane, Jerome Cowan, Rose Hobart, Gloria Dickson, Virginia Brissac, Constance Worth and Lloyd Bridges.

GRINDSTAFF SPEAKER FOR WINTERS CHURCH

Judge E. C. Grindstaff was the speaker at a special laymen's service at the First Baptist Church in Winters Sunday morning. A large congregation was present for the special service and to hear Judge Grindstaff.

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

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Matinee 1:30 to 3:15
Saturday and Sunday Continuous Show Night Show at 7:00 during week days

Admission 10c-25c-30c

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's
New Kind of Romance!

"THEY STARED AT ME FROM THE SKY!"

"I'VE SEEN THEM ONLY ONCE FROM THE SKY!"

Lost Angel

Starring
MARGARET O'BRIEN
James Craig - Marsha Hunt
Philip Merivale
Henry O'Neill
Donald Meek

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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 20cc. sizes. U.S.P. & Co.

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PALACE

BALLINGER

Saturday and Sunday

CONTINUOUS SHOWS 1:30 TILL 11:00 P. M.

FEATURE NUMBER ONE

JOHNNY MACK BROWN
"OUTLAWS OF STAMPEDE PASS"
with RAYMOND HATTON
A MONOGRAM PICTURE

FEATURE NUMBER TWO

"THE CRIME DOCTOR'S STRANGEST CASE"
with WARNER BAXTER
LYNN MERRICK - REGINALD DENNY

-ALSO-

"SECRET SERVICE IN DARKEST AFRICA"
with ROD CAMERON
JOAN MARSH

-AND-

Color Cartoon

REGULAR PRICES

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Lil and Bonnie

Assembly

The Sub-Deb Club had charge of the assembly program February 16. Louise Smith acted as mistress of ceremonies. The first number was a Chinese love song, sung by Mary Sue Looney, wearing a beautiful silk, Chinese robe, and carrying a Chinese parasol.

A radio skit, both humorous and timely, was presented in which advice was given to the "lovelorn" by Carl Black, representing the famous Mr. John B. Anthony of radio fame.

Lillian Ruth Keithley and Wanda Crager sang the current popular song, "Marzee Doates."

The program was concluded with Mrs. Lee-Parker reading a comical number.

Guess Who?

Who is that new girl the boys are all crazy about? She is a fourteen year old brunette from Kalamazoo, Michigan.

When asked what she thought about Texas she said, "It's swell!" Of course all the Texans will agree! She said that people are more friendly here in our school than the one she formerly attended.

Her ambition is to be a nurse.

As for ideals—she doesn't have to worry—she has lots of them.

Last week's "guess who"—Jamie Fox.

Sewing Club

Friday, February 18, the sewing club had a party in the home of Mary Evelyn Johnson. We played a number of games. Then Mrs. Dick Jackson served refreshments of chicken salad sandwiches, cheese sandwiches, hot chocolate, chocolate cake, and jello.

Those present were Cordie Lou Forgy, Virginia Henniger, Mary Evelyn Johnson, Dorothy Harrall, Juanita Frey, Helen Heavenhill, Nell Wood, Patsy Paris, Evah Jo Payne, Laurdeen Bryan, Ruby Jean Boswell, Olene Jones, Betty Jo Burks, Betty Jean Smith, and our sponsor, Mrs. R. E. Johnson.

Mrs. Price Middleton and baby were here Tuesday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Middleton and other relatives.

TEXAS

BALLINGER

Friday and Saturday

CONTINUOUS SHOWS DAILY

Double Feature Program

KING OF THE LAWLESS WEST!

James CAGNEY
as **The OKLAHOMA KID**
HUMPHREY BOGART • ROSEMARY LANE • Donald Crisp
A WARNER BROS. Picture • Directed by Lloyd Bacon • Music by Max Steiner • Screen Play by Warren Duff, Robert Buckner and Edward E. Parmore • From an Original Story by Edward E. Parmore and Wally Klein

-ALSO ON THE SAME PROGRAM-

MONOGRAM PICTURES
"THE EAST SIDE KIDS"
"MR. MUGGS STEPS OUT"
LEO GORCEY • HUNTZ HALL
GABRIEL DELL • BILLY BENEDICT

-ALSO-

POPEYE CARTOON AND FOX NEWS
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BALLINGER

Prevue Saturday 11:45 p. m.

Sunday-Monday-Tuesday

CONTINUOUS SHOWS DAILY

Paramount's TECHNICOLOR
Rhythm Rodeo!
DOROTHY LAMOUR
DICK POWELL
VICTOR MOORE
"RIDING HIGH"
A Paramount Picture with Gil Lamb-Cass Daley and Milt Britton and Band
Directed by GEORGE MARSHALL

COLOR CARTOON AND FOX NEWS
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