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## \$13,900 Drive Opens Here for Red Cross

### Program to be Presented For Men Entering Service

All citizens of Runnels county are invited to be on the court house lawn at 10 a. m. Wednesday of next week for the farewell party to be given army and navy selectees who are leaving on that date for induction. All men in this call have been notified to be on hand at that time and will be one of the largest numbers of men to leave for the armed services in a single day.

Navy selectees will take regular busses for Lubbock and army selectees are to go on special busses to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. The Pat Williams post of the American Legion will have charge of the program and a few numbers are being arranged to tell the men good-bye and good luck.

Legionnaires urge that all citizens leave their places of business for a brief period and assemble on the court house lawn with the men and their families for this short ceremony.

The county draft board has instructed 40 men to report for the army and 12 to report for the navy. All these recently passed physical examinations at Lubbock and were accepted for service. They are to begin training as soon as they enter camp.

Herbert Mills Ryan was accepted last week for training as an aviation cadet and was sent at once to a training area. Alfred Robert Brayos was accepted in the air forces reserve and has been assigned to Bruce Field for the present.

### ANOTHER BALLINGER SOLDIER IS WOUNDED

Word was received here this week that Sgt. Troy Ransbarger had been wounded in action and is now in a hospital in Italy. The message came from the war department and in word direct from the soldier.

Sgt. Ransbarger is a member of company C, 142nd infantry. He participated in the invasion of Italy in which a brother, Sgt. Rufus W. Ransbarger, was taken prisoner by the Germans. Word from the wounded man was that he was hit by shrapnel in his right hip and his left leg below the knee. He stated that he would be unable to walk for several months.

Rufus is a son of A. E. Ransbarger of Ballinger.

### Heavy Rains Push Water Over Reservoir Spillways

Early Monday morning water went over the spillway of the city reservoir, filling the lower lake for the first time since last June. Precipitation on the Elm Creek watershed Sunday night ranged from 83 of an inch at Ballinger to about 1.50 inches elsewhere. Reports received here Monday morning from north of old Runnels estimated that there was a five-foot rise on the creek at that place and within a short time the rise reached the city lake here, filling it and running over the spillway.

City water department officials were of the opinion that the rise would be sufficient to push much of the hard spring water out of the lake and bring in front rain-

### Fifteen 18-Year-Olds In County Register During Past Month

The Runnels county draft board announced today that fifteen 18-year-old Runnels county boys registered during February. This is slightly more than the average registration in the county. Those who became 18 during the month and who have registered for military service are:

Floyd Marshall Damron, Winters route 2  
 Frederick William Bredemeyer, Winters route 1  
 William Robert Paschal, Ballinger route 1  
 Artie Teague, Wingate  
 LeRoy William Pelzel, Rowena route 1  
 Freddie Reid Caskey, Ballinger  
 Zane Grey McWilliams, Winters route 3  
 Archie Barton Tomlinson, Wingate route 1  
 William Dock Rogers, Winters  
 Wesley Layton Burk, Ballinger route 1  
 James Collins Hall, Jr., Winters route 1  
 Ernest Washington Dupre, Bronte route 2  
 Cletus Clark Killough, Ballinger  
 George Vernon Mitchell, Ballinger route 2  
 James Wilfred Willis, Winters route 4.

### NEW EXPRESS AGENT MOVED TO BALLINGER

George M. Beard, formerly of San Antonio, has been transferred to Ballinger to be manager of the Railway Express agency here. He succeeds G. G. Harwell.

Mr. Beard stated today that he would bring his wife here as soon as a house is secured. The only other member of his immediate family is a son now in the service.

Mr. Harwell will be a traveling commercial agent for the company and make headquarters in San Antonio. Mrs. Harwell and daughter are still here but plan to join Mr. Harwell in the near future.

### Pilot Completes 25 Missions



The above picture sent from England, shows Captain Victor Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Field, Houston, and after a short period of training on heavy bombers was sent to England. He has participated in some of the heaviest blows of the war against Germany and has experienced some hair-raising trips, always bringing his machine back but once landing it as it ran entirely out of gasoline.

The latest information to his parents was to the effect that he would not return home right at this time.

### Thirty-two Are Accepted For Army-Navy Service

Runnels county men who were sent to Lubbock last week for army-navy physical examinations were reported back to the county draft board this week, a total of 32 being accepted. Of those taken 12 go to the army, 16 to the navy, 3 get limited army service, and one was transferred to the local board for induction into the navy.

The date for final induction has not been made public but all those accepted will be sent notices as soon as the board is advised of the date.

- Those accepted are:
- Army**  
 Florencio G. Saucedo  
 Raymond Ralph McShan  
 Wilburn H. Dismore  
 Oran Wesley Bigby  
 Paul Blount  
 Horace Albert Fry  
 Homer Pay Guin  
 Andrew Theo Hennecke  
 William Edward Kohutek  
 Ben Arthur Willberg  
 Arnold Otto Lange  
 Joel Ray Reese
- Limited Service**  
 Walter Jasper Green  
 Walter Fairman Taft  
 Robert Morris Hodges
- Navy**  
 Roy Edwin Young  
 Odell Earnest Clayton  
 Wenceslao Macias Galton  
 George Edid Newby  
 Rupert Edid Rainwater  
 James Donald Phillips  
 Emmitt James Wilkey  
 Luther Clinton Moore  
 George Burley Vinson  
 Jasper Lenwood Albright  
 F. L. Gerhart, Jr.  
 Andrew Louis Zak  
 Clyde Hampton Harville, Jr.  
 Glendon Edward Kelly

**DR. J. E. SMITH**  
 Chiropractor  
 Doose Building

**\$250.00 Reward**  
 Paid for Conviction of Livestock Thieves.  
 Runnels County Livestock Association

### SERVING UNCLE SAM



Lt. Carroll L. Mullins, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Mullins, received his wings and commission as a second lieutenant at the AAF two-engine pilot school at Marfa on February 8. Lt. Mullins has been at home on a short furlough before receiving his assignment to Gardner Field, Bakersfield, Calif. A graduate of the Ballinger high school, he later attended the University of Texas, A. & M. College, San Angelo junior college and Sul Ross State Teachers' College.



Lester D. Cape, the two sons of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cape are now serving with U. S. fleets somewhere in the Pacific war theatres. Chester, seaman 2c, is on an aircraft carrier in the combat zone, having been in the navy many months.



Chester H. Cape, Lester, seaman 1c, is aboard the U. S. S. Rardford, and also is in the Pacific. He has been in the service about as long as his brother.

Mrs. Grace Wood received a card from her husband, Cpl. Robert Wood, this week. The card came from a German prison camp, Stalag IIIB, and was written on October 10, 1943, arriving here February 29. This was the first message the wife had got from him since August 31. His mother received a card about a month ago which was written on October 17.

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### Sgt. Elton F. Kevil To Visit Parents; Missing 3 Months

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kevil have received a telegram from their son, Sgt. Elton F. Kevil, sent from New York, in which he informed them he would be home in about a week.

His arrival home will be more like a fairy tale than real life and his parents and other relatives are overjoyed over the events of the recent past and his action in the European war theatre.

It was on October 8, 1943, that Elton was reported missing in action by the war department. Previously he had been a waist gunner on a B-17 bomber operating over Germany and Axis-occupied countries from a base in England. He was somewhere over Germany on October 8 when his ship was shot down and he was reported missing. Part of the crew has since been reported prisoners of the enemy.

Nothing was heard from the sergeant until January 22 when a cablegram informed his parents he was safe and back with his "outfit" in England. Since then several letters have been received from him but none gave any information regarding his return to England.

The message received Tuesday merely stated: "In New York. Be home in about a week."

His parents had suspected that Elton was being returned to the States by letters which told them not to write again until they had been given a new address. Mr. Kevil stated Tuesday that his visit home might clear up some of the mystery and again the soldier son might be unable to tell about his safe return to his base in England after being missing in action.

### New Oil Test Being Drilled on J. L. King Estate Near Beddo

John Castor and associates have started an oil test on the J. L. King estate, half a mile east of the Beddo pool. Contract for the well was given to Jackson & Sagens, of Longview and Tyler, and the drilling contract is held by H. O. Newman, of Coleman.

The well has already been spudded and drilled to about 1,200 feet with regular tours being operated. The contract depth is 3,600 feet and no time will be lost in completing the job.

Mr. Castor stated that if any kind of a showing was obtained in this test six other wells would be drilled in the same area by the company.

He also stated that he had completed the forming of several other acreage blocks and expected to be ready to announce other oil activities within the next 30 to 60 days.

The Beddo pool has been producing for the several years and a good well on the King estate would be a big extension to that production.

Drilling is being continued on a test on the H. Gleske ranch, southeast of Ballinger.

Other oil men are assembling acreage and making geological surveys to determine locations for additional wells in the county.

Mrs. H. W. Doherty visited in Seminole last week with her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Ivey, who is in a hospital.

**Mrs. Gertrude Woods**  
 INSURANCE  
 111 S. Eighth Street  
 Ballinger, Texas

Red Cross workers from all sections of Runnels county were here Saturday afternoon for a called meeting at the city hall. The meeting was called by E. Shepperd, county chairman of the war fund drive, and a representative of every community in the county was present to receive instructions and materials.

Mrs. Kenneth Jameson, Red Cross national field worker, told the group of the many wartime duties of the American Red Cross. She went into considerable detail in explaining the work between the home front and the boys in prison camps, telling of the service rendered in each area. She also opened a Red Cross food package, identical to that shipped to boys in enemy prison camps, to show what was inside. Letters and cablegrams to prisoners were also explained, as well as other services.

The giving of blood to Red Cross plasma banks was discussed and Mrs. Jameson introduced women who had donated blood at San Angelo by making appointments for that purpose.

J. A. Killough made a short report on activities of the home service department and the hundreds of cases handled in this county between the relatives at home and the boys in training camps or overseas.

W. H. Rumpy, of Winters, stated that the cooperation in the county chapter had been splendid and he considered much good had been accomplished.

Chairman Shepperd outlined the coming drive, giving the quota for each community and receiving the acceptance from the community chairman. In most sections the drive was launched Wednesday of this week and will be continued until the full quotas have been raised.

The county quota of \$13,900 is the largest amount ever asked for the Red Cross in this county. Chairmen present Saturday were of the opinion that no trouble would be experienced in raising the quota because of the great work done by the organization in every area where Americans are serving.

Mrs. S. L. Fulcher, not solicited in the previous drive, came to the office of Mr. Shepperd Saturday and left a check for \$25. The chairman announced this to show the necessity for calling on every individual.

Mrs. E. A. Saunders, county chairman, and all supervisors of sewing, knitting and surgical dressings were present to hear Mrs. Jameson and to lend encouragement to the drive. Many of these women have given many hours to this work, some more than some men give to their business.

The following quotas were accepted by community chairmen: Ballinger, Sam Behringer, \$4,500; Rowena, Joe Shiller, \$500; Norton, Dale Douglas, \$400; Humble Pump Station, J. W. Guynes, \$150; Sweet Home, C. A. Matejowski, \$100;

Often, Ben Halfmann, \$300; Brookshier, Hub Holland, \$100; Kristoff, G. A. Buxkemper, \$100; Groenwald, E. J. Behrend, \$200; Spring Hill, Morris Wheelless, \$100;

Blanton, Mrs. D. L. Brevard, \$200; Millar, Everett Witter, \$100; Benoit, J. Milton Clayton, \$250; Dry Ridge, C. W. McAden, \$100; Maverick, Dock Lee, \$150;

Hagan-Barnett, I. M. Turner, \$200; Runnels, Hugh Campbell, \$150; Harman Training Center, chairman to be selected, \$400;

Bethel, I. V. Pearson, \$200; Miles, J. I. Warren, \$500; Cross Roads, John Book, \$100; Winters and north portion of county, \$4,500.

Mr. Behringer stated that seventeen teams had been formed to work in Ballinger and that everything was set to launch the campaign. Solicitors appeared in the business district Wednesday and met with excellent response at the onset of the campaign.

### Harman Employees Boost Red Cross War Fund Here

Employees of the Harman Training Center set a record Wednesday in their response to the Red Cross war fund drive. The drive opened here officially Wednesday morning and at noon every employee who was on duty at the field had contributed, putting the flying field far over its assessed quota.

Fred Harman, operator of the primary training school, presented the matter to all civilian employees and entire departments donated, every person on duty participating. A check-up at noon revealed a total of \$1,635.50 raised, representing an average of \$5.00 per person.

Elsewhere in this issue is an advertisement listing the con-

tributors at the field and the amount given by each.

The duties performed by the Red Cross all over the world has made it the most popular organization with assigned work in this war. Many soldiers have written home for contributions to be made from their own money and the national goal of \$200,000,000 is expected to be attained in short order.

The quick and generous response of the personnel of the Harman Training Center is proof of the popularity of the Red Cross. These workers have done their part and more in war bond campaigns, for the United War Chest, and all other drives to aid the war effort.

**FIREMEN GET CHECK**  
 Ballinger firemen received a check for \$25 from Mrs. John A. Weeks today for their good work in extinguishing the blaze in her apartment house at 300 Phillips Avenue the first of the week.

**Income Tax Returns**  
 Individual—Partnership—Corporation  
**JACK NIXON**  
 Office Over Pearce Drug Store Phone 544  
 Ballinger, Texas

**Save Scrap Paper**  
 Ballinger Boy Scouts will gather scrap paper for the next 60 days. They will call at your place Saturday. Bundle it for them.  
**AGNEW FUNERAL HOME**  
 Telephone 440  
 Ballinger, Texas

**SOCIETY**

**Methodist Church Scene of Curry-  
Behringer Nuptials**

Miss Camille Behringer, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer, became the bride of Tech. Sgt. J. Edward Curry of Camp Polk, Louisiana, son of Mrs. I. N. Curry of Waxahachie, in a beautiful candlelight service read just at the twilight hour at 7:40 o'clock Saturday evening in the First Methodist Church, with the Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor, reading the double ring ceremony before a large assembly of relatives and lifelong friends.

The lovely altar decoration was arranged on the rostrum immediately in front of the gilded pipes of the organ and the church's large service flag. The American flag and the Christian flag stood at each side of the massed grouping of ferns in graduated heights, and tall white baskets of Easter lilies and lace fern. An eleven-branch candelabra in inverted V-shape in the exact center background held white tapers as did five-point ones flanking each side. In the foreground was the satin-covered prie dieu. Low crystal bowls filled with almond and crab apple blossoms were used on the organ console and white satin ribbons marked the family pews.

Mrs. J. F. Currie was organist for the nuptial music and a short program of love songs preceding the ceremony. As candles were lighted she played "Love's Old Sweet Song" and continued with the accompaniment of "I Love You, Truly" by Carrie Jacobs-Bond, sung by Mrs. Derwood Bissett. She also played the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" by Wagner, and Mendelssohn's "Wedding March."

Miss Ioma Blocker of Dallas was maid of honor. She wore a draped frock of chartreuse crepe with small hat of violets. Other accessories were black patent and her corsage was of orchid Dutch irises. Derwood Bissett attended the bridegroom as best man. Johnny Earnshaw and Donald Williams were ushers.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of navy alpaca. The scalloped falls trim, which edged the square neckline, also extended the full length on each side of the front skirt panel. Her small hat of white lace straw was trimmed with velvet bow and veil of navy. Her three-quarter gloves were white and other accessories were navy lizard. She carried a white Testament topped with a single white orchid set in tulle and showered with narrow satin ribbons and valley lilies. For "something old" she wore her maternal grandmother's wedding ring on a necklace and also carried her mother's wedding handkerchief.

For the reception in the Behringer home on Tenth Street, Mr. and Mrs. Behringer were assisted in receiving by the bridegroom's sister, Miss Erma Currie, and brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Currie, and daughters, all of Waxahachie, and the bride's grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Campbell, and aunt, Mrs. Hutton Laxson.

The crystal punch bowl, encircled with almond blossoms and lace fern, and the three-tiered all-white decorated cake, which was topped with miniature bride and soldier groom, were placed at opposite ends of the table laid in hand-made lace. Mrs. J. W. Longenette, cousin of the bride, ladled punch and Mrs. James A. Wear served cake. Mrs. Bissett and Mrs. Harmon Buckley assisted. Miss Clayonae Campbell, of Sweetwater, also a cousin of the bride, presided at the register.

Other reception rooms were decorated with potted hydrangeas in pastel tones and vases of daffodils and acacia.

After a short visit in Ft. Worth, the couple will go to Camp Polk, La., where Sgt. Curry is stationed. For traveling, the bride wore a tailored suit of moss green wool with print crepe blouse. Her accessories were alligator and her top coat was of gold wool.

After graduating from the Ballinger High School Mrs. Curry attended Southwestern University where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta Sorority. She received her degree in 1941 from North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton, where she majored in English and was a member of Kappa and Senior Mary Arden. She taught high school English for two years and for the past year has been employed by the Mercantile National Bank in Dallas. After a short stay in Louisiana, she will return to Dallas.

Tech. Sgt. Curry attended Trinity University where he was a member of the Blue Key Fraternity and a star basketball player. Before entering the Army he was employed by the First National Bank at Amarillo.

Mrs. Bruce W. Bryant, of Austin, is here for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Reynolds.

Johnny Miller and Clyde Harville, both students of the University of Texas, Austin, were here the past week-end for a short visit between semesters.

*Yours for Easter and After*

Success Fashions for Through Spring! Priced Low to Save You Money!



**Easter Freshness  
for Every Costume**

Marvelous accessories for every Easter costume! Stunning new bags, fresh gloves—and the prettiest hats imaginable! Come pick your Easter spice here—at tiny, tiny prices.

- Bags ..... from \$2.95
- Gloves ..... from \$1.00
- Hats ..... from \$3.95



**Easter Fashion Hits!  
Dressmaker Coats**

**\$22.50 up  
\$49.75**

Fashion-hit dressmaker coats—wonderful for Easter parading—for everywhere—wear through Spring. See the satin-bound reefers, the smooth dressmakers with feminine-soft details—many with crisp white trims. All top everything perfectly . . . and all are budget priced.

SUITS ..... from \$12.95

**STARRED FOR EASTER  
RIGHT THROUGH SPRING**

**Wonderful Suits**

**\$18.95 up  
\$49.75**

Capture the spotlight in the Easter Parade! Wear a wonderful new suit—prize it through Spring! Choose it from our top collection. New new cardigan suits, slick satin-bound tailleurs, classics, soft dressmakers. Come find exactly the suit you want—priced to fit your budget.

COATS from \$22.50 up \$49.75



**Prettiest for Easter!  
Fashion-New Dresses**

**\$7.95 up**

We've the newest, prettiest dresses for Easter—and you'll star in them through Spring, too. See the singing prints, the portrait-pretty lingerie blacks, the sunshine pastels. All so flattering, each is an eye-catcher for Easter and after.



**Easter Suit Seasoning!  
FLOWER-FRESH  
BLOUSES**

**\$2.95 up**

The blouses to double the smartness of every suit! Frilly jabot charmers, bow-tie beauties, polka dot darlings, classics too. Pretty as they are endlessly wearable, all tiny priced.

**Bettis & Sturges**

"Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store"



# Women's Society and Club News

## Mrs. Currie is Hostess at Rehearsal Supper

Mrs. J. F. Currie was hostess at a prettily-appointed dinner Friday evening at the Central Hotel for the Behringer-Curry bridal party. Pink pelargonium carnations combined with baby's breath in a crystal bowl flanked by tall pink tapers in double crystal holders formed the centerpiece where the places were marked by dainty bridal place cards.

The menu was served in four courses to the hostess, Miss Camille Behringer, Tech. Sgt. Edward Curry, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer, Mr. and Mrs. Derwood Bissett, the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shipp, and Miss Iona Blocker of Dallas.

Mmes. Longenette and Bissett Compliment Miss Behringer. Another in-honor affair for Miss Camille Behringer, bride-elect, was the dinner party given Thursday evening at the Central Hotel by Mrs. J. W. Longenette and Mrs. Derwood Bissett.

Daffodils and baby's breath formed the centerpiece with white princess tapers in two-branched candelabra on each side. Place cards with names written in yellow emphasized the chosen color scheme of yellow and white as did bags of rice made of tulle from Mrs. Longenette's mother's wedding veil. A corsage of yellow gladioli and a gift of gold Pickard china went to Miss Behringer.

After the four-course menu, guests went to the home of Mrs. Fred Vetterlein for a short visit with her and baby son, Sam Behringer. Others were: Mmes. Fred Behringer, Hatton Laxson, A. T. Campbell, Harmon Buckley, J. F. Currie, C. A. Bissett, Mark Davis, Lucius Evans; Misses Doris Lane and Myrtle Ruth Hale.

## Ballinger Church Women Present World Day of Prayer Program

Mrs. Raymond C. Wilson of the Grace Baptist Church, was elected chairman of the 1945 World Day of Prayer, and Mrs. Paul Petty of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, secretary-treasurer, at the 1944 observance Friday afternoon at the First Christian Church. Nominating committee members were Mrs. Fred Middleton, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, and Mrs. W. A. Erwin.

World Day of Prayer is a program of the United Council of Church Women and is international in scope. In 1943, there were 10,000 places in the United States that observed the day.

About 100 women attended the meeting here and the offering was \$22.00.

## Birthday Party for Billy Ashton and Joan Wood

Mrs. Aubrey Ashton and Mrs. Wesley Wood made Friday afternoon a gala occasion for their children, Billy Ashton and Joan Wood, when they included all the children in their second-grade room for a party in observance of their eighth birthday anniversaries at the Ashton home on Sixth Street.

After outdoor games, cookies and candies were served with punch by the hostesses assisted by Mmes. E. R. Martin, Altus Stokes, Jack Ashton, and Martin Bentzen. Other children were: Sylvia Harvey, Virginia Ruth Zedlitz, Marvel Ashton, Lucius Wood, Jimmy Martin, Billy Flynn, Francis and Nancy Stokes, Bobby Bell, Charles Edward Jones, June Parkinson, Evelyn Lancaster, Glendale Holland, Marilyn Schott, Jimmy and Janice Church, Arlene Wessell, Billy Tatum, Billy Moss, Marilyn Faye Smith, Willa Wayne Neely, Peggy Ann Hayes, Wanda Mae Smith, Ann Stasney, Patsy Lou Ashton, Billy Bentzen, Joan Watkins, Imogene King, and Katie Louann Edwards.

## Mrs. Scario is Club Hostess

Mrs. Tom Scario was hostess to the Officers Wives Club on Thursday afternoon of last week in her home on Sixth Street.

## Music Club to Meet in Pearce Home

The Ballinger Music Club will hold its next regular meeting Tuesday evening, March 7, at 8:00 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Frank Pearce, 701 Eighth Street.

## Miss Dorothy Tarver is Bride of Instructor Fiene

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nichols on Tenth Street was the scene of a pretty home ceremony Saturday evening at eight o'clock when the wedding of Miss Dorothy Tarver, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Varnell of Abilene, and Instructor Clinton L. Fiene, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Fiene of Orangeville, Illinois, was solemnized before relatives and close friends. The Rev. Gary Hofhus read the single ring service.

## Methodist Circles Entertained

Mrs. U. E. Hartman and Mrs. I. Vancil were hostesses to First Methodist W. S. C. S. Ette Gressett Circle Monday afternoon in the Hartman home on Broadway.

## Three Are Hostesses to Methodist Virginia Douglass Class

Miss Griffie Atkins, Mrs. Pat Wood, and Mrs. M. E. McClenny were hostesses to the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class Monday evening in the church parlors on Tenth Street.

Jonquils were used for decoration where Mrs. Lynn conducted an informal quiz on every phase of the foreign missions activities of the U. S. Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Tom Trail and Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz were social hour hostesses and served sandwiches with cake and tea to: Mmes. Lynn, Alex Saunders, Jack McGregor, C. R. Stephens, Victor Miller, Bruce Creasy, E. R. Walker, G. G. Harwell, Leslie Baker, W. B. Woody, George Holman, Tommy Hall, F. M. Pearce, Anna Baker of Bunker Hill, Ill., J. Y. Pearce, Paul Trimmer, Chester Cherry; Malcolm Hall, and Barbara Harwell.

Mrs. Roy V. Pinson presided. Mrs. Joe Forman gave the devotional "Conquest of Worries," and Mrs. J. W. Gaynes reviewed Dr. Link's "The Return to Religion." Others present were: Mmes. W. O. Irby, Edward Sommer, E. L. Rumpy, George Newby, Henry Moody, J. G. Douglass, Bill Clark, H. O. Dempsey, Tom McEntire, W. E. Moss, Wilson Middleton, E. C. Tinsley, Jack Hampton, Virgil Reynolds, and Bruce W. Bryant of Austein.

## Nazarene Society in Social Meeting

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of the Nazarene met Monday night in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Walker for a social meeting.

The group sang songs and enjoyed a reading given by Mrs. Zane Turner. Following this an orange was given each one present and a penny was paid for each seed found in the orange, the proceeds going to foreign missions.

Cake and ice cream was served to: Messrs. and Mmes. C. B. Armstrong, Tucker, Freeman, C. A. Perry, Z. V. Turner; Mmes. T. R. Arrant, E. J. Collins; Tom Davis; Misses Hester Arrant, Lanetha Arrant and Wanda Perry; Wesley Tucker, Elvis Perry and Davis Tucker.

## Hornburg-Harwell Wedding Announced

Mrs. J. T. Hornburg has announced the marriage of her daughter, Miss Virginia Ruth Hornburg, and Lt. Joe Harwell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Harwell of San Angelo. The wedding took place Monday evening, February 4, in the All Saints Episcopal Church in Lakeland, South Florida, with the Rev. William F. Moses, rector, reading the single ring ceremony.

Wedding music was furnished by Corp. Anthony Gillabardo, violinist, and the church organist. The bride was given in marriage by Lt. Col. Robert J. Hughey of New York and was attended by Mrs. Robert Short of Denver, Lt. Arthur Rodda of Pennsylvania, was best man and ushers were Lt. Short and Lt. John Keller of Massachusetts.

## Following the Ceremony the Couple was Honored with a Reception at the Officers' Club

Mrs. Harwell spent her childhood days in Ballinger where she attended the elementary schools before moving to San Angelo. She graduated from the Corsicana High School and was a freshman student at the University of Texas where she was a member of the Women's Glee Club and was chosen as a Blue Bonnet Belle nominee.

## Lt. Harwell is Graduate of the Abilene High School and has been in the Army about two and one-half years. He was stationed at Goodfellow Field before entering Officers' Candidate School at Miami Beach, Fla., where he received his commission last August. He is now stationed at Lakeland.

Mrs. Harwell is visiting Lt. Harwell's parents in San Angelo and her mother and sister, Mrs. W. E. Elkins, here.

## Instructors Auxiliary in Apts Home

Mrs. E. C. Apts was hostess to the Civilian Instructors Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Pink carnations were combined with heather to deck rooms lighted with tall pink tapers. Mrs. C. D. Shamburger and Mrs. M. A. Wheelon were winners of high score and second high score prizes in contract game.

## Cake was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Frank Flynn, Jerry Church, O. W. Parris, W. P. Norris, and Carl Bentzen.

## Mrs. Schnable Hosts Sew Club

Mrs. J. A. Schnable entertained her sew club Tuesday afternoon in

Crawford's services to the church, especially as organist. Mrs. Ray Vineyard played song accompaniments.

Hostesses served fruit punch with cake squares. Others present were: Mmes. Horace Murphy, Oscar Pearson, Charles Bailey, M. A. Foy, Claude Wilmet, W. V. Connelly, J. R. Lusk; and Miss Lula McElroy.

Mrs. W. O. Irby entertained the Sally Odum Circle in her Ninth Street home, which was decorated with pink carnations and jonquils. She presided for the business period when Mrs. O. L. Hart was elected secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Fred Middleton, study leader. Mrs. Joe Forman gave the Bible study. Devil's food cake squares were served with spiced tea.

Others were: Mmes. Roy V. Pinson, J. A. Schnable, M. E. McClenny, Vernon Dankworth, Bill Clark, Henry Moody, E. L. Rumpy, Tom McEntire and Virgil Reynolds; Lucia Clark, Jon Edwin Schnable, and Wayne Irby.

## The Ford Taylor Home on Eighth Street was opened to Etta Burrows members with Mrs. Taylor hostess.

Potted azaleas graced rooms where Mrs. J. L. Davis presided, and Mrs. M. A. Wheelon gave the lesson "Praise Changes Things." Sandwiches and cookies were served with spiced tea. Others were: Mmes. Edward Walsh, W. E. Midgley, W. R. Clark, Sr., O. R. Lasater, H. Ravellette, Davis R. Hall, W. W. Chastain, J. G. Douglass, A. J. Borders, and Troy Simpson.

## Ballinger Couple Named on National Radio Program

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew were named on the "Good Neighbor" feature of the nationally known radio program "Breakfast at Sardi's" Wednesday of last week. This program is broadcast from Hollywood each morning at 10 o'clock. The story of the cadet weddings in the Agnew home was sent in by Miss Elva D. Lemons of Garden City.

The Agnews received a beautiful Arm-Roy orchid by airmail Friday morning and a card of congratulations from Tom Brene-man, master of ceremonies.

## Mrs. Estes Lynn Leads Program for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. Estes Lynn, secretary of foreign missions, directed the program for the meeting of the First Presbyterian Women's Auxiliary Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Broadway.

## Mrs. Crawford is Honoree

Mrs. Gene Crawford was named honoree Monday afternoon by the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society at an informal gift tea following the regular quilting day. Mrs. Crawford and children will join Mr. Crawford to live in Van Horn.

## Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mrs. O. P. Dorsey were hostesses and Mrs. Stobaugh presented gifts and expressed appreciation for Mrs.

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her Wilke Terrace home. After the informal sewing hour, Jon Edwin assisted his mother in serving hot ginger bread with coffee. Others were: Mmes. E. C. Grindstaff, E. C. Caskey, George Newby, J. A. Killough, H. J. Zappe, W. J. Hembree, and Levy Lee.

## Leap Year Party for Younger Group

Girls in the younger social set were hostesses at a Leap Year party Tuesday evening, entertaining boy friends with a theatre party and refreshments at a downtown cafe.

## Included were: Anna Sue Hembree, Betty Jean Lengfeld, Virginia Baker, Martha Saunders, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Eleanor McCain, and Mary Brian Woody; Charles Miller, Jr., Bob Agnew, Junior Henderson, Howard Matteson, Jr., Hal Dean Caskey, Carl Black, Jr., and Key Hoffman.

## Ranch Party for Kayettes

Forty-seven Kayettes met at the Army and Navy Club last Friday morning for a hayride to the Cicero Smith ranch about 20 miles southwest of Ballinger on the Colorado River where a whole day of typical western entertainment was provided. They were accompanied by Mrs. Alex McGregor, hostess at the Army and Navy Club, and Mrs. Fred Harmon.

## At the ranch Mr. and Mrs. Smith were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Arthur Underwood and Mrs. Loyd Herring. Here they made a tour of the ranch home, which though modern throughout, still reflects the western atmosphere and color. At the noon hour, a barbecued mutton dinner was served on the screen porch, for which Mr. Smith and Mr. Harmon were hosts. During the afternoon, the group saw the ranch's Palomino horses, sheep, and cattle, and some fancy roping.

## The driver of the Harman truck, James Strauch, was dressed in cowboy attire.

## Pay-day is bond-buying day.

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Spring marks the beginning of another crop year on the farm, where work must often wait on the weather. It is the season of new growth—a time for planning and for planting. Spring days are busy days. There is much to be done. Each job must be done at the proper time.

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### Thirteen Women Who Remained On Bataan Cited in 'Cry Havoc'

A realistic and gripping drama dealing with the heroic behavior of 13 women who remained on Bataan during Gen. MacArthur's delaying withdrawal to aid the wounded soldiers, will be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 4 through 6. The picture, M-G-M's "Cry Havoc," is based on the successful stage play of the same name and stars Margaret Sullivan, Ann Sothern and Joan Blondell.

During the evacuation of Bataan, the gallant Americans and Filipinos are under constant Jap bombardment. Even the hospital is fair game for Jap bombs. Supplies of food and munitions are scarce. The hospital is so under-staffed with nurses that Dr. Fay Bainter sends her lone nurse's aid, Marsha Hunt, to town to ask for volunteers. Marsha returns with nine girls, all from different walks of life and with divergent tastes. They report to Smitty, played by Margaret Sullivan, an army nurse, for duty.

From the beginning there is friction between Smitty and one of the girls, a wise-cracking, good-natured Irish lass, Ann Sothern. This friction is later considerably heightened by the fact that both girls are obviously in love with the same man, a lieutenant in the corps.

Among the other girls are Joan Blondell, playing an ex-burlesque dancer with gusto; Diana Lewis, as a Southern girl; Ella Raines and Frances Gifford, man-crazy and feminine; Heather Angel and Dorothy Morris, as two English girls who volunteer.

### ERWINS ATTEND SIXTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Erwin and children, Jim and Ruth, went to the Sabanno community in Eastland county Sunday to attend the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Erwin. Mr. Erwin is a brother of Rev. Erwin and an uncle of B. H. Erwin.

Both Mr. Erwin, who is 82, and Mrs. Erwin, who is 79, were born in Parker county, where they were married in 1884. Two years later they made their only move, to Eastland county, and settled where they now reside. Mr. Erwin has been a member of the Presbyterian church 66 years and an elder in the Sabanno church 56 years. His wife and children are all members of the same church and his three sons are elders.

The Erwins' eight children are all living and all were present at the anniversary celebration. They have 20 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Eleven grandsons and in-laws are in the uniform of the country.

After a bountiful dinner, Rev. Erwin conducted a service of congratulations, praise and thanksgiving.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

### Senior Class Buys Commencement Invitations, Cards

The Ballinger high school senior class of more than 80 has placed orders for commencement invitations and cards for graduation in May. The order, placed through the Ballinger Printing Co., is to be made up by the Star Engraving Co., of Houston. Shipment of the invitations will be made about May 1, and they will be mailed by the seniors for commencement, scheduled May 23 at the high school auditorium.

The class is slightly smaller than usual this year, with about 85 to receive diplomas. There are a few more girls than boys in the class. Plans for commencement have not been announced by school officials but speakers will be secured and three major programs, baccalaureate, junior high graduation, and senior high graduation, will be arranged.

Students have sent in all copy and pictures for publishing their annual, rings have been bought, and other affairs connected with the closing of the term are being planned for the next two and a half months.

### Two Members Resign From Ration Board; Successors Sought

Two resignations from the Rannels county war price and rationing board were tendered the past week-end, letters going to the state OPA office at Fort Worth and copies to County Judge E. C. Grindstaff.

James A. Wear, chairman of the board for the past more than a year, resigned on account of his health. Mr. Wear has been giving most of his time to the work of the board and it was only on the advice of his physician that he decided to retire. He asked to be relieved as chairman of the board by March 15.

W. J. Hembree, serving on the gasoline panel, also tendered his resignation, to take effect as soon as possible. Mr. Hembree also has given much time to this work, serving about one year. He gave as a reason for retiring the need to devote more of his time to other business. Mr. Hembree has just concluded the fourth war loan drive as county chairman and has been doing other war work.

Judge Grindstaff stated that several men were being interviewed and that successors would be recommended as soon as permission was obtained from those sought for the places.

John A. Killough, of Austin, spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Killough.

### Gibson and Maynard Western and Musical Two Palace Features

Two of the screen's outstanding western stars, Ken Maynard and Hoot Gibson are featured in "Blazing Guns," swiftly-paced cowboy drama which is the No. 1 feature-length film at the Palace Theatre Saturday and Sunday, March 4 and 5.

Portraying United States marshals who are ordered to clean up a lawless western town, Maynard and Gibson top a cast that includes Kay Forester, LeRoy Mason, Roy Brent and Lloyd Ingram.

Rosemary Lane, the violet-eyed star with the enchanting smile, adds another fine performance to her impressive record in the musical, "Harvest Melody," the No. 2 attraction at the Palace Saturday and Sunday.

Johnny Downs, Sheldon Leonard and Eddie Le Baron's orchestra appear in support of the star.

Playing a temperamental screen queen, Miss Lane volunteers to bring entertainment to the farm front in hopes of getting herself enough publicity to wangle a new contract with her studio. The plot works but the movie star decides to stick to giving the farmer a hand for the duration, turns her back on the tempting new film contract, and turns back the farm lad to his true love.

Comedy bubbles throughout the film as the Hollywood citizens harvest the crops in swing time and romances blossom all over the place.

### TRACK TRAINING UNDERWAY AT BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL

The Ballinger high school basketball season came to a close last week when all the players turned in their equipment. Coach Felton Wright met candidates for track and field events at Bearcat Field Monday afternoon and work for the spring track season was started.

A large number of boys are participating in the track events and some fast sprinters, good distance runners and hurdlers are reported in the squad. Contestants are being trained for all events and a considerable number probably will take part in the spring meet at San Angelo.

Following the track season, spring football practice will be started in April and continued for thirty days. All candidates for the fall squad will get thirty days' work, will be taught new plays, rehearsed in team play and plenty of blocking and tackling.

Coach Wright will retain a sizeable number of players from the regional championship team and will be back next fall with a fair looking ball club. There will be three regular backs and about five linemen to start the season. In addition there will be five to seven squadmen from the 1943 organization.

Mrs. C. D. Nevels left Monday for Williamsburg, Virginia, to be with her husband, C. D. Nevels, seaman 2c, who is stationed there.

Hoard your dollars in war bonds.

### "The Fallen Sparrow"



Scene from "The Fallen Sparrow" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

### Garfield Woos Blonde, Brunette And Redhead in Spy Thriller

"The Fallen Sparrow," an action-packed and suspenseful big spy-mystery movie based on the best-seller of the same name by Dorothy B. Hughes, brings John Garfield and Maureen O'Hara together for the first time in co-starring roles. Their parts are peculiarly suited to their outstanding talents. The Texas Theatre will show this picture in midnight preview Saturday night, and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 5, 6, 7.

Garfield has played some of the screen's greatest "hard guy" roles, but he was never tougher nor more realistic than as the young American adventurer who returns from civil war, prison and torture in Spain to match wits with Axis agents in his own New York city and in the midst of his circle of well-to-do friends. His love-making to three beautiful women particularly strikes a new note.

Not even as a villain has he or any other screen smoothie succeeded in putting over such a hard-boiled, ruthless romancing, a quality which makes his love affairs in the picture with Miss O'Hara, Martha O'Driscoll and Patricia Morison strikingly different.

This is better understood when it is explained that he suspects all three women of being agents of his deadly foe. The latter have despaired of torturing him until he would reveal a secret the fascists want, and which they are now trying to obtain by subtler means. He is out to avenge not only his own wrongs, but the murder of a friend at enemy agents' hands.

The three women have splendid parts and enact them well. Other principals include Walter Slezak, Hugh Beaumont and John Banner.

As the locale is New York city and the time prior to our entry into World War II, "The Fallen

navy man was photographed.

The cast in this dramatic story is headed by Richard Arlen, Jean Parker and Russell Hayden.

### TEXAS THEATRE CANCELS SATURDAY MIDNIGHT SHOWS FOR DURATION OF THE WAR

E. B. Buffington, manager of the Texas and Palace theatres, stated today that beginning this week there would be no more Saturday midnight previews at the Texas Theatre for the duration.

This cancellation, it was said, is because of the shortage of manpower and the decision to give employees more rest. This show-house has a continuous program Saturday afternoon and evening, and since the same staff must remain on duty allows no time before beginning the midnight preview.

Buy a share in victory—invest in war bonds and stamps.

### SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS ASK DIVORCE LAW CHANGE

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, March 1.—Soldiers in South Africa seeking custody of their children are asking for a new law. A number of them have returned from "up north" to find that their wives deserted them. The only ground for divorce available to the soldiers for lack of other evidence is desertion, and in that case the law gives the children to the mother.

A movement is on foot to amend the law so that, in cases where fighting soldiers have no alternative but divorce, the children be given to the fathers.

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SPECIAL NOTICE—In order to give our employees a little more rest we are DISCONTINUING THE SATURDAY MIDNIGHT PREVIEWS. We hope this will not cause any inconvenience to our patrons and since the same picture is playing on SUNDAY-MONDAY-TUESDAY we invite you to see it on one of those days.

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A MONOGRAM PICTURE

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JOHNNY DOWNS

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5 NEW SONG HITS

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# Women's, Society and Club News

**Mmes. Scanio and Thomason Hostesses to Allies**  
 Mrs. T. J. Scanio and Mrs. D. G. Thomason were hostesses to Airfield Allies Wednesday afternoon, entertaining with bridge and rummy in City Hall auditorium.  
 The patriotic theme was employed in appointments for games in which Mrs. M. A. Wheelon won high score at bridge and Mrs. S. G. Christopher at rummy.  
 A dessert plate was served with coffee at the Cactus Coffee Shop. Others were: Mmes. J. R. Church, G. G. Griffin, L. E. Lefler, W. L. Barber, E. C. Apts, J. W. Capps, Coyle Sanders, W. R. O'Neill, C. E. Pafford, C. B. Polansky, and Earl Wood.

**Garden Club to Have Night Meeting**  
 Members of the Civic-Garden Club and visitors are urged to attend the meeting to be held Tuesday evening, March 7, at seven-thirty o'clock in City Hall auditorium.  
 Members are asked to bring program suggestions to be filed in a Question Box. Following a short business session, Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey will show movies taken on their trip to Mexico City. Mrs. Bailey will give comments and explanations.

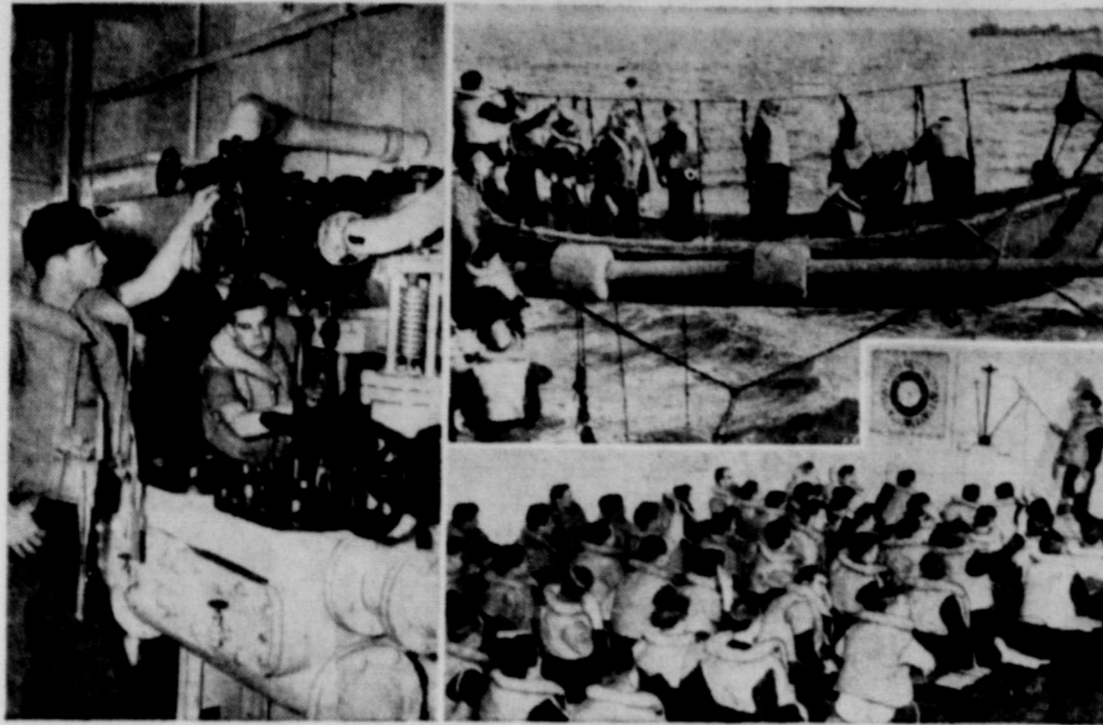
**Mrs. Agnew Entertains Triple-Four Club**  
 Mrs. Tom Agnew entertained the Triple-Four contract club Wednesday afternoon in her home in Wilke Terrace.  
 Lilies and potted plants were used in the living room and a lovely low arrangement of plum blossoms centered the lace-laid dining table where a salad course was served with cake squares and coffee buffet style after games.  
 Mrs. E. W. Stasney was high score winner and Mrs. R. T. Williams binged. Others included: Mmes. Delbert Vancil, Ross Murchison, J. A. Schnable, C. R. Stone, Troy Simpson, L. R. Tigner, Leslie Baker, R. W. Earnshaw, Alex McGregor, Harry Lynn, W. L. Barber, Roy Worley, W. H. James, and W. B. Woody.

**Texas Program for Fannie Stephens Club**  
 A program on Texas was given for the Fannie Stephens Study Club at its meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club.  
 "My Favorite Texas Beauty Spot" was given in answer to roll call. Mrs. W. H. James discussed "Texas Legends and Romance," and Mrs. W. E. Ekins' topic was "Big Bend National Park."  
 Mrs. H. G. Agnew presided for the routine business session. A contribution was made to the Penny Art Fund. Others present were: Mmes. Chester Afterbach, W. O. Irby, Lee Napies, M. E. McClenney, George Newby, Raleigh Reese, Jack Rogers, Des Saylor, J. M. Williams, Alton Underwood, E. C. Orndstaff, R. H. Garner, R. D. Midgley, Misses Pauline Morley, Joy Eaton, and Grace Lacey.

**First Baptist W. M. U. Observes Week of Prayer**  
 The First Baptist W. M. U. observed the Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for home missions in three programs this week in the church parlors. The general theme was "The Prince of Peace—the Way, the Truth—the Life."  
 Mrs. Carl Black was leader Monday afternoon and was assisted by Mmes. R. P. Ganady, James Wear, T. J. McCaughan, Charles Ferguson, Malcolm Morgan, Clarence A. Morton, and Lee Maples.  
 On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. E. Shepperd was program director and others taking part were Mmes. B. C. Kirk, Ferguson, L. L. Stroble, Mattie Holliday, R. T. Williams, O. T. Toney, C. W. Jennings, and C. J. Lynn.  
 Mrs. Mark Davis led the Wednesday program. The devotional was given by Mrs. Charles Hambrick and Mrs. Roy Worley. The pageant "Where Barriers are Broken Down" was presented by Mmes. E. F. Lawless, Morgan, E. L. DeWitt, R. D. Jackson, Ted Whitehead, Alton Underwood, Maples, Ed Lengefeld, Lynn, W. J. Hembree, Morton, Wear, and Dora Jean Lawless.

**Smith-Evans Nuptials Read in Leonard**  
 Miss Katherine Evans became the bride of Mr. George Harold Smith of Waco on Sunday afternoon February 27, at four-thirty o'clock in the First Presbyterian

## Life-Jacketed Pupils Train on 'American Mariner'



After extensive schooling ashore, Merchant marine trainees get practical experience in wartime seamanship aboard the "American Mariner," one of the training ships of this service. Left: William H. Hyle and Richard Baines (right) are shown at work on one of the great power pumps aboard the "American Mariner." Top right: Trainees learn the technique of abandoning ship on a practice cruise. Bottom right: Always ready for enemy action, these mariners attend class aboard ship clad in life jackets.

Church of Leonard, of which her father is pastor with her father officiating for the impressive ring ceremony.

White spring flowers and greenery were used for the pretty altar decoration. Tall cathedral tapers burned in floor candelabra.

A girls' sextette, accompanied by Mrs. Frank Shields, sang "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life" and "Indian Love Call." Mrs. J. A. Arnold was at the organ for the traditional marches.

Miss Winifred Evans of Dallas attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a frock of gold wool with matching hat and corsage of pink carnations. John Ashton Arnold, of Leonard, was best man.

The bride wore a dress of soldier blue crepe with hat of black chip straw. Her corsage was of pale blue iris. She carried a white Bible and her mother's wedding handkerchief.

Mrs. Smith is a graduate of N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, where she was very active in musical circles as soloist of the Capella Choir. She has taught music in the Ballinger public schools the past year and a half and has taken part in civic and religious activities here.  
 Mr. Smith is a petroleum engineer employed by the Mid-Continental Engineering Co. He reported to Houston February 29 for his first physicals for service in the U. S. armed forces.

**Hood-Rhame Marriage Announced**  
 Mrs. Lois Rhame is announcing the marriage of her daughter, June Mabel, to Aviation Student Edward Charles Hood, Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hood, February 17, at the First Methodist Church in Belleville, Ill. The Rev. J. W. Kinison read the double ring ceremony before a candlelighted altar.

Mrs. Mildred Bartle gave the wedding music and accompanied Mrs. Emma Reed, who sang "I Love You, Truly."

Miss Faye Knemeyer was maid of honor and A. S. William Garrett was best man.  
 The bride wore a powder blue suit with matching accessories and carried a bridal bouquet of sweetheart roses and white carnations.  
 A wedding supper was served at the Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis.  
 The couple is at home at 308 South Charles in Belleville. The bridegroom was recently transferred from Bruce Field to Scott Field near St. Louis.

### BALLINGER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**Pep Squad Meeting**  
 The Bearcettes met Wednesday morning to elect officers and yell leaders for next year. Those elected will be presented at the pep squad banquet March 10.

Those nominated for senior yell leader were Camilla Caffey, Rose Pieper, and Ramah Wade; those nominated for junior yell leader were Carolyn Cheatham and Addie Manske; those nominated for sophomore yell leader were Nancy Guynes and LaVerne Dankworth. The officers nominated were as follows: president, Gwen Morgan and Lyvonda Hoffman; vice-president, Mary Ida Smith and Ferald Parker; secretary, LaVerne Wiley and Natlynnne Williams; reporter, Claudia Burks and Gracie Jo Crimm. Betty Jean Underwood and Betty Jean Lengefeld, and Marilyn Joyce Bowden and Juanda Patton were nominated for banner carriers.

**Girls' Volleyball Team**  
 The girls' volleyball team played two games at Balu Tuesday night.

The games were exceedingly close, but the Eulo teams came out with the biggest score in both games. The first game ended with a score of 12 to 15; the second game ended 13 to 15.

The Eulo team will be in Ballinger next Tuesday night to play the Ballinger team again. The games will be played in the gymnasium; the girls would like some "rooters" and invite the public to attend.

**Assemblies**  
 One of the most attentive audiences this year was found in the auditorium Tuesday afternoon. The guest speaker was Simon Davidian, one of the speakers brought to Ballinger by the Rotary Club.

This was the third speaker brought to the high school students by the Rotarians this year. The students of Ballinger high school are indeed grateful to the Rotary Club for bringing them these speakers.

**Teacher Replaced**  
 Mrs. Fred McClanahan began teaching in place of Miss Blankinship, the former commercial teacher. Mrs. McClanahan attended Hardin-Simmons University; she has just returned from the coast where she had been living with her husband.

Mrs. Lee was absent part of last week because of an infected eye. She was back this week in fine condition.

Miss Smith has been out all this week due to bronchitis. The students are hoping to see her back on the campus next week in good health.

### Cadet Wives Hold Business Meeting At Army-Navy Club

Cadet wives met Tuesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club for their regular business and game period. Mrs. Allen Ballard presided over the meeting and the following new members were recognized: Mrs. Donald Tripp, Mrs. Norman Dearborn, Mrs. John Vance, Mrs. George Davis, Mrs. George Dobbins, Mrs. Troye Horton, Mrs. Herbert Thomas, Mrs. Robert Benedict, Mrs. Kay Butler, Mrs. Esther Butler, Mrs. Jane Maxson, Mrs. Weldon Bailey, Mrs. Dorothy Kesterke, and Mrs. Aida Schreiner.

Mrs. Alex McGregor, club hostess, informed the members that a picnic would be held Friday afternoon and that at a later date a trip to Bruce Field would be arranged where they would have dinner with their husbands and hear special entertainment.

Following the meeting Tuesday, the Kayettes remained at the club for sewing, games, reading, and refreshments served by Fred Harman.

Mrs. McGregor reported splendid response from citizens last Saturday in sending sandwiches, cookies and punch to the club to be given to the cadets when they came in. Those sending refreshments included Mrs. Estes Lynn, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, Mrs. James A. Wear, Mrs. Chester Cherry, Mrs. J. L. Davis; and a large quantity of sandwiches and punch were sent from the Instructors' Club. Others have informed the hostess that they will send refreshments and flowers next Saturday afternoon.

A sewing machine has been sent to the club from the Red Cross sewing room and a new department has been opened where the wives may have the use of the machine.

### MRS. BASKIN ATTENDS FUNERAL OF BROTHER

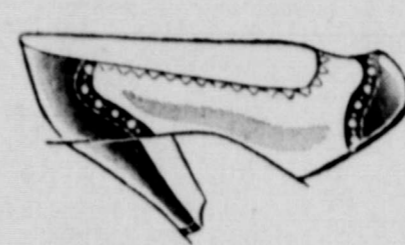
Mrs. E. C. Baskin has returned home after attending the funeral of her brother, Edwin T. Jones, at Waxahachie, last Wednesday. Mr. Jones died at Pasadena, California, and the body was brought to Waxahachie for burial.

Following the funeral she went on to Holdenville, Oklahoma, for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. James Baskin and children.

Jess Strobie, of Austin, visited relatives and attended to business here the first of the week.

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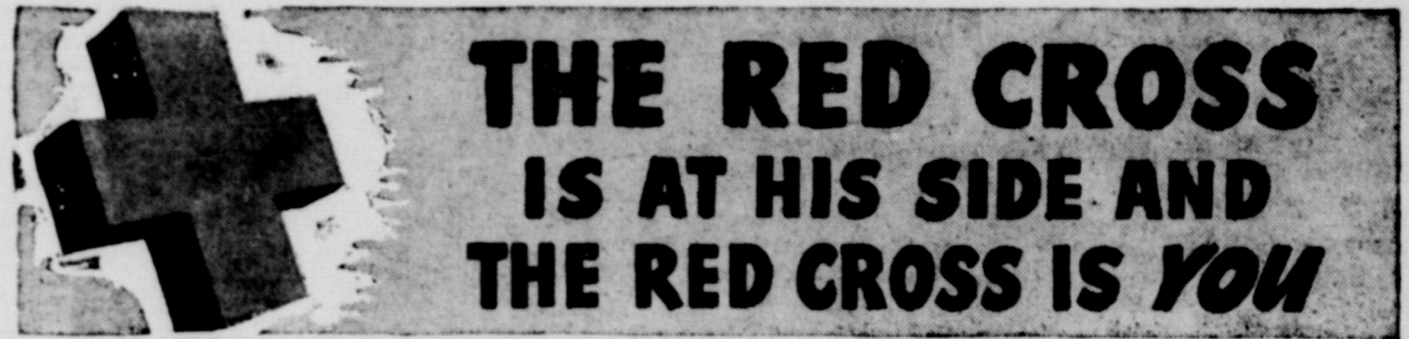


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**DEATHS**

**Mrs. L. E. Bair**  
Mrs. L. E. Bair, 74, died in a Dallas hospital Wednesday morning following surgery Monday of this week.

Decedent had been in failing health for some time and went to Dallas two weeks ago to be with a daughter, Mrs. M. R. Fortson, and to go through a clinic.

Mrs. Bair was a pioneer citizen of Ballinger, moving here with her family many years ago. Her husband, a merchant, remained in business here until shortly before his death several years ago. She was a faithful member of the First Baptist Church of this city.

Survivors include a son, J. C. Bair, Corpus Christi; the daughter, Mrs. Fortson, Dallas; and one grandchild.

The body will arrive overland from Dallas this afternoon and is to be taken to the Killough & Davis Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 2 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, to officiate. Interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers will be O. L. Parish, Frank Kemp, Estes Lynn, E. L. DeWitt, T. J. Parrish, and Willie Stephens.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Charles G. Newman**

Charles G. Newman, 54, died at the veterans' hospital in Amarillo Friday evening at 6:20 after lingering illness. He served in the first World War and following that was a farmer and merchant for a number of years. He made home at Millersview and Sweetwater.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Maudie B. Chapman, Sweetwater; Mrs. Dollie P. Moore, Portland, Oregon; a son, Pvt. Charles G. Newman, Jr., stationed at Orlando, Florida; three grandchildren and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Millersview Baptist Church Wednesday afternoon at 3:30, Rev. E. E. Dawson officiating. Interment followed in the Millersview cemetery.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Patrick L. Cowan**

Patrick L. Cowan, 77, died at his home in Maverick Monday after being in ill health for two years. Decedent moved with his family to Maverick in 1931 and had made home there ever since.

Rites were conducted at the Killough & Davis chapel Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. W. A. Hanson, of Bronte, officiating. The body was taken to Pear Valley, where a brief service was held before interment in the cemetery at that place.

Survivors besides the wife include five sons, R. E. Cowan, Norton; S. M. Cowan, Milburn; Royce Cowan, San Angelo; Johnnie Cowan, Ballinger; Frank Cowan, U. S. navy in New Zealand; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Fiveash, Eola; Mrs. Frank Brandsetter, Rising Star; Mrs. Tom Montgomery, Rockwood; 31 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Zarita Rerales**

Zarita Rerales, 25, died at her home on Sealy Avenue Wednesday following long illness.

Funeral services were held at a Mexican cemetery here this morning at 10 o'clock, interment following.

Survivors include the parents, four brothers, two sisters.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Rebecca Fields**

Rebecca Fields, negress, died at her home on south Tenth Street Wednesday. She had made home here for the past ten years. Survivors besides the husband include her mother, four sisters, and one brother.

Funeral services will be held at Clay, Texas, Saturday, with interment to follow there.

Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**Ethel Andrew Hunt**

Rev. Ethel Andrew Hunt, 49, was accidentally killed when he drove his car on the Broadway Santa Fe crossing Friday of last week. He was rushed to the Bailey Clinic-

Hospital but died a few minutes after being received there.

Decedent had been residing here several months and was en route home Friday when he attempted to cross the Santa Fe tracks and was struck by the motor car about 11:30 a. m. The car in which he was riding was demolished and he sustained injuries that caused death a few minutes later. A minister of the Gospel Holiness Church, he was working at the carpentry trade here.

Survivors besides the wife include four sons, E. A. Hunt, Jr., Killeen; Bobby Jack, Billy Howard and Tommy Joe Hunt, Ballinger; five daughters, Florence Marie Hunt, Coleman; Bertie Lee Hunt, seriously ill in a hospital at Temple; Mary, Ellen, Betty Ann and Mollie Ann Hunt, Ballinger; and four brothers.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 in Santa Anna and interment followed in the cemetery there.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**John Morgan McQueen**

John Morgan McQueen, 81, of the Fisk community, died on February 24 after ten days' illness. A member of the Church of Christ since boyhood, he came to Coleman county in 1905 and settled in the Fisk community.

Decedent was married to Miss Bennie Lou Crenshaw in 1886 and twelve children were born to this union, all living except one son who was killed in Italy on January 5, 1944.

Survivors besides the wife include six sons, five daughters, 24 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, a brother and a sister.

Funeral services were held at the Brown Ranch church on February 25, Foy E. Wallace officiating.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



**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 Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.**  
Sunday, March 5:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
7:00 p. m., evening service.  
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

**Eighth Street Church of Christ**  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Bible school.  
10:45 a. m., preaching service.  
11:45 a. m., communion service.  
6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.  
RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

**First Baptist Church**  
(400 Eighth Street)  
Sunday, March 5:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
A standard Sunday school for all.  
11:00 a. m., sermon by pastor, "The Counsel of God."  
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m. Unions for all ages.  
Sermon at 7:45 p. m. by pastor, "When God Stands Up," the last of the series on "The Symbolical Representations of God."

**ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:**  
Monday and Tuesday:  
The W. M. S. and Auxiliaries per schedule.  
Each Night:  
Music institute, directed by Dr. E. L. Carnett, composer and teacher of music.  
The general public is cordially invite d to worship with us.  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, 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, March 5:  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.  
Evening service, 7:30 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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**MacArthur Poses With His Indian Warriors**



Gen. Douglas MacArthur, commander in chief of the Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific area, poses with representatives of American Indian tribes in our army. Left to right: Sergt. Virgil F. Howell, Pawnee tribe, Pawnee, Okla.; Sergt. Alvin J. Vilcan, Chitimacha tribe, Chenango, La.; General MacArthur; Sergt. Byron L. Tsigmine, Navajo tribe, DeBance, Ariz.; and Sergt. Larry L. Dekin, Navajo tribe, Copper Mine, Ariz.

**'Navajo Fire Dance' Put on Canvas**



William R. Leigh, 77, famous painter of the old wild west, is shown putting the last strokes to his "Navajo Fire Dance." This is one of his many canvases comprising his exhibition entitled "Cowboys and Indians" which was on display in the Grand Central Art Galleries in New York. This canvas shows a circle of dancers at the climax of a healing ceremony.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
(608 Sixth Street)  
(Telephone 521)

**Lenten Devotions:**  
Daily mass, 8:00 a. m.  
1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday masses at 8:30 a. m.  
2nd and 4th 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 of the Blessed Sacrament for Americans, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
FATHER EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I.

**Grace Baptist Church**  
(10th and Phillips)  
"An Independent Baptist Church"  
Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor  
Jim Hash, S. S. Superintendent  
**WEEKLY SERVICES:**  
Sunday:  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Sermon, 11 a. m.  
Sermon, 8 p. m.  
Wednesday:  
Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.  
A cordial invitation to all.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., church school, classes for all ages.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
7:30 p. m., evening service.  
Wednesday:  
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.  
GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

**Church of God**  
(Corner Sixth and Strong)  
Sunday school and morning worship (unified service), 10 a. m.  
Junior meeting, 7:00 p. m.  
Young people's service, 7:00 p. m.  
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.  
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 p. m.  
A cordial welcome to all.  
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

**Grace Baptist Mission**  
(South Ballinger, two blocks from Terce Store)  
Pfc. John F. Parker, Pastor  
Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:15 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.  
A cordial invitation to all.

**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
(104 N. Twelfth Street)  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Worship service at 11 a. m.  
Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m.  
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.  
Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service.  
Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.

All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.  
RALPH K. ELLIS, Pastor

**Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Kowena**  
Church school, 10:15 a. m.  
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.  
FRANK W. LAMMERT, Pastor

**Good Evening**  
**READ THE ADS**  
**Save Money**

**RURAL NEWS**

**CREWS**

A fine rain fell here Sunday, benefiting grain and land and raising surface tanks some feet but not filling them in this locality.

There were no church services Sunday due to the rain and condition of roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Blackmon and family visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Blackmon, at Winters Sunday, in honor of their golden wedding anniversary. Among other guests in their home were a son, Gray, and family, of Sundown; a daughter, Mrs. Iva Traylor, and children, of Winters; and an old friend, Mrs. Will Doyle, of Eldorado.

Mrs. Kate Bodine, of Ft. Worth, is a guest in the home of her daughter, Mrs. M. L. Wood.

Mrs. Chester McBeth and Mrs. Lena King visited relatives in Abilene Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Rowe, of Levelland, former Crews residents, announce the arrival of a daughter, whom they have named Ophelia Vird.

Mrs. Chester McBeth spent Monday with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Walden, of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor transacted business at Anson Friday and visited relatives at Abilene.

Mmes. L. C. Fuller, J. B. Hallford and C. M. McBeth attended the auction sale at Abilene Friday.

Joyce Blackmon, of Sundown, spent Sunday night with a cousin, Alonzo Blackmon.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Weldon Branham is much improved from a recent operation and illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumpfrey visited their daughter, Mrs. Cecil Dunnegan, and Mr. Dunnegan at San Angelo recently.

Miss Marjie Jenkins and F. L. Gearhart were united to marriage February 28 by Bro. J. H. Hall-

**ENGLISH FARM LAND SOUGHT EVEN AT WAR-TIME PRICES**

LONDON, Mar. 1.—Hundreds of inquiries received when the Duke of Wellington's Hampshire holdings were auctioned reflect a nation-wide speculation in land. London real estate agents report. Despite a fifteen to twenty per cent gain in prices from the pre-war level, agents have long lists of persons desiring farms.

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**Higginbotham's**

the duration while her husband is in the marines, spent Thursday in the Arthur Fuller home.

Miss Mertha Kirby's condition seems to be about the same.

On account of the big rain our school bus failed to run Monday.

**SOUTH AFRICAN VOTES RECORDED IN BATTLE**

CAIRO, March 1.—Soldiers of South Africa have cast their ballots in the general election aboard ships and even on battlefields, it is stated in Cairo, where the work of trying to get a one hundred per cent poll of the Union defense force centered. Ballots were received from New York city, from New Delhi, India, and from remote outposts. The great majority of the soldiers had a chance to record their choice for or against the government. The many hospitals where South African patients were being treated were not forgotten. The sixth armored division left their tanks and guns to line up in long queues before the voting booths. Women's organizations in Cairo also voted.

**Taken in Rome Drive**



A British Tommy stands guard over the first German prisoners taken after the initial landing made on the west coast of Italy behind German lines. German forces attempted to prepare for an Allied attack on Rome by removing military equipment from that city.

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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.

The report Monday morning that the city water reservoir had been filled was welcome news to Ballinger citizens. After restricted consumption of water several months a full supply of greatly improved water was indeed good news. Now that the lakes are filled, however, interest in securing a permanent adequate supply should not be lessened. Surveys are being made and much preliminary work done looking to boosting the municipal supply and this should be continued to consummation. Ballinger is due for growth and the present supply is proven to be inadequate for even the population we now have. From June to February is a long time without a rain sufficient to run Elm Creek, but history has a way of repeating itself and when it does, we will be without water again. It has only been through the whole-hearted cooperation of the residents of Ballinger and those of the Harman Training Center that the supply has lasted as well as it has.

The recent calls by the Runnels county draft board is digging pretty deep into the manpower barrel and war is being brought a little closer as married men with children are leaving for training

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camp. Moving vans were seen at a number of Ballinger homes this week as furniture was loaded out because wives and children were returning to their parents for the duration.

The most important job on the home front for the next few days will be raising the American Red Cross War fund of \$200,000,000—and Runnels county's share is \$13,900. The task should be very easy, however. Services rendered by the Red Cross are so many and so varied that instead of having to be solicited people should bring their contributions or mail them to the county chairman in sizeable sums that would put the drive far over the top. One Ballinger man, whose boy is now in a German prison camp, said: "It has got to go over. The Red Cross is the last and only thing between me and my boy." The work for prisoners of war in getting them letters, canteens, food, medicine, clothing and blankets is sufficient to cause every American to want to have a liberal part. Collecting of blood for plasma and many other wartime chores can only be done by a trained force such as the Red Cross and its record in World War II stands on its own merits. With all this, there will be some who will want to get by with giving only a one dollar bill, no more than when the annual roll call was held in days of peace. Gifts of this size will not meet the quota and are an insult to the boys who are to benefit from the money raised. The drive in Runnels county should be concluded in two days and a report made that the quota was exceeded.

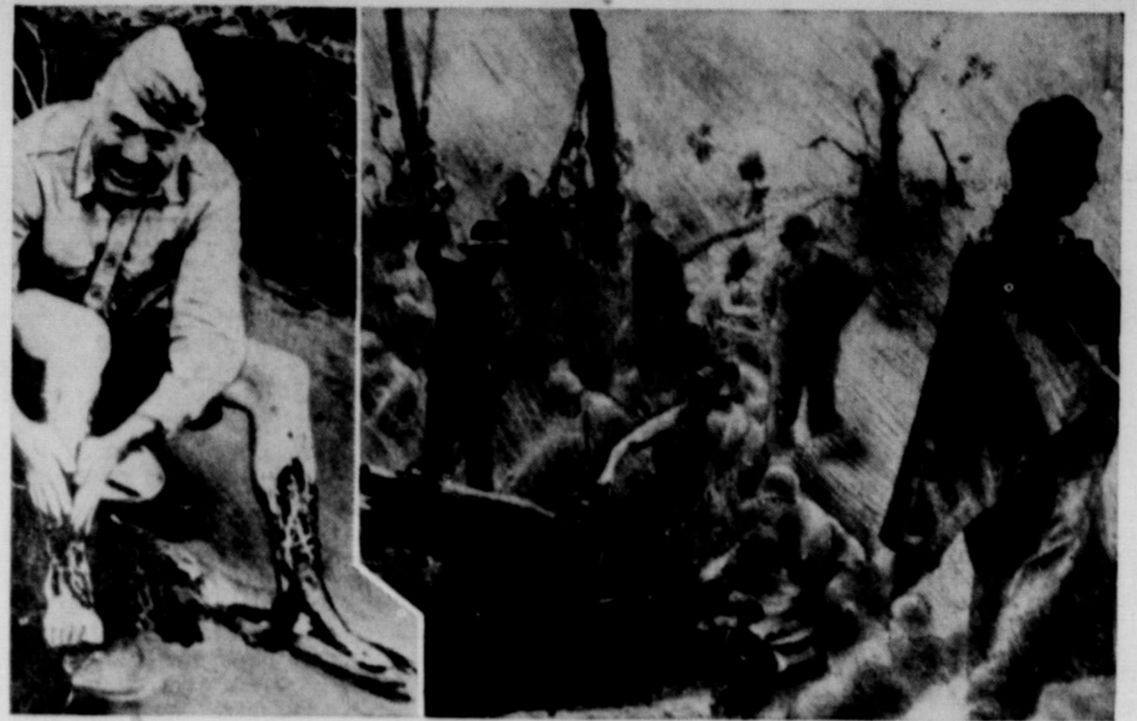
**GREENWALD 4-H CLUB TO HAVE OPEN MEETING**

The Greenwald 4-H club held its regular meeting last week, all members attending except one. County Agent John A. Barton gave the members information and a demonstration on top soil terracing. Following this demonstration Mr. Barton conducted a meeting of boys of the club. Miss Bessie Bubenik gave the girls a number of tips on cooking and it was decided that all members would sew a garment before the next regular meeting. It was decided to have a meeting and program on March 2, at which time Mr. Barton is to show a picture, after which both boys and girls will participate in the program. The girls will serve refreshments.

**WEKS APARTMENT HOUSE SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY FIRE**

The apartment house at 300 Phillips Avenue, owned by Mrs. John A. Weeks, was slightly damaged by fire Monday morning. A blaze originating in a closet was quickly brought under control by the firemen. Only slight damage was reported and the flames did not spread beyond the closet.

**Marines Advance on Japs Through Pouring Rain**



Left: Maj. Gen. W. H. Rupertus cools his aching feet in swirling sea water which also washes away some of the New Britain mud. Right: Despite a tropical downpour which drenches marine warriors and their equipment, they carry on their campaign in the Cape Gloucester area of New Britain. The uniform of the man with his hand raised is plastered to his body by the rushing deluge.

**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

The Coleman city commission has made a number of tentative contracts for digging test water wells during March. Additional sources of water for the city are being sought and the wells will be thoroughly tested before any other work is considered. Data has been gathered and will be submitted to the state board of water engineers on well water in the area.

F. F. A. and 4-H club boys exhibited a large number of fat animals at the Santa Anna livestock show last week. All the livestock sold at good prices at an auction which concluded the show. The 1944 show was considered one of the best ever held, some of the finest animals ever exhibited there being on display.

A cash deal, involving \$10,000, was consummated at Rising Star last week in which the city will take over the distribution system of the Southwest Gas Company. The city council will continue operation of the gas system as a part of the municipal utilities. Service will be continued to consumers on the lines and it is also planned to expand the system.

Citizens of Brown county now own their court house. The last payments were made on the 26-year-old structure last week by County Judge A. E. Nabors. Finished in 1918 as a repair job, the three-story brick building cost \$86,000. Bonds have been liquidated as they came due until the last one was paid off in February.

A flying club has been formed at Winters and the officers are looking about for location suitable as a landing field. A federal inspector is expected soon to view a number of sites and approve one. The club owns two Porterfield planes and hope to have more machines within the next 30 days. All members of the club intend to learn to fly.

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Sgt. Lawrence Dahlberg, of Melvin, wounded on an Italian battlefield, was at home last week for a visit with relatives and friends. Now a patient at McCloskey general hospital, Temple, Dahlberg was given a few days' leave to visit in Melvin. He was interviewed by numerous friends relative to fighting in World War II.

Brady citizens are planning to obtain designation on airways at the end of the war. An approved municipal airport which will insure regular stops and give the city mail and express and possibly passenger and freight service is being sought. This is part of the post-war planning program at Brady.

The 1944 Red Cross drive is underway in Menard county with the quota of \$2,600. Taking of subscriptions began yesterday, coincident with the nation-wide campaign, and it is hoped to make short work of this wartime chore.

A Red Cross mobile unit is to visit Stephenville to take blood from Erath county volunteers. An appeal is being made to line up 750 people who will give blood for plasma and when this detail is arranged the unit will come to Stephenville.

Government approval has been given the building of a 400-unit frozen foods locker plant at Sweetwater. Practically all the lockers have been leased and federal approval means work can be started as soon as materials are obtained. Leland Glass, Sweetwater grocer, is manager of the plant.

The Comanche county livestock show will be held in the near future with F. F. A. and 4-H club boys participating. In announcing plans for the show leaders stated that \$300 in cash prizes would be offered for ribbon winners. A number of breeders of registered stock have also accepted invitations to exhibit animals.

The Concho county home demonstration council met last week to make plans for the new year. Paint Rock leaders invited the club women to hold an Achievement Day program at the county site and this was accepted for a later date in the year. The 1944 budget was approved and other business transacted.

W. H. (Bill) Hunsucker, wife and daughter have moved to Ballinger from Stamford, and Mr. Hunsucker will in the market at the local Safeway Store. Mr. Hunsucker has been with market departments of Safeway Stores since 1940. Ledger want ads pay.

**WHY WALK**  
 CALL A  
**YELLOW CAB**  
 Phone 55 Phone  
 H. M. Wingfield, Manager

**Army-Navy Exams Will be Given Here For Students 17-21**

The third army-navy college qualifying test for the army specialized training program and the navy college program V-12 which will be given throughout the country on Wednesday, March 15, at 9 a. m., will be administered at the Ballinger high school, Fred Miller, senior high school principal, announced today. A leaflet of general information which contains an admission-identification form may be obtained at the school. This form properly filled out will admit to the test students between the ages of 17 and 21 inclusive who are high school graduates or who will be graduated by July 1, 1944. Intent to take the test should be made known immediately to Mr. Miller in order that the necessary test supplies may be ordered.

The same examination will be taken by both army and navy candidates. The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge required for the program of college training and all qualified students are urged to take the test. At the time of the test each candidate will be given a choice of service preference, but taking the test does not obligate the candidate to enlist in the service.

The army specialized training program is aimed to meet the army's needs for specialists and technicians in certain critical fields of study. Academic work is at the college level at government expense.

The navy college program also enables students to continue academic training at government expense. Successful completion of the prescribed courses may, following further officer training, lead to a commission in the navy.

**EOFFS PURCHASE HOLT RESIDENCE ON EIGHTH**

A deal was concluded this week in which Dr. and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff purchased the residence on Eighth Street formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Holt. Dr. Eoff stated Monday that all paper had been approved and that the house was now vacant. The Eoffs will move in as soon as they can to make it their home.

Be wise—advertise.

**A mistake that costs millions**

EVERY YEAR millions of dollars are lost by fire in property that is under-insured. The owners had the foresight to protect themselves with fire insurance, but made the mistake of not increasing their insurance as they added new and valuable items to their home furnishings. Don't make this mistake. It may cost you plenty of money. Better let us check your fire insurance for you. No obligation.

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 Take care of your eyes and your eyes will take care of you.  
 It is wise to have your eyes examined periodically.  
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Conserve tires and gas as well as your precious minutes which are irreplaceable. **BANK BY MAIL!** It's convenient, time-saving, safe. Your bank is just as close as your nearest mailbox... Simply mail in your deposit—and we'll send you a receipt! Start today to **BANK BY MAIL!**

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**Courtesy ISN'T RATIONED**

COURTESY, like many other things, often becomes needlessly a victim of war. There is no excuse for a lack of courtesy! The raw materials are simple and plentiful... the manpower required is negligible... *courtesy is just a by-product of service.*

Yes, we know that "there's a war going on"... we know what it is to be short handed... we miss the 224 experienced employees who are now in the armed services; but it's a tradition with the employees of your electric service company to give friendly, courteous service.

Lack of material often forces the use of substitutes. Frequently it is necessary to rework old material and supplies. Sometimes, due to shortages or government regulations, service must be delayed. But the employee team, backed by a business policy that encourages individual thinking and recognizes individual effort, is proud of the fact that *courtesy*, like electricity, *is not rationed.*

**West Texas Utilities Company**



### Baptist Workers To Meet Tuesday In Drasco Church

The regular all-day meeting of the Runnels Baptist Association will be held at Drasco on March 7. Sessions will begin at 10:30 a. m. and be concluded late in the afternoon.

Churches affiliated have been informed of the meeting and asked to send delegations. The general theme of the one-day program will be "Loyalty," and the following subjects have been assigned:

#### Morning

- 10:30 a. m.—Worship period, W. E. Nowell, Abilene
- 10:50 a. m.—"The Preacher, God's Man, in an Hour Like This," C. R. Blake, Bronte
- 11:10 a. m.—"The Church, God's Institution, in an Hour Like This," H. T. Pendley, Abilene
- 11:30 a. m.—"The Home, After the Storm is Passed Over," F. R. Cole, Abilene

11:50 a. m.—Sermon, L. R. Stuckey, Norton  
 12:20 p. m.—Lunch  
**Afternoon**  
 1:30 p. m.—Board meeting  
 2:15 p. m.—Worship period  
 2:35 p. m.—"What the Future Holds for the B. T. U.," Miss Zora Mitchell, Drasco  
 2:55 p. m.—"What the Future Holds for the W. M. U.," Mrs. E. Shepperd, Ballinger  
 Closing address, C. A. Morton, Ballinger.

### BOY SCOUTS TO COLLECT WASTE PAPER SATURDAY

Due to bad weather the past two Saturdays, Ballinger Boy Scouts have not been able to make all streets in the city to pick up scrap paper. They plan to pass through every street and avenue this week and ask citizens to assist them by having their bundles ready and on front sidewalks.

Many people put out bundles last week which were not collected but if the weather will permit the use of trucks on all streets, the boys will cover the entire city.

Leaders in charge of this phase of salvage stated they were getting in large quantities of newspapers and magazines and expect to soon have a carload ready for shipment.

### CHINESE MISSIONARIES TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Rev. and Mrs. Deane C. Walter, returned missionaries from China, will speak at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. and Mrs. Walter spent sixteen years as missionaries in China. On December 8, 1941, the day after the attack on Pearl Harbor, they were interned by the Japs, who held them until they were repatriated and returned to the United States on the Gripsholm on its first voyage, arriving in this country August, 1942.

Rev. and Mrs. Walter have many interesting experiences to tell as well as a report on the country.

Hoard your dollars in war bonds.

### Gasoline Coupons Must be Endorsed Before March 6

In a fight against black markets, all holders of gasoline coupons have been advised to properly endorse each coupon in their books by March 6. During that week OPA inspectors will begin investigations to determine whether coupons have been endorsed and any motorist caught without these endorsements may be asked to surrender his book.

Station operations have been asked to aid in this and all filling stations will be checked to see that coupons are being received with the car number and the state in which it is registered written on the face of the coupon. This endorsement is an important part of the fight against black markets since coupons which have been properly endorsed in ink or indelible pencil cannot be used legitimately by anybody except the owner and therefore cannot become an implement of the black market.

All holders of any type of gasoline book are notified to see that all coupons in their possession are properly endorsed by March 6.

Another memorandum issued by the OPA this week states that sugar supplies will be less in 1944 than in 1943. This is because sugar cane molasses is being converted into industrial alcohol.

### Water Restrictions Are Raised by City After Rain Sunday

City officials stated Tuesday that water restrictions here had been lifted and made the announcement now in order that citizens might plan and start their victory gardens. K. V. Northington, city secretary, said many people had inquired in regard to the use of water, stating that they planned to landscape yards, plant gardens and do other work where water would be required.

There is ample moisture now for planting shrubs and gardens, it was pointed out, but some irrigation probably will be necessary later to keep plants growing.

While the city water is still "hard" this condition will be greatly improved in a few days when water in the storage tanks and mains is consumed and fresh water is pumped into the lines. The rise on Elm Creek was sufficient to wash out the lake thoroughly, water pouring over the spillways all day Monday and into the night. It is believed that the water formerly in the lake, mostly from springs and other "hard" water sources, has been flushed out and that the reservoir is now full of rain water.

Patrons are asked not to be wasteful with water but to use all they need for household and gardens.

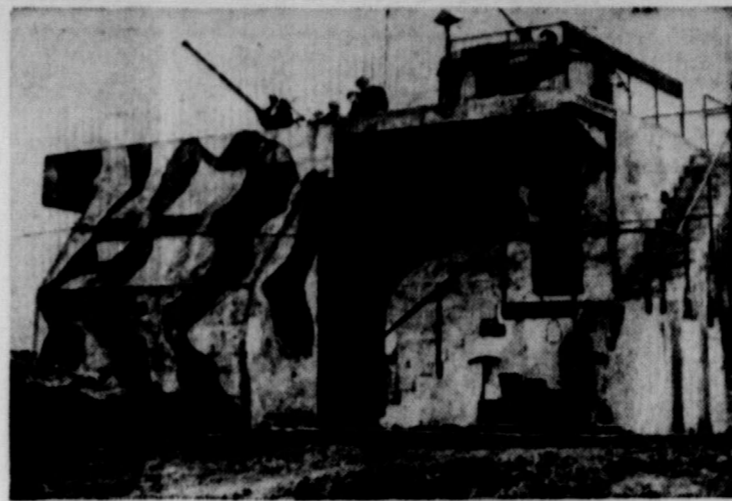
Hollis Kendrick, of San Antonio, transacted business here the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Paxton and son, Jodeen, left Monday for Fort Worth, where Mrs. Paxton and Jodeen will make home for the duration. Mr. Paxton will report at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on March 8 to begin military training.

Be wise—advertise.

**Invasion Is Costly Fighting**  
 Your Boy Gives 100 per cent;  
 How about your bond buying?

### Flak Towers Take High Raider Toll



This is one of the most successful defense devices developed during Britain's long struggle for survival against Nazi bombers. It is a flak tower of the anti-aircraft command. Such towers proved very effective last summer during the sneak attacks against seaside towns. Last year flak towers accounted for 93 downed enemy planes and 59 "probables."

### Rotarians and Lions To Honor Boy Scouts At Affair Tomorrow

Members of the Ballinger Lions and Rotary clubs will assemble for a joint meeting at the high school auditorium tomorrow (Friday) evening in honor of the Boy Scout troops they sponsor and all other Scouts and Scout leaders in Ballinger.

The opening exercises will begin at 7:30 p. m. From there the Scouts, club members and guests will go to the school lunch room where a banquet is to be served.

Following the meal a program will be presented in which reports will be made by scoutmasters and other leaders on the progress made here in recent years. Judge E. C. Grindstaff will pay tribute to the scoutmasters who actually work with the boys, and Rev. Clarence A. Morton will deliver the principal address of the evening.

A number of executives and members of the Concho valley council have been invited to the meeting.

Rotarians and Lions will have Scouts as their special guests and will be seated with them at the banquet table and during the program.

Each club has sponsored a Boy Scout troop for a number of years and the banquet was chosen as a means of paying tribute to the faithful Scout leaders and also to encourage the boys themselves.

### Ballinger Chapter F. F. A. to Sponsor Party This Evening

The Ballinger Future Farmers of America chapter will have a wiener roast and theatre party tonight for all members of their girl friends. The affair will be in honor of the chapter sweetheart, Miss Norma Baker, and the two queens, Misses Betty Lou Morrison and June Wright.

The group will go to the 4-mile crossing on Elm Creek for the wiener roast and after the supper will return to town for the show.

The chapter has had a good year and has raised enough money to make considerable investments in war bonds. After the war the proceeds from the bonds will be used in constructing a livestock barn for chapter projects.

Dates for the annual livestock show in which the F. F. A. boys join with the 4-H club boys, will be set in the near future. F. F. A. members will have a large num-

ber of prize animals which they have had on display. Some F. F. A. animals were recently shown at Houston and sold at auction the last day of the show. Other animals were not taken to Houston and will be entered in the annual spring show here.

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

**Two simple steps to amazing New STRENGTH**

**1—Promote the flow of vital digestive juices in the stomach**  
**2—Enrich your body with RICH, RED BLOOD!**

These two important steps may help you to overcome the discomforts of embarrassment of sour stomach, indigestion, loss of appetite, weakness, poor complexion!

A person who is operating on only a 70 to 75% healthy blood volume or a stomach digestive capacity of only 50 to 60%, normal is severely handicapped. So with simple stomach digestive juices PLUS RICH, RED-BLOOD you should enjoy that sense of well-being which denotes physical fitness—mental alertness!

If you are subject to poor digestion or suspect deficient red-blood as the cause of your trouble, yet have no organic complication or focal infection, SSS Tonic may be just what you need as it is especially designed (1) to promote the flow of VITAL DIGESTIVE JUICES in the stomach and (2) to build-up BLOOD STRENGTH when deficient.

**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 10 and 20cc sizes—each 5.50.

**SSS TONIC**  
 helps build STURDY HEALTH

### Music and Talks Make up Program For Rotary Club

The Ballinger Rotary Club was entertained with a group of musical numbers Tuesday, presented by a trio composed of Miss Mary Lou Ridings, Mrs. Janie Barnett, and Duke Jameson, with Mrs. Cope playing accompaniments. The popular numbers were well rendered also were well received.

The principal speaker for the program was Ernest Buffington, who recently returned to Ballinger from Orange, where he resided several years. He told of the building of ships in the coast city and gave an accurate description of what happens when such a huge industry is started in a town the size of Orange. He cited figures on the great number of completions of war vessels and the service being rendered in the United States fleet.

Simon Davidian, institute lecturer, made a brief talk on his lecture to be given Tuesday evening at the Ballinger high school.

He urged that all Rotarians attend to learn something of Russia.

Leonard Stallings was presented as a new member of the club, being the sixth to be accepted within the past few weeks.

### Sewing Machine Repairing

Parts, bobbins, shuttles, bobbin cases, globes, zipper feet, electric and treadle belts, needles, tension motor, pulleys and lubricants, etc., for nearly all machines. Sewing lights for electric and treadle machines.

ALL WORK DONE AT YOUR HOME

This will be the last trip here! Will be at the Central Hotel to March 7th.

**Ben Powell**  
Sewing Machine Service

### Want to learn a skill?

WOULD YOU like to be a radio operator, a skilled stenographer, an airplane mechanic, an expert driver?

In the Women's Army Corps you have a chance to get valuable Army training—training that may give the way to bigger pay, better jobs after the war.

TODAY find out about all the WAC offers you—the interesting jobs, the chance to meet new people and see new places, and to help your country.

APPLY at any U. S. Army Recruiting Station. Or write: The Adjutant General, 4415 Munitions Bldg., Washington, 25, D. C.

(Women in essential war industry must have release from their employer or the U. S. Employment Service.)



### Signs of Spring

THE days are still short; half the nation shivers under a blanket of snow—but there are signs of spring everywhere if you know where to look for them.

They are little things—such as new seed catalogs, ads clipped from magazines, reminders, scribbled on backs of envelopes, of things to be done.

Thousands of men, all over the country, are making such notes, looking ahead—farmers, manufacturers, storekeepers, bankers. They represent what is called "management," and they know that to make the most of any season requires pretty careful figuring.

There's a skill in this management. It's a skill that men who run things have in common—that men who run things successfully have got to have. Management's problems are a good deal alike, no matter what the business—getting help, meeting payrolls and tax payments, making ends meet and having a little left over for new projects, planning for the future without letting the planning interfere with the job in hand.

And when you talk with these men, you find they have the same objectives, too. Right now they want to get the war won at the lowest possible cost in lives and suffering. After that's done, they'll be back on their never-ending job of turning out the material things needed to make a better peacetime world. General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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**Have a Coca-Cola = Hallo, Bracie**  
 (HELLO, BROTHER)

... a way to say "Partner" to a visiting Pole

When a Polish flyer says *Hallo, Bracie*, he greets you as a brother. The American means the same thing when he says *Have a "Coke"*, whether he offers it away from home or from his icebox at home. Around the world, Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes—the global high-sign of the kind-hearted.

**Coca-Cola**  
 the global high sign

It's natural for popular names to acquire friendly abbreviations. That's why you hear Coca-Cola called "Coke".

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 M. B. Casey, Manager

**Experience NECESSARY**

"No Experience Necessary" is a common phrase in advertisements in many areas, today, because many lines of business are forced to take unskilled workers.

But, everyone knows that the experienced man can produce more when he's working on the job he knows best how to do.

In farming, this is doubly true; and more farmers have the experience and skill to produce cotton than any other crop.

Cotton farmers who have not the experience, but the soils and equipment that are best suited for this crop, will make their maximum contribution to the war effort by producing more cotton in 1944.

DO THE BEST JOB YOU CAN ON THE WAR JOB YOU CAN DO BEST  
 GROW MORE COTTON IN 1944

**West Texas Cottonoil Co.**

**Get the ONLY Tractor**

THAT provides traction without built-in weight  
 THAT keeps tractor front end down  
 THAT automatically protects tractor and implement when a buried obstruction is hit  
 THAT pulls and controls its implements in the soil  
 WITH THE FERGUSON SYSTEM

**The New FORD TRACTOR**  
 with Implements for FINGER TIP FARMING

- Plow
- Middlebuster
- Adjustable Row-crop Cultivator
- Spring-time Cultivator
- Vegetable Cultivator
- 4-Row Beet and Bean Cultivator
- 4-Row Weeder
- Tillers
- 3-Row Ridger
- Farm-type Mower
- Heavy-duty Mower
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- Disc Harrows
- Trailer
- Manure Spreader
- Scalp
- Bulldozer

**ASK US FOR PROOF!**

**Moore Tractor & Implement Co.**  
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**WAR or NO WAR**  
 People Have to Sleep!

All Cotton MATTRESS \$19.75  
 Sofa Beds at \$39.75

Layer felt, improved construction, comfortable and durable.

A comfortable double bed and a fine living room piece.

Modern Bedroom in Select Walnut \$77.50

Includes bed, chest and vanity. Fine quality, hand rubbed finish, unusually handsome and built to last many years.

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

**Income Tax Assistance**  
A. M. King  
Currie Bldg., over Ideal Barber Shop  
Ballinger 18-1f

**Baby Chicks**  
Each Tuesday and Friday  
J. N. NUTT FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY  
Ballinger Phone 174 15-1f

**PERMANENT WAVE, 59¢!** Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afflerbach's 5c-35.00 Store.

**Don't Feed Your RATS** but one more time. Feed SMITH'S RAT KILL. Relatively harmless to livestock and poultry but deadly to rats. Guaranteed at Weeks Drug Store. 3-8-\*

We have ground peanut hulls—a good roughness for your livestock.  
West Texas Cotton Oil Co. 10-1f

**FOR SALE**—Registered polled Hereford bull calves and yearlings. Edo Michaelis, Wintgate. 17-3f\*

**FOR SALE**—My home at 408 Eleventh Street. Seven rooms, two baths, new roof, refinished inside and out recently. Two car garage, small barn, place for chickens and cow. Bargain if sold at once. J. Frank Smith. Shown only by appointment. See E. T. Branham, agent. 17-1f

3 weeks old started pullets, 3 weeks old rooster baby chicks. Blood testing, culling, a complete poultry service. Phone 12. Miles Hatchery, Miles Texas. 24-4f\*

**Typewriter Sales and Service**  
Remington Rand agency. Write Paul's Typewriter Service, Rust Bldg., San Angelo. Dial 5200. 24-4f\*

**FOR SALE**—or Trade: 19 acre fruit and truck farm three miles southwest of Ballinger, four room house, well and windmill and out-houses. G. J. Smith. 24-2f\*

**WANTED**—By permanent resident, furnished apartment, three or four rooms. Call Bill Hunsucker No. 183. 2-11-\*

**Fertilizer**—  
Going to need Fertilizer this Spring? Order at Higginbotham's—now. Don't wait. 2-11

**WANTED**—Spanish girl to help with housework afternoons. 802 Broadway. Phone 567. 2-21\*

**FOR RENT**—Small furnished house, reasonable. Mrs. Wright, Wrightway Cleaners. 2-21-\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom and apartment. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth Street. 11\*

**FOR RENT**—Garage at 308 Sixth Street. Mrs. A. J. Zappe, phone 553. 2-11

Mrs. Taylor Paul, of Lubbock, has been here for a visit with her father, J. E. Baker, and other relatives.

**WANTED TO RENT**—4 or 5 room furnished house. Permanent. No children. Phone 541. 2-11

**FOR RENT**—Bedroom. Phone 437, 809 Ninth Street. 2-11

**Notice**  
Will be calling on you again soon with Watkins products.  
Respectfully, your Watkins agent.  
C. A. THAMES  
Rt. 4, Box 890  
San Angelo, Texas 2-21-\*

**FOR SALE**—1940 Buick 4-door sedan, in A-1 condition, five good tires. O. E. Kresta, two miles south of Bethel. 2-21-\*

**FOR SALE**—1936 two-door Plymouth, motor in A-1 shape, four good tires. Also extra fine Jersey cow, fresh, four years old. C. C. Henderson. 2-11

**FOR SALE**—Big assortment of Dodge Truck and Car wheels. Full line of truck, tractor, and automobile tires. Sykes Motor Co. 11

**Room and Board**  
\$35.00 month. Mrs. H. L. Barnhart, half mile west of airport. 11\*

Concrete floor garage 10 cents per day, with lock and key. 404 Broadway. 2-11-\*

**FOR SALE**—Three burner oil stove, built-in model. Also a small wardrobe and one rocking chair. Call at 707 Fifth Street. 3-11\*

Reese's Hatchery now operating. Booking orders for baby chicks, started chicks and custom hatching. J. C. Reese. 2-1f

## Agricultural Group Meeting Scheduled To Discuss Future

A meeting of the County Agricultural Community and Neighborhood Victory Council is to be held here Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30, in the district court room of the court house. The meeting was called by the county farm agent and the county home demonstration agent for reorganization and the preparation of a program for the ensuing year.

All community leaders and neighborhood chairmen are urged to be present.

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff will explain a proposed amendment to a law which will be submitted to the legislature of interest to all people who make farming part of their occupation.

Most interesting will be discussions of the program in front of all those who raise food. The progress of the war will be reviewed and the need of keeping the fighting men supplied will be put before the group in such a way as to influence farmers' plans for 1944.

The shortage of labor in prospect for this year is another problem to be considered and plans for combatting this shortage will be heard. Surveys will be made on the expected needs of Runnels county farmers during the next harvest season.

### J. B. ARTHUR GARAGE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Fire this morning destroyed the garage of J. B. Arthur on Ninth Street. The firemen made a quick run and saved part of the walls but the building was pretty well consumed before the flames were extinguished.

**FOR SALE**—Two well located, five room homes, under good repair. Terms if desired. A. F. Brock, Zappe Building. 2-11

### Strayed Notice

One small light Jersey cow, trying to go to my place on Valley Creek. Henry Stubblefield. 11\*

**FOR SALE**—Mattress. Other household goods. Phone 301.

**FOR SALE**—Or rent. Furnished three room house. 308 Thirteenth Street. P. J. Legg, 706 Tenth St. 2-11-\*

**FOR SALE**—9 foot 1942 Frigid-aire. \$300. Mrs. J. G. Tucky. Phone 1249. 2-11

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom. Phone 532. 2-11

**LOST**—Indian turquoise costume dinner ring. Reward. Call 1326 or 130. 2-11-\*

**FOR RENT**—Two room furnished apartment. 306 Tenth Street. 11\*

1941 six passenger, super de luxe Ford coupe, beautiful car. Just Simonized. Seat covers, heater, good tires. C. Oeters, 406 Ninth. 2-11-\*

**FOR SALE**—1940 Oldsmobile club coupe, good condition. See Erwin Halfmann, Rowena, Texas. Phone 3304, Rowena. 2-11\*

**FOR SALE**—One 110 volt radio and record player, practically new. Also wind charger and radio. Ray Gentry, Ballinger star route. 2-11\*

Would buy trumpet horn. Call 464R2. 2-11-\*

**WANTED**—Popcorn, at Texas Theatre. 2-1f

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom, with or without kitchen privileges. 904 Sixth Street. Phone 334. 2-11-11

**FOR RENT**—Small furnished apartment. Cadet wife or working girl. Telephone 1308. 2-11

**FOR RENT**—Large bedroom with private bath. No children. Phone 5102 Fifth Street. 2-1f

**FOR SALE**—Six room house, 8th Street. Three lots, 12th Street. House and full block, duplex A. M. King. 2-31-\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished two room apartment and bath. Phone 355, Mrs. S. V. Parrish, 419 Hutchings Avenue. 2-11

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Health Baths, Scientific Massage  
**Dr. J. Lester Ohlhausen**  
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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 1995

## Where Some of Those Huge Raids Start



U. S. Flying Fortresses are now using over 11 recently equipped air bases near Foggia, Italy, to drop tons of bombs on Nazi-controlled territory. These bases will make possible a campaign extending over the 600 mile range indicated by the light area on the map. Bombers can take off and return to these bases usually without facing serious enemy opposition.

### Serving Uncle Sam

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Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Shelton have received a card from the "buddy" of their son, Leo, who is serving overseas. The friend, who has returned to this country, writes: "Just a short time ago I was sleeping in the same tent with your boy and he sure is a fine kid. He asked me to write you and say that he is well. Please don't worry about him, as he is safe."

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Piel have received a post card from their son, Pfc. Elgin Piel, who is in a German prison camp. He stated that he was well and sent his love to all his Ballinger friends. The card, written on January 2, was received here last Thursday.

Miss Winnie Lee Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones, is now at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, training in the ferry command. Miss Jones, believed to be the first Ballinger girl to join this branch of the services, is taking the first phase of her training in the girls' school.

Grady Davis, brother of Mrs. Paul Kirk, was here Friday for a brief visit and left Saturday morning for Asbury Park, New Jersey. Recently transferred from the marine corps to the regular navy personnel, he had been taking a special course at Southwestern University, Georgetown.

Aviation Cadet David M. Compton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Compton of Norton, has arrived at the Frederick (Oklahoma) army air field, where he will get the final phase of his training as a bomber pilot. Upon completion of this nine weeks' course he will receive his commission and wings.

Sgt. Louis Ruhmann, wife and baby, of San Antonio, are here for a short visit with relatives and friends. Sgt. Ruhmann is stationed at the cadet center in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilibrey have received a letter from their son, S-1 Sgt. Charles Bilibrey, who was seriously wounded on December 7, in which he said he was improving and could rest some. He also expressed the hope of being back in the States soon. Another son, Cpl. Alvin Bilibrey, company C, 142nd infantry, in Italy, writes that he is okeh but would like to come home. Still another son, Pvt. Dee Bilibrey, Jr., writes from England that he is safe and okeh and likes England but adds, "give me Ballinger and the good old U. S. A."

**Government Issue**  
(By J. W. McLean, Sr., U. S. Navy)  
(In the South Pacific)  
Sitting on my G. I. bed  
My G. I. hat upon my head  
My G. I. pants, my G. I. shoes,  
I wish they'd give us G. I. booze,  
G. I. razors and G. I. combs,  
G. I. wish that I was home.

They issue everything you need,  
Paper to write on, books to read,  
Your belt, your socks, your G. I. tie.  
It's all for free, nothing to buy;  
They issue food that makes you grow,  
G. I. wants a long furlough.

You eat your food from G. I. plates,  
Buy all you want at G. I. rates;  
It's G. I. this and G. I. that,  
It's G. I. work that breaks your back;  
Everything here is government issue,  
G. I. wish that I could kiss you!

Pvt. Doyle S. Baker, of the 206th engineers, has advised his father, J. E. Baker of Ballinger, that he has landed safely in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Neely have

received the purple heart which was awarded their son, Noel J. Neely, who was wounded in Italy on December 7. Noel is in the 36th division. Mr. and Mrs. Neely have three other sons in the service—Pvt. Mack W. Neely, Pfc. Thomas M. Neely, and Pfc. Leon Neely.

Herbert R. Halfmann, who has been stationed in Africa for the past eight months, recently was

promoted to the rank of sergeant. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Halfmann.

Calvin Clayton Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Bond, is enrolled in Central College, Fayette, Mo., for the navy's V-12 program. A graduate of the Ballinger high school, Calvi attended the University of Texas one semester.

Robert H. Wood has received a letter and a number of pictures from his son, Pfc. Samuel D. Wood, member of a marine corps detachment in the South Pacific. The photos were taken on Tarawa after the leathernecks had driven the Japs from the island at heavy cost. His father in looking at pictures recently published in Life recognized his son in one of the scenes.

A card received by relatives this week from J. P. Burk, written in a German prison camp, informed that he was all right. He told relatives that he and Buck Sanders were together and were working on a farm where they probably will continue to work until the war is over.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Scales left this morning for Greensboro, N. C., where Pvt. Scales is stationed in an army airfield. Mrs. Scales will remain with her husband at Greensboro for an indefinite period.

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese are now serving their country. Lt. (j. g.) Ira Reese has recently completed a course at Harvard University and has been assigned to the staff there to teach revolver tactics.

Captain Luther Reese has been assigned tactical inspector for

three key groups at Key Field, Mississippi. He has been an army air forces pilot since 1941 and has held many important posts. At present his inspections certify men for combat duty.

Curtis Reese, in the navy, is attending a radio school in Chicago.

Mrs. Dee Bollier has received a letter from her brother, Cpl. Shelby R. Singleton, a member of the Ballinger national guard company in the 142nd infantry, which made the initial landing in Italy. In the letter, the first from him since October, Shelby states that he was knocked out by a shell in Italy and is now back in North Africa, and will be put on limited assignment. He asked that everyone be told hello and that he was getting along fine, although his nerves were still bad.

Mr. and Mrs. George Doherty came in from Fort Worth this week for a visit in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doherty. George will return Sunday to San Francisco, where he is stationed at a navy base.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

## NORTH NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

A demonstration on pan broiling of steaks was given by the county home demonstration agent, Miss Ozzie Folkes, when the North Norton home demonstration club met February 24 in the home of Mrs. Dave Underwood. Nine members and one visitor were present. Some pointers also were given on turkey raising.

Four new members, Mrs. Gus Redman, Mrs. Kemper Shelburne, Mrs. R. B. Bridwell and Mrs. Loyd Grant, were added to the club roll. Mrs. Lou Helen Underwood, of Big Spring, was a visitor.

Miss Folkes appointed Mrs. Tom Crockett as food demonstrator and Mrs. Lawrence Bryan as home improvement demonstrator this club year.

A quilt was finished for the hostess.

The next meeting will be held on March 9, in the home of Mrs. Harvey Bryan. A program on control of garden and poultry insects will be given.

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<b>Killian's Green BEANS</b> No. 2 Can 14¢	<b>Beverly Butter</b> 16-Oz. Jar 23¢	<b>NAME THESE TINY PANCAKES \$2,500.00 Prize Contest</b> Get Entry Blank and Rules at Safeway	<b>It's Delicious With Hot Pancakes</b>
<b>Joy CAKE and Muffin Mix</b> 12-Oz. Pkg. 27¢	<b>Flour Kitchen Craft Enriched; Finest Quality</b> 25-Lb. Bag 1.23	<b>Get Entry Blank and Rules at Safeway</b>	<b>Grandma's Flat Bot. 24¢</b>
<b>Harvest Dill PICKLES</b> Quart Jar 25¢	<b>Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested</b> 25-Lb. Bag 1.32	<b>Green and Blue Stamp Items</b>	<b>Duchess Solid 16-Oz. Jar 23¢</b>
<b>Maxine Toilet SOAP</b> 3 Reg. Bars 14¢	<b>Flour Harvest Blossom Guaranteed</b> 25-Lb. Bag 1.19	<b>Garden's Side Tropic Treat</b>	<b>Baking Powder 1-Lb. Can 19¢</b>
	<b>Other Values</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢	<b>Calumet 1-Lb. Can 19¢</b>
	<b>Macaroni or Spaghetti 4-Oz. Pkg. 4¢</b>	<b>Green and Blue Stamp Items</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Crackers Sunshine Krippy 1-Lb. Pkg. 19¢</b>	<b>Garden's Side Tropic Treat</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Bread Julie Lee Wright's Dates-Enriched 24-Oz. Loaf 10¢</b>	<b>Tomatoes 2 No. 2 1/2-Cans 29¢</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Coffee Airway Roaster-Fresh 1-Lb. Pkg. 21¢</b>	<b>Fig Jam 33-Oz. Jar 43¢</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Coffee Edwards Full Strength 1-Lb. Pkg. 25¢</b>	<b>12 Points Per Can 4 Points per Jar</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Coffee Folgers Mountain Grown 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢</b>	<b>Soup Scott Tomato 15-Oz. Can 9¢</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Coffee Maxwell House 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢</b>	<b>Turnip Greens 15-Oz. Can 10¢</b>	<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Malted Milk Carnation 1-Lb. Can 38¢</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Camay Soap Reg. Bar 7¢</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Super Suds 24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Ivory Soap Guest Size 5¢</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Quality Meats</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Cured Hams</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Shoulder End 33¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Shank End 31¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Crozier Slices 49¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Slab Bacon 29¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Sliced Bacon Grade A 37¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Pork Roast 28¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Pork Chops 35¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Sausage Grade AA-2 Pork in Cloth Bags 35¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Cheese American Leaf 39¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Salt Pork No. 1 Clear Slices 19¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Salt Jowls Fine for Seasoning 15¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢
	<b>Smoked Jowls Sugar Cured 17¢ Per Lb.</b>		<b>Green Tender Cabbage</b> Lb. 2¢

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