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Attorney General Files Anti-Trust Suit Here

Grover Sellers, attorney general for the state of Texas, announced in Austin last Friday that he had filed an anti-trust suit in 119th district court at Ballinger against Fairbanks-Morse & Co. of Illinois, with offices in Dallas; the Universal Electric Construction Co. of Alabama, with offices in Houston; and the H. B. Gieb Co., a Texas corporation, headquartered in Dallas.

The attorney general asks for penalties in the maximum amount of \$5,700,000 and for a permanent injunction cancelling the permit of the defendants to do business in Texas. The penalties asked by the state are based on the statutory penalties of from \$50 to \$1,500 a day from September 1, 1940, to the present.

In his petition the attorney general alleges that these three companies conspired "to furnish equipment and sell Fairbanks-Morse diesel engines and equipment to various municipalities in the state of Texas, to the exclusion of all other brands and makes of engines and equipment; and further, to control the municipal elections and to determine the plans and specifications and the bidding of such construction in the cities of Jasper, Angleton, Sonora and Winters; each of the above municipalities and cities being located and situated in the state of Texas; thereby eliminating all competition in the sale of equipment and in the construction of municipal power plants in the cities herein named."

The petition further points out that the defendant, Fairbanks-Morse Co., has engaged in the business of selling diesel engines and the construction of municipal power plants in the state of Texas for a period of ten years or more; the defendant, the Universal Electric Construction Co., has been engaged in the construction of municipal electric and other utility construction for municipalities in Texas for the past four years; and that the H. B. Gieb & Co. is an engineering corporation which holds itself out as an independent consulting engineer, and has, for the last four years, been engaged in the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of municipal utility plants. These defendants have occupied a dominant position in the business of constructing municipal utility plants in Texas since about the first of January, 1940.

DISTRICT F. F. A. BANQUET TO BE HELD HERE APRIL 7; 5 SCHOOLS TO PARTICIPATE

J. M. Williams, local vocational agriculture teacher, said today that a banquet for F. F. A. boys in five schools of this district would be held in the Ballinger school lunch room on April 7. F. F. A. chapters of the Ballinger, Winters, Wingate, Robert Lee and Bronte schools will participate.

Mr. Williams stated that 150 boys are expected to attend this meeting and that speakers and program leaders would be given at a later date.

Runnels County's March War Bond Quota is \$71,900

County Chairman W. J. Hembree received a letter last week from the United States treasury war finance committee expressing appreciation for the excellent work done in Runnels county during the 4th war loan campaign and announcing that Texans bought \$478,721,000 in bonds during the drive.

The national officials stated that they realized members of bond selling groups had gone "all out" during the drive and that they wished a rest could be given each, but that this was impossible since the March quota for Texas was \$30,100,000 and must be raised this month.

The Runnels county quota is \$71,900 in series E, F, and G bonds and it is necessary that the total be subscribed on the regular issues. No special campaign is planned but all residents of the county are called on to continue buying of war bonds and to put the county over on the regular monthly quotas.

All issuing agents in the county have been advised of the March quota and have been asked to do everything possible to attain this quota.

REHABILITATION SCHOOLS TO BE HELD BY LEGION AT SAN ANGELO, BRADY

The American Legion will hold rehabilitation schools in San Angelo and Brady on Thursday and Friday, March 23 and 24, respectively, according to Verne Blodgett, of Kerrville, district commander.

"The purpose of these schools is to acquaint the men and women who have been discharged from the armed forces of the present war with the benefits they are entitled to from the government," Commander Blodgett stated.

Benefits to be explained in detail include veterans' claims, dependents, widows, children and parents; hospitalization, national life insurance, and employment. Instructors for the schools are G. Ward Moody, rehabilitation and field secretary of the American Legion, department of Texas; A. O. Willman and J. T. Gray, of the veterans' state service office; George C. Batts, director; Tom Ward, U. S. employment service; and Arthur Sitas, district rehabilitation chairman.

All members of the American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary and recently discharged veterans of the present war are urged to attend the rehabilitation schools in order that they may become thoroughly familiar with the problems of rehabilitation and thus be able to render a splendid service to the disabled of the present conflict.

2,000 Say Good-Bye To 48 Inductees Here

A crowd of approximately 2,000 people gathered on the court house lawn Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock to bid good-bye to 48 men leaving Runnels county for the army and navy. The call was for a few more than fifty but some of the men reported directly to camps from other cities and did not come here to take buses.

Among those leaving were some 18-year-old youths and others near the age limit of 38. As the program progressed there were more tears than seen at any previous assembly of the kind held here. Wives and children bid fond farewells to husbands and fathers and on the other hand parents told mere boys good-bye as they left to don the uniform of their country and to swell the ranks of our fighting forces.

The program opened with a concert by the Ballinger high school band. C. D. Richards, acting for the American Legion, told the men why the program was held and Sam Behringer spoke the good-bye message. The departing men were urged to keep living clean lives while away from home, they were pledged the backing of the

people back home, the hope voiced that the war might soon be over, and they could return to their homes and loved ones.

Cigarettes were distributed by the Legionnaires with the compliments of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, candy was given by the American Legion Auxiliary, and pamphlets were handed those leaving by ministers. Those leaving for Fort Sill, Oklahoma to enter the army boarded two chartered buses with J. B. Arthur in charge of one and J. G. Tuckey in charge of the other. These men left immediately after conclusion of the program.

The nine men leaving for naval training stations took the regular bus at the Central Hotel at 11:40 a. m., with C. R. Stone, Jr., in charge of the group.

As the roll was called every man answered present and took his place in the line.

A large number of other Runnels county men have passed physical examinations and are now awaiting calls to the army and navy but the local draft board has not been notified the date of their departure.

29 Japs Killed on Kwajalein for Every Yank



Approximately 8,000 Japanese were killed in the American invasion of Kwajalein atoll in the Marshall Islands. Only 286 Yanks met death in the same campaign. United States marine and army wounded totaled 1,148 and 82 men were reported missing. Top: Assault boats and alligators are shown as they reached the beach at Enubaj bringing men and equipment of the Seventh division. It was this division which captured Kwajalein and adjacent islets. Bottom: A marine searches through the wreckage after the unprecedented naval bombardment which preceded the first American occupation of land held by Japan before the war.

Livestock Show and Sale Slated Here March 24

The annual spring F. F. A. and 4-H club livestock show will be held here on Friday, March 24. The spring show is being sponsored by the Ballinger Board of Community Development with the agricultural and livestock committee in charge of details.

J. M. Williams, vocational agriculture teacher, and John A. Barton, county agent, believe about 75 boys will participate in the 1944 show, exhibiting 100 lambs, 125 hogs, 10 calves and 30 capons.

Pens will be erected on the Santa Fe right-of-way, between Eighth and Ninth streets and the animals will be brought in early on the above date. Starting at 9 a. m. teams from the Winters, Ballinger, Wingate, Robert Lee and Bronte F. F. A. chapters will have a judging contest.

Judging for the entire show will be done by a representative of the Fort Worth stockyards, assisted by some county agent in this area. It will be classification judging as in the past, with points given on market grades.

The B. C. D. committee will raise \$250 to be offered as award money for those winning places in the show.

The public is invited to attend the show and is promised some very fine livestock. After the show an auction will be held and a considerable number of the animals will be sold to highest bidders.

For this sale the OPA will permit the livestock to be sold without points and without price ceilings. Market and cafe operators may make purchases and it also is an opportunity for individuals and groups to buy animals to be butchered without giving points.

Animals not sold in the auction here will be shipped to Fort Worth and sold the next day. A few boys from each group will also go to Fort Worth to look after the sale of the animals.

Further details of the show are expected to be ready for publication next week.

VOTES IN 3 SCHOOL DISTRICTS OPPOSE CONSOLIDATION ISSUE

Citizens of three Runnels county school districts voted last Saturday against consolidation. The election was called by County Judge E. C. Grindstaff in the Rowena, Sweet Home and Groenwald districts to consider consolidation of the Sweet Home and Groenwald districts with the Rowena school. The total vote was 194 against and 120 for the proposal. In Rowena the vote was 104 against and 96 for. Totals in the other districts were each 45 to 12 in opposition to the merger.

Officials of the state department of education had suggested the consolidation as a means of cutting overhead expenses and to maintain a full faculty of teachers.

There are about 75 students in the Rowena school and consolidation would have added about 40 more.

Mrs. Henel Crager Wright, of Ballinger, left San Angelo Tuesday night with a group being sent to Washington, D. C. from the San Angelo Business College. Her parents and a number of Ballinger friends met the night train and farewells were said here. Mrs. Wright is a graduate of the San Angelo Business College.

Hedges Convicted On Three Separate 7-Year-Old Charges

S. M. (Sid) Hedges was convicted in 119th district court here Tuesday on three charges and was assessed a total of 9 years on charges which are now seven years old.

The defendant was arrested in October, 1937, and charged with the burglary of the C. C. Davis Davis Dry Goods Store and the Kirk & Mack Hardware Store here. An assault charge also filed against him alleged that he fired at Night Watchman Calvin Robertson when the officer was giving chase and trying to arrest the defendant.

Shortly after being lodged in jail here he was released on bond, and according to O'Neal Dendy, district attorney, "skipped" his bond. Hedges was arrested at Midland last December, and according to the district attorney, testified that he had spent most of the intervening time in Lodi, California, where he worked under an assumed name.

After being given a two-year sentence in the burglary of the Davis store, Hedges waived a jury and entered pleas of guilty to the charge of burglarizing the Kirk & Mack store and to the charge of assaulting the officer. District Judge O. L. Parish sentenced the defendant to three and a half years in each case, making a total of nine years on the three cases.

F. F. A. BUYS TREES, SHRUBS; DISCUSSES SPRING SHOW

The Future Farmers of America chapter of the Ballinger high school has purchased \$80 worth of fruit trees and shrubbery to be used in beautifying members' homes. The trees will be shipped here and taken by the boys to their homes and planted.

The Ballinger district F. F. A. meeting was held at Wingate on Wednesday, March 1. Applicants for the Lone Star farmer's degree were present and were given information about filing blanks for this honor.

The local chapter is making plans for the annual livestock show, which will be held at an early date. Part of the livestock has been sold but there is still enough left to make a good exhibit. The F. F. A. will be joined in the show by 4-H club boys of this area.

Plans for the show will be made public as soon as the leaders set the date.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Pvt. Lloyd Bell, of the marine corps, has returned to Seattle, Washington, after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Bell. He has been a patient in a naval hospital following injuries sustained in the Pacific.

Pvt. Marvin G. McClelland writes from Louisiana that he is rounding out fifteen months' service and will soon be due a furlough which he wants to spend in "good old Runnels county." McClelland states that he receives The Ledger regularly and keeps up with what is going on back home. He says there are few Texans in his outfit and the very name of Texas makes some of them mad.

Alexander McGregor, Jr., has completed the first phase of his course at the officers' training school at Miami, Florida, where he has been several weeks. Upon completion of his work he will be commissioned a second lieutenant in the army air forces.

Sgt. Edgar A. Hutcheson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutcheson, of Ballinger, is being trained as a gun mechanic for a lightning fast armored division. He is in the gunnery school at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

The Dallas recruiting office of the eighth naval district has made public the names of thirteen girls who have been accepted in the Waves. In the list are Misses Winnie Russell and Nancy Fox, of Ballinger. They are due to report to Hunter College, New York, on March 9. After completing the course there most of the girls will be assigned to specialists' schools for advanced training.

Mrs. T. B. Owens received a letter this week from her son, Irvin Owens, who is in the American invasion forces in Italy. He stated that he was doing well. In a letter from another son, Tommie Owens, who is in Northern Ireland, he said: "There is nothing like good old Ballinger."

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Henkell are in receipt of a message from their son, Pfc. Henry Henkell, in the marine corps, informing that he had arrived safely overseas. His new address is c/o Fleet P. M., San Francisco.

Mrs. J. B. Dorsey received a letter this week from her son, S. Sgt. Allen B. Dorsey. This was the first she has received since about the first of the year. The letter was dated February 17 and he stated that he was now stationed in New Guinea.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jack Williams are here this week for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Wardlaw and other relatives and friends. Pvt.

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Red Cross Drive Started; Ballinger Behind \$1,500

Ballinger Sergeant Previously Missing Is Home for Visit

Sgt. Elton F. Kevil, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kevil, came in Tuesday night from New York and will visit his parents here until March 29.

His return home is like fiction. He was reported missing in action from his air base in England last October 8, and on January 22 another message came from the war department informing that he was back on duty with his organization.

Last week the parents were advised that he had landed in New York and would be home in a few days.

Sgt. Kevil is not permitted to tell much of the details of his experiences. He was a member of a flying fortress crew which was shot down by Nazi fighters on October 8. The pilot made a forced landing in Holland. As soon as the big bomber was grounded, three wounded members of the crew were removed from the ship and the bomber was set on fire. All that transpired from that time until Kevil got back to his base in England is secret. He did say that all ten members of the crew were safe. The wounded men were taken prisoner and he has not seen or heard from the others since the crash landing.

Sgt. Kevil stated that he was glad to be home, and something in the way he said it, meant more than just the words.

BROOKSHIER NAMED NEW SWISHER COUNTY AGENT

C. C. Brookshier has been named agricultural agent of Swisher county and has assumed his duties there. Before the move he was assistant farm agent for Lubbock county.

Brookshier attended A. & M. College after graduating from the Ballinger high school.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, of Waco, were here this week to visit relatives and friends while Mr. Holt attended to business in district court.

The American Red Cross war fund drive entered the second week today with a number of community committees reporting over the top and others still working to attain their quotas. Five communities in the southern half of the county have not been reported to date but committees are at work in all these.

Ballinger, with a quota of \$4,500, had only donated \$2,946.56 to this morning and was approximately \$1,500 short of the goal. A few local committees had not turned in reports, but indications were that when the rounds were made a second round would have to be made to reach the quota. Workers stated that regardless of what action was necessary the quota would be raised and that the city would not let the boys down in this very important campaign.

Other community committees made the following reports to E. Shepperd, county chairman:

The Humble Pump Station with a quota of \$150 had remitted \$145.88.

Sweet Home with a quota of \$100 had turned in \$101.

Brookshier with a quota of \$100 had turned in \$31.38.

Greenwald with a quota of \$200 had turned in \$200.

Blanton with a quota of \$200 had turned in \$227.

Millar with a quota of \$100 had turned in \$193.65.

Dry Ridge with a quota of \$100 had turned in \$130.

Hagan-Barnett with a quota of \$200 had turned in \$245.

Runnels with a quota of \$150 had turned in \$130.50.

The Harman Training Center with a quota of \$1,200 had turned in \$1,700.

Bethel with a quota of \$200 had turned in \$295.95.

Reports on other communities included the following:

Winters and communities in the north end of the county with a combined quota of \$4,500 had turned in \$3,181.03.

Norton with a quota of \$400 had turned in \$385.

Benoit with a quota of \$250 had turned in \$250.

Miles with a quota of \$500 had turned in \$500.

Mr. Shepperd expected most of the work to be completed in the

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Medical Unit Approved For State Guard Here

An order issued by headquarters of the Texas State Guard calls for the establishment of the medical unit of the 11th battalion in Ballinger. The placing of this new unit here is partly due to the excellent record made by company E, 11th battalion, which has been stationed in Ballinger since the state organization was formed, and which ranks as one of the best companies in Texas.

Major O. H. Chandler will be in command of the medical detachment and First Lieutenant D. G. Posey will be the administrative officer. Other doctors commissioned in the unit and who will serve companies of the battalion in other towns include Dr. Fowler, Paint Rock, first lieutenant; Dr. Harris, Big Lake, first lieutenant; Dr. Patterson, Big Lake, first lieutenant; Dr. Griffin, San Angelo, dental officer; and one more lieutenant to be named to serve with the San Angelo company.

Non-commissioned officers of the unit include: T-Sgt. Allen Davis, Sgt. Stanley Price, Cpl. R. E. White. Enlisted men recently

recruited for the unit are: Jack Rudd, J. L. Davis, Dick Ayers, D. B. Crockett, Oscar Batts, Johnny Smith and Fred Miller.

The medical detachments is subject to call in case of disaster or other disturbance in Texas. Meetings will be held each Monday evening and courses will be given in first aid and other basic training for medical corps men. Special medical corps equipment is to be shipped here and will be utilized by the detachment. The unit will accompany the battalion on all maneuvers and other field events where the companies assemble.

Training will be started at once as all papers have been received from state headquarters authorizing the detachment and commissions of all officers have been confirmed.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Three Are Hostesses to Baptist Ruth Class
 Mrs. Fred Moncrief, Mrs. Roy Worley and Mrs. John Herrington were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class on Thursday evening of last week, entertaining in the Moncrief home on Eleventh Street.

Jacquils gave color and fragrance to rooms where Mrs. Worley presided after the devotional by Mrs. Charles Hambrick. Mrs. W. P. Truett was named secretary-treasurer and pal gifts were exchanged with pals being revealed and new names drawn.

A salad plate was served with cake and coffee. Others were: Mmes. O. J. Joiner, E. F. Lawless, George West, Banta, L. B. Pearce, Malcolm Morgan, Theo Isbell, Barnett Frank, Arthur Crockett, Elmo Woodson, Wix Currie, Jr., Bill Duncan, Paul Kirk, Bennett, Stanley Price, Dick Ayers, Oren Chandler, Ross Bartlett, J. L. Byers, G. R. Touchstone, Mark Davis, Schreiner and Jones Parrish.

Alatheans Entertained in Church Parlors

Mrs. Henry Doss, Mrs. Delbert Vance, Mrs. Everitt Witter, and Mrs. T. J. Crockett entertained First Baptist Alathean members last Thursday evening in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

After a routine business period, conducted by Mrs. S. M. Jonas, the exchange of pal gifts revealed

names and new pals were drawn. Coffee was served with cake to: Mmes. Jonas, Fred Holliday, Ruth Bankston, O. C. Sykes, E. P. Talbott, R. T. Williams, J. B. Arterburn, L. Faubion, Drury Hathaway, Robert Lowry, R. P. Canady, A. O. Bartlett, C. W. Jennings, Lee Sykes, L. R. Tigner, L. B. Rudder, R. E. White, R. E. Truly, Clarence Morton, O. L. Britton, and W. E. Elkins.

Mrs. Worley is Club Hostess

A one o'clock luncheon at the Cactus Coffee Shop followed by contract games in her Seventh Street home was the favor extended club members by Mrs. Roy Worley on last Thursday afternoon.

Blooming pot plants and arrangements of acacia decked rooms where high score prize for club members went to Mrs. D. O. Henderson, and that for high guest to Mrs. Oren Chandler. Bingo awards were won by Mrs. Henson, Mrs. W. L. Barber, and Mrs. Buster Parrish.

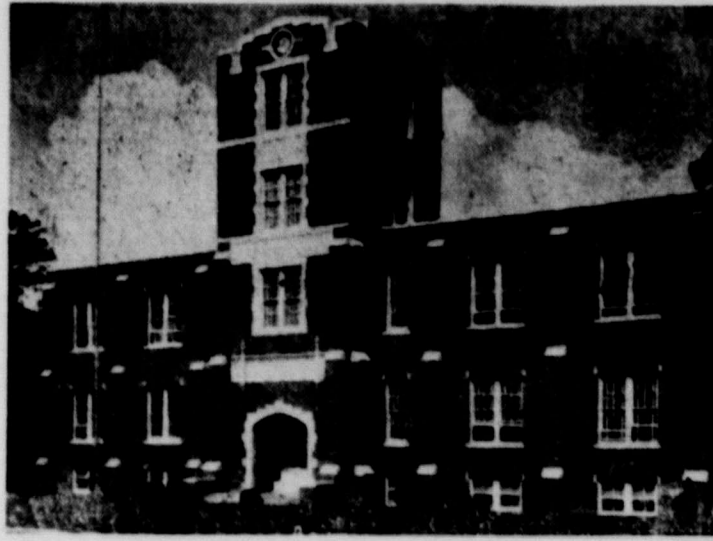
Others were: Mmes. C. D. Shamburger, E. L. Ingram, Virgil Reynolds, Fred Harman, K. K. Hoffman, and B. C. Roberts.

Observance Made of Texas Day by Shakespeare Club

Observance of Texas Day was made in a paper on "Texas Treaties" read by Mrs. Ford Taylor for the regular meeting of the Shakespeare Club last Thursday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club. Other topics "United States Treaties Before Versailles," by Mrs. J. W. Guynes, and "Treaty of Frankfort, 1870" by Mrs. F. C. Miller were a continuation of the study of famous treaties.

Mrs. C. R. Stephens presided as Mrs. Guynes, president-elect, named Mmes. Leonard Stallings, Alex Saunders, and J. B. Striplin program committee members. Mrs. Stallings asked the club's approval of one regular program meeting each month for the duration and that the other three Thursdays be spent at Red Cross surgical dressings or other organized war work activities. These projects will be continued through the summer months. The resignation from

Bethany-Peniel College



Rev. E. M. Walker, pastor of the Ballinger Church of the Nazarene, has been informed that the denomination's Bethany-Peniel College, Bethany, Oklahoma, is making the final payment on its debt in March and the institution will be completely solvent for the first time in twenty-five years.

The rapid progress of the school in recent years has been due in a large part to the leadership of Dr. A. K. Bracken, who served as president from 1920 to 1942. The college is now a modern half-million dollar institution with nine modern

buildings to house its more than 500 co-educational students. Its principal purpose is to train missionaries and ministers.

The school was founded in 1909 and has made a continual growth since, serving students from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, and half of Missouri.

Although supported by the Church of the Nazarene, the college is not sectarian in its emphasis, and welcomes young people from any denomination who desire the advantages of training and culture in a Christian environment.

membership of Mrs. E. D. Walker was accepted.

Others present were: Mmes. W. J. Hembree, Simeon Cottelle, B. C. Kirk, Horace Murphy, R. T. Williams, Striplin, A. B. Stobaugh, J. M. Skinner, H. Ravellette, Dorsey Read, and Saunders.

First Baptist W. M. S. Meets

Forty-two members were present for the monthly business meeting of the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society in the church parlors Monday afternoon.

After the theme song, "The Morning Light is Breaking," sung in unison, and a prayer by Mrs. H. W. Doherty, the Rev. Clarence A. Morton, church pastor, gave a stirring message on "The Stewardship of Time," using the 90th Psalm for his Scriptural basis.

During the business period, conducted by the president, Mrs. James A. Wear, reports of officers, circle and committee chairmen were heard and the attendance banner was awarded to Circle One, of which Mrs. E. P. Talbott is chairman. Mrs. A. S. Love gave the concluding prayer.

Double Wedding Ceremony Read for Caudle-Oates and Condra-Walker Nuptials

Miss Florene Caudle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Caudle of Maverick, became the bride of Verlin Oates, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Oates of San Angelo, and

Miss Melba Lee Condra, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Condra of Norton, became the bride of Walter Owen Walker, in a double wedding ceremony last Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock in the Eighth Street home of the Rev. M. C. Golden, retired Baptist pastor. Relatives and close friends witnessed the single ring services read by the Rev. Mr. Golden.

Miss Caudle wore a two-piece dress of navy alpaca crepe with hat of black and white straw and other black accessories. Her corsage was of white carnations and for something old she wore a pearl necklace. She carried a white Testament.

Miss Condra wore a tailored frock of royal blue crepe. Her small black hat was trimmed in pink and other accessories were black. Her something old was her mother's locket, and her corsage was of pink carnations.

The W. L. Caudle home was the scene of the informal reception. Brothers of both brides, Valton and Joe Condra, and J. W. Caudie, assisted in receiving. The large three-tiered wedding cake, which was elaborately decorated in pink and white, was topped with two miniature bridal couples.

Mrs. Oates has been employed at Higginbotham Bros. and Mrs. Walker at the Sam Behringer grocery. Both bridegrooms are employed at Bruce Field.

The Oateses will be at home at

1004 Harris Avenue, and the Walkers at 208 Tenth Street.

Mrs. Vineyard is Honored by First Christian W. M. S.

Narcissuses and other lovely spring fruit blossoms were used to give a pretty floral decoration to First Christian Church parlors Monday afternoon when Mrs. W. V. Connelly, Mrs. Charles Bailey, and Mrs. W. F. Atwell were hostesses for the social hour which followed the regular program meeting. Mrs. Roy Vineyard was surprise honoree and received a shower of gifts, presented by Mrs. Bailey. Tea was served with cake and sandwiches.

During the business session, it was reported that eight missionary books had been read, cookies had been sent to the Juliette Fowler Orphanage, and clothing had been sent to Jotemdown, Hazel Green, Kentucky.

Mrs. J. R. Lusk gave the devotional on "The Sower" from Matthew. Mrs. Atwell discussed "The Advance in Farm Life Because of Missions," and Mrs. Bailey gave a report from the recent Youth Conference held in San Angelo.

Others present were: Mmes. A. B. Stobaugh, O. P. Dorsey, Claud Wilmett, Ben Allen, M. A. Foy, Oscar Pearson, J. T. Simmons, Misses Lula McElroy and Agnes Gieber.

Birthday Feast Sunday

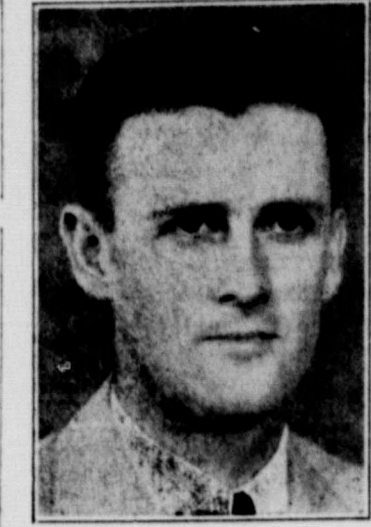
A birthday feast was enjoyed Sunday, March 5, by a number of friends, in the home of Mrs. Bob Bailey of Hatchel, honoring J. W. Hendrick, Mrs. Russell Durden, Misses Gracie Hendrick and Dorothy Beddo.

Immediately following lunch each honoree received a number of beautiful gifts.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Vaughn, Mrs. D. E. Caudie, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendrick, Aunt Dell Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stanley, Jess Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Stanley, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hickam, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. O. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Parker, Mr. and Mrs. H.

New Minister And Family Move Here To Begin Service

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Robbins and their two children are now located in the minister's home of



Richard Robbins

the Eighth Street Church of Christ at the corner of Eighth Street and Bonsall Avenue adjoining the church. Mr. Robbins has

been serving the local church as minister for several weeks but was only able to move here with his family this week because the residence was occupied. He and Mrs. Robbins are anxious to meet the entire membership as well as other citizens of this area.

The new minister stated Sunday that he and his family were happy to be located in Ballinger and called attention to a statement he made several months ago while passing through Ballinger—that it looked like a town that to make home. The local church members have extended a welcome to the new minister and his family and a growth in membership and general attendance are expected because of their efforts here.

An invitation is extended the public to attend services at this church and greet Mr. and Mrs. Robbins, who have moved here from Abilene.

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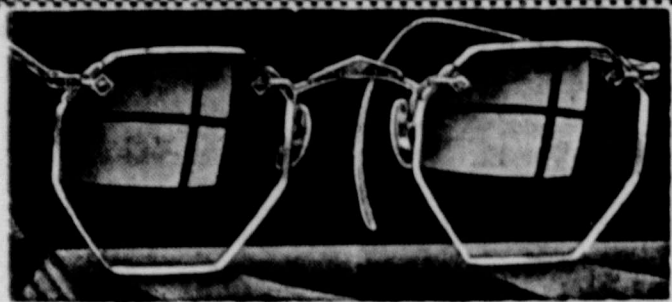
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You Are Invited to Attend Our Revival Meeting

BEGINNING

Sunday, March 12th through 19th

Services twice daily 10 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.



Dr. Porter M. Bales, Preacher—
 Pastor First Baptist Church,
 Tyler, Texas



Dr. E. L. Carnett Singer—Pastor
 First Baptist Church, Mans-
 field, La.

Revival Subjects Sunday and Nights

- Sunday,** 9:45 a. m. Sunday School
 11:00 a. m. Opening Sermon of Revival. Subject: "God at Work in His World."
March 12 6:45 p. m. Baptist Training Union
 7:45 p. m. "The Father's Most Vital Relationship."
MONDAY, March 13, 7:45 p. m. "The Worst Thing in Ballinger."
TUESDAY, March 14, 7:45 p. m. "The Danger of Delay."
WEDNESDAY, March 15, 7:45 p. m. "The Only Thing All Men Must Do."
THURSDAY, March 16, 7:45 p. m. "Why I am a Baptist."
FRIDAY, March 17, 7:45 p. m. "Life's Greatest Experience."
SATURDAY, March 18, 7:45 p. m. "Almost But Lost."
Sunday, 9:45 a. m. Sunday School
 11:00 a. m. Young People's Mass Meeting Subject "What Are We Here For?"
March 19 6:45 p. m. Baptist Training Union
 7:45 p. m. Closing service of the revival. "What Shall the End Be?"

The First Baptist Church

400 Eighth Street
 CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Robert Taylor in Gregory Ratoff Production of 'Song of Russia'

M-G-M's "Song of Russia," starring Robert Taylor and Susan Peters, booked at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 11, 12, 13, 14, is a glorious romance set to stirring music against a background of modern Russia at peace and at war.

Directed by Gregory Ratoff, himself a fabulous Russian, "Song of Russia" is the story of an American symphony conductor who falls in love with a lovely Russian girl while touring Russia prior to the Nazi invasion. War breaks out while they are on their honeymoon, disrupting their peaceful dream of a happy future. They are caught in the sweep of the initial Nazi success and remain with Russia during her darkest hour before they are convinced that as world-famous musicians their job is to keep culture alive, and they return to America.

Jovial Robert Benchley plays Taylor's American manager who puts up with the romance of his friend in spite of his better judgment. John Hodiak, Felix Bressart, Michael Chekhov, Darryl Hickman and Jacqueline White are featured prominently in the cast as Russian farmers and musicians who fete the gifted American because they love music.

Gregory Ratoff directed the fast moving story of love and war with a sympathetic hand.

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ROBERT TAYLOR
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M-G-M's
SONG OF RUSSIA

JOHN HODIAK - ROBERT BENCHLEY
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Marriage Licenses Issued to 20 Couples Here in February

Twenty couples obtained marriage licenses at the office of County Clerk John B. Rayburn during February. February was a short month but the issuances fell short of one per day. Those who received licenses during the month were as follows:

- Quentin Lang DeBoer and Miss Jewel Darlene Dukeshier
- Willie Thompson and Mrs. Trent-lee Lewis
- James C. Daugherty and Miss Geraldine Elison
- Frank Nation and Mrs. Alberta Mack
- Ben Kendall Allen and Miss Dorothy Ruth Alexander
- Richard Elmore Graves and Miss Irene Opal Linkis
- Robert Bryan Dean and Miss Roena Christine Hamill
- I. G. Hodge and Mrs. Becky Mae Williams
- Clifford Lester Flene and Miss Dorothy Mae Tarver
- John Edward Brown and Mary Theresa Brown
- Wallace S. Watson and Miss Ruth Sellers
- Elvis Prince and Miss Willie Mae Sneed
- F. L. Gerhart, Jr. and Miss Margie Frances Jenkins
- Donald Wiseman and Miss Lena Mae Sewell
- W. T. Adams and Miss Nona Pearl King
- Walter Owen Walker and Melba Lee Condra
- Verlin Millard Oates and Miss Evelyn Florene Caudle
- Tom M. Beasley (col.) and Miss Alberta Runnels
- John T. Jackson and Miss Rosie V. Lewis
- John I. Anthis and Miss Verlena Gideon.

American Legion Building Account Is \$2,290 in Bonds

The American Legion Memorial building fund was built up to a total of \$1,902.38 during the 4th war loan drive, or bonds with a face value of \$2,290.

During the 4th war loan drive a total of 54 individuals and firms contributed bonds ranging in value from \$25 to \$500. Leaders in charge of the building fund campaign stated that they were not stopping and would not let up until enough money was raised to build a home that would be a real memorial to men from Runnels county who served in the second World War. They will continue to take contributions from any individual, firm or organization and will also take on any kind of project which will make money for the account.

A check up was made Tuesday in which \$467.88 was turned over to the committee by the local bond committee on promotion work done by them during the campaign. The amount was immediately invested in war bonds with the exception of \$70.88, which will be invested at a later date.

No plans are being made for the building to be erected as a veterans' home and will not be until after the war. Members of the American Legion are interested in getting enough to build a real home.

Vocational Courses On Care of Buildings To be Offered Here

The Ballinger public schools will sponsor courses of instruction on building maintenance and custodianship for five nights beginning March 13 and continuing through March 17. The courses are offered by the industrial extension training service of the A. & M. College of Texas and the trade and industrial division of the state board of vocational education.

The purpose of the courses is to offer instruction in proper care of public- and privately- owned buildings and to offer help in conserving supplies and equipment. Instruction will be given in the following subjects: sanitation, lighting, heating, and ventilation, housekeeping, and use of cleaning materials.

School superintendents, principals, building owners and managers, business managers, maintenance engineers, janitors, health officers and others who are responsible for buildings are invited to attend the classes. Classes also will be organized for colored people.

No fees will be charged for the courses. Classes will begin at 7 o'clock each evening and certificates of attendance will be given for those who attend eighty per cent of the classes.

Instructors for the five nights here will be Arnold E. Whitman, registered professional engineer and architect, and Robert C. Brown, building engineer and custodian.

Persons who desire to take the courses may attend the first class on March 13, at 7 p. m., and register for the course, taking the subjects listed above. Business managers who desire their employees to attend the classes are urged to notify them and make arrangements for them to attend.

'Revenge of Zombies' Brings Thrills, Chills; Carradine is Starred

The spine-tingling Monogram drama, "Revenge of the Zombies," one of the strangest motion pictures in the annals of the screen, is the No. 1 feature at the Palace Theatre Saturday and Sunday, March 11, 12. The other feature production on the same program is a thrilling story of the West, "Wagon Tracks West."

Many popular players are seen in "Revenge of the Zombies," which stars John Carradine, and includes Veda Ann Borg, Robert Lowery, Gale Storm, and Mantan Moreland in leading roles. Others in the big cast are Bob Steele, Mauritz Hugo, Barry Macollum and Sybil Lewis.

The weird story of the picture concerns a series of incidents in the existence of the strange "undead" creatures who inhabit the dim half-world between life and death. Veda Ann Borg is seen as a girl who has recently joined the ghastly ranks of the zombies, and Carradine as an unprincipled German physician who is responsible for her condition. The story is said to reach its climax in a scene which is literally hair-raising.

"Wagon Tracks West" stars Wild Bill Elliott, one of the most colorful cowboy actors ever put under contract by the studio.

George "Gabby" Hayes and Anne Jeffreys give valuable support to Elliott in "Wagon Tracks West."

NOTICES BEING POSTED FOR TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

County Superintendent Ernest Caskey is distributing trustee election notices this week to all common school districts in the county. The notices must be posted three weeks prior to the date of the election which will be held on Saturday, April 1.

On that date trustees will be elected in all independent and common school districts of the county.

Be wise—advertise. War bonds and stamps build ships and bombers. Buy them today.

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When your child needs a laxative give him one he will probably enjoy taking—pleasant tasting Syrup of Black-Draught. Given as directed, it is usually mild in action, yet effective.

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'Destination Tokyo'



Scene from "Destination Tokyo" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Cary Grant, John Garfield Star In Sub Epic, 'Destination Tokyo'

"Destination Tokyo" is an inspiring objective and Warner Bros. new film, "Destination Tokyo," to be shown at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, March 12, 13, 14, is the inspiring story of one of the means by which that objective is being and will be attained.

The picture stars Cary Grant and John Garfield and is a story of submarine warfare, most of the action taking place in one of the United States navy's newest-type undersea vessels. It is the moving story of men long trained in that dangerous branch of the ocean service, how they live and the courage with which they face their hazardous existence.

As commander of a submarine, "Copperfin," Cary Grant engages enemy craft in the Pacific in military maneuvers. So much so that the navy had closed the set during production against visitors and assigned two lieutenant-commanders and a chief petty officer to see that Warner Bros. ran its simulated sub right and kept mum about certain matters.

When audiences see "Destination Tokyo" nobody familiar with submarines is going to find any fault with the U. S. S. "Copperfin" that Warners built as its principal setting for the picture. For it is accurate and authentic in scale and size. But it's also carefully designed to fool possible enemy eyes. The equipment and all operating apparatus are a conglomeration from every type of American submarine.

Others in the cast include Dane Clark, Robert Hutton and Warner Anderson.

"Banjo on My Knee" and Juvenile Delinquency Film at Texas Friday and Saturday

Three of Hollywood's greatest stars will be seen in the same picture when "Banjo on My Knee," spectacular all-time hit, is shown

Good Report Made On City Activities For Past Month

The city statement for February showed an increase in one item, that of \$38.50 for dog license tags. Announcement had been made that the dog ordinance would be enforced here because of complaints by a number of ranchmen and the filing of a petition bearing many names in which the city commission was asked to do something to curb the destruction by dogs. City police have been told to keep a close watch for dogs without tags and to rigidly enforce the ordinance.

Other city collections for February were good, a total of \$3,343.83 being reported in all accounts. This included delinquent tax payments of \$1,247.81.

During the month the street department opened a number of blocks on 15th and 16th streets. In this work the municipal

employees had the cooperation of the county commissioner and use of the precinct road machinery. A large number of other blocks have been improved and a total of 402 blocks on dirt streets have been bladed.

Regular spring work was done in the parks. The Santa Fe park and city park were mowed and plants and shrubs are being cared for in preparation for the growing period. Traffic to city park was heavy during the afternoon last Sunday.

Water was greatly improved during the past week as all mains have been flushed to get rid of the "hard" water standing dead ends. Water caught in the city reservoir from the recent rains is now being pumped into the storage tanks and is much better than heretofore. Water consumption during February averaged 312,600 gallons a day.

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BANJO ON MY KNEE

Directed by John Cromwell
A 20th Century-Fox Picture

—PLUS—
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CARY GRANT
JOHN GARFIELD
of the U.S. Submarine "Copperfin"—flashing the signal that sends our bombers to blast Tojo's home-town!

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DESTINATION Tokyo

—DANE CLARK—ROBERT HUTTON—WARNER ANDERSON
ALAN HALE · JOHN RIDGELY · WILLIAM PRINCE · Directed by DELMER DAVES

Screen Play by Delmer Daves and Albert Maltz. From an Original Story by Steve Parker. Music by Hans Werner.

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Women's Society and Club News

Night Meeting for Garden Club

An elaborate decoration, all in the Mexican theme, employing bowls and vases of acacia, forsythia, daffodils and jonquils, with aescapes and other symbols, was given to the City Hall auditorium Tuesday evening when Civic-Garden Club members and guests were shown technicolor movies of various points in Mexico by Dr. Charles F. Bailey, with Mrs. Bailey giving comments.

During the short business session, directed by the president, Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, it was voted to have an outlined program in year books. New members announced were: Mmes. D. R. Hall, W. O. Irby, W. B. Halley, E. F. Batts, Edward Walsh, W. H. James, and Miss Grace Scheffel. The decorating committee for this meeting was composed of Mmes. Chester Cherry, James Ward, and R. L. Sutphen.

Thirty-five members and the following visitors were present: Miss Pearl Currie and Mrs. Ed Motteller of Paint Rock, Mmes. Jack McGregor, Lela McAdams, Leslie Baker, Bruce Creasy, and J. T. Simmons, Messrs. Estes Lynn and Alex Saunders.

Eighth Street Society Elects Officers

Officers were elected for the 1944-1945 society year, when members of the Eighth Street Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

Mrs. Carroll Bell, retiring president, presided while annual reports of officers and committees were heard, and Mrs. W. A. Erwin was in the chair for the election. Mrs. B. H. Erwin is president-elect, and serving with her are: Mrs. Ola McMillan, vice-president; Mrs. Bell, secretary; and Mrs. Roy Hill, treasurer. Secretaries are: Mrs. A. K. Wiesepape, literature; Miss Maggie Lilly, missionary education; Mrs. C. A. Doose, stewardship; Mrs. W. A. Taylor, spiritual life; Miss Mae Stubbfield, membership; Mrs. A. W. Sledge, overseer work; Miss Eva Lilly, social

education and action; and Mrs. John Reese, orphans' home.

Kaydettes Elect Officers

Kaydettes elected officers Tuesday afternoon at their meeting at the Army and Navy Club. They are: president, Mrs. Herbert Thomas; vice-president, Mrs. Mrs. Donald Tripp; secretary, Mrs. George Dobbins; and treasurer, Mrs. Troy Horton.

Plans were made to honor the group leaving Ballinger with a farewell party Friday afternoon, and for a tour of Bruce Field Thursday.

After the business session, a social hour of sewing, group singing, and dancing, was concluded by serving delicious refreshments. Thirty-five were present, including several new members.

Mrs. Wheelon and Mrs. Livesay Complimented

Mrs. M. A. Wheelon and Mrs. Ray Livesay, who are leaving Ballinger as their husbands enter the Army Transport Command, were paid a pretty compliment Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Jerome R. Church was hostess at contract in her home on Fourth Street.

Jonquils were used about rooms where high and second high score prizes went to Mrs. Wheelon and Mrs. Bill Lynn and gifts were presented the honorees.

A dessert plate was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. C. R. Tabouren of Anigo, Wisconsin, E. C. Apts. C. D. Shamburger, George Vordenbaum, and Ralph Carnes.

Beethoven Symphonies Studied by Music Club

Daffodils, narcissuses, jonquils, and tulips gave a pretty floral adornment to the home of Mrs. Frank Pearce on Eighth Street Tuesday evening for the March meeting of the Ballinger Music Club.

Mrs. Horace Murphy presided for the business session during which the resignations of Mrs. Gene Crawford and Mrs. Joe Paxton were accepted. Mrs. Alex McGregor, defense chairman, reported a \$9.00 contribution to the district

instrument fund for the Armed Forces. Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, president-elect, announced the program committee personnel as follows: Miss Ogla Schawe, Mmes. Arthur Giesecke, J. A. Schanble, and Troy Simpson. Miss Maggie Underwood will give the excerpts from the symphonies studied.

In a paper given in the continuation of a study of the Beethoven symphonies, Mrs. Arthur Giesecke gave references from Oscar Thompson's "Debussy" and Newman's "Unconscious Beethoven," besides the text, "Masters of Symphony" by Percy Gotthaus. Mary Lynn assisted her by playing recordings of the first movement of the Sixth Symphony and the last movement of the Seventh.

Mrs. W. Roy McCullough of New York City, Mrs. Anna Baker of Bunker Hill, Ill., and Mrs. James Page were visitors. Other members present were: Mmes. Simeon Cottelle, C. R. Stephens, O. G. Joiner, John Guion, O. R. Lasater, J. R. Lusk, J. Y. Pearce, Misses Carmen Demmer, Hattie Mae Dunlap, Lola Eubank, and Myrtle Ruth Hale.

Mrs. Church is Hostess

Irises and gladioluses were used to decorate party rooms by Mrs. Jerry Church on last Friday afternoon when she was hostess to a group of friends at a dessert bridge.

High score award went to Mrs. C. D. Shamburger, and second high to Mrs. D. O. Henson. Others were: Mmes. B. C. Roberts, Jr., W. O. Irby, Virgil Reynolds, E. C. Apts. M. A. Wheelon, Tommy Hall, E. L. Ingram, Ralph Carnes, C. D. Shamburger, Ross Murchison, and George Vordenbaum.

Farewell Party for Willis Sparks

A farewell party honoring Willis Sparks, who left for the army March 8, was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Bollier Monday evening. The house was decorated in the St. Patrick theme and gifts were presented the honoree, including a military Bible. Sandwiches and coffee were

served to the following: Rev. and Mrs. Carl Pool; Othao Helms, who also left for the army March 8; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Houston, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, Mrs. C. B. Steifel, Ruth Wood, Vernette Womack, Virginia Knoff, Eva Jo Payne, Nell Wood, Grace Parkinson, Mrs. Dee Bollier, Bertha Marie Holland, Lucille Helms, Mrs. Helms, Mr. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Holland, Mr. and Mrs. Auldson Watson, Martha Neely, Mrs. Lester Singleton, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Crager, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Campbell.

Mmes. Middleton and Pape Entertain Methodist Workers

Mrs. W. E. Middleton and Mrs. Ed Pape were hostesses to the Methodist Workers Class Wednesday afternoon in the Middleton home on Tenth Street.

Varied spring flowers were arranged about reception rooms where Mrs. Ed O'Kelly presided for the business period. Mrs. R. A. Dickinson is the new teacher of the class to succeed Mrs. A. B. Legate, who will continue as assistant.

A chicken salad plate was served with pecan pie and coffee to: Mmes. A. T. Campbell, Legate, W. L. Midgley, O'Kelly, James E. Brewer, Dickinson, C. D. Harris, W. W. Chastain, W. R. Clark, Sr., Cora Green, T. P. Brown, A. J. Borders, R. A. Williamson, C. H. Midgley, J. T. Brandon, and J. G. Douglass.

Mrs. Sommer is Ace of Clubs Hostess

Easter lilies and irises were used by Mrs. Edward Sommer to decorate her attractive Ninth Street home Wednesday afternoon when she was hostess to Ace of Clubs members.

The apple tree motif on clever taities was repeated in the stuffed apple salad served with cake and coffee at the tea hour. Mrs. W. O. Irby and Mrs. W. J. Hembree won high score trophies for club members and guests and Mrs. D. O. Henson and Mrs. B. C. Roberts binged. Others were: Mmes. E. L. King,

H. G. Agnew, Virgil Reynolds, and E. C. Apts.

First Baptist Naomi Class in Hembree Home

The Naomi Class of the First Baptist Church held its monthly business and social meeting Tuesday evening in the W. J. Hembree home on Tenth Street with Mmes. Hembree, Alton Underwood, and J. A. Killough hostesses.

Spring flowers and the St. Patrick's symbols decorated rooms where Mrs. Hembree presided after the devotional "The Value of the Youth of Today" by Mrs. J. H. Endacott. Contributions to an African student in the Baptist school at Ida Aba, Abakuto, Nigeria, West Africa, were made by turning in invitations cleverly fashioned as small aprons asking that each member bring in the pocket one penny for each inch of her waistline.

After games and contests individual cake squares, iced in white and topped with shamrocks, were served with green and white ice cream. Others present were: Mmes. L. L. Strobble, class teacher; Wesley Whitman, George Cape, Carl Black, Malcolm Morgan, John Castor, Earl Cepe, R. T. Richardson, W. A. Pippen, E. C. Grindstaff, Joe Vaughan, Ed Lengefeld, W. A. McDonald, Ernest Moody, Homer Bibb, Cam Blackmon, and W. D. Davenport.

Mrs. Morien is Club Hostess

Mrs. W. L. Morien entertained the Officers Wives Club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Graceful arrangements of acacia decked rooms where high and low score trophies were won by Mrs. F. J. Shea of Coleman, and Mrs. L. A. Handrick. Individual cakes were served with coffee. Others included were: Mmes. Thomas Scario, D. G. Thomason, J. W. Capps, Y. B. Griffis, Joe Ingram, and W. T. Seibert.

Know Your Neighbors Entertained

Know Your Neighbors members were guests of Mrs. Bill Clark Wednesday afternoon in her home on Third Street.

Dutch irises were combined with acacia to decorate rooms where Red Cross knitting and other handwork gave diversion.

Mrs. Clark was assisted by her small daughter, Lucia, in serving a molded salad plate with toasted sandwiches, cakes and coffee.

Included were: Mmes. LeRoy McAulay, John Barton, Dee Saylor, Malcolm Morgan, L. C. Adair, Rothal O'Kelly, J. H. Endacott, Ernest Moody, Joe Flynn, Cecil Jones, and Jack Nixon, Sr.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Play for Assembly

A cast of nine boys from the Handicraft Club presented a play within a play entitled "Dress Rehearsal" on Wednesday, March 2. The plot was the difficulties that developed during the last dress rehearsal. Some of the boys were cast as girls. Bob Vancil as prompter, Joe Baker as Mrs. Van de Vanter, and John Eoff as Miss Van Porter, deserve special mention for their part in the play for in the audience's opinion it took some nerve for boys of junior high age to come out dressed in girls' petticoats and dresses. Three cheers for this cast!

Pep Squad Nominees

Several girls from junior high have been nominated for different positions in the high school pep squad for next year. Those nominated for soph cheer leaders are Nancy Guynes and Laverne Dankworth. Marilyn J. Bowden, Wanda Patton, Betty J. Underwood, and Betty J. Lengefeld were nominated for flag bearers. These nominees have been invited to be present at a pep squad banquet Friday night.

Guess Who?

The outstanding characteristic about this girl is the democratic spirit which she shows her fellow students. She is a light brunette, well built from the ground up, and very fond of athletics.

She has traveled with her parents to many different parts of the United States.

The Girl Scouts of the Mesquite troop count her among the most dependable of girls. She makes excellent grades in school work and assists in the office.

Her ambition is to be an algebra or science teacher. She admires an eighth grade boy. Guess who? Last week's "guess who"—Dorothy Holliday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Power, formerly of this city, are parents of a baby girl, born March 5. The young lady weighed 8 pounds upon arrival and has been named Jo Rita. Mr. Power is manager of a grocery store at Littlefield.

ANNIVERSARY REVIVAL FOR HATCHEL CHURCH

An anniversary revival at the Hatchel Church of Christ will start Friday, March 17, and continue through the fourth Sunday in the month. In connection with the annual meeting there will be a special meeting for preachers and church leaders.

Marshall Davis, of Roswell, N. M., will be the evangelist in charge and will be heard each evening at 8:30 o'clock and on Sunday mornings at 11 o'clock.

On March 20, 21 and 22 services have been arranged from 10 a. m. to 12 noon, and from 2 to 4 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

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Mr. E. Lepick, style director, explains why all Printzess fashions fit like custom creations: "We always use a master pattern for each fitting. Then various sizes are scientifically graded and standardized from the master pattern."

"Printzess fashions keep their lovely lines," says Ann Sorokin, "for each coat and suit is reinforced with pliable, light-weight, shape-retaining canvas. Padded with invisible stitching to upper back and down front, it's a guarantee of lasting fit."

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Other selections, not rationed shoes at \$5.00 in narrow and medium widths.

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Ballinger Boy Writes of War Engagements in Pacific Area

Ensign Dillard Adair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair, has written interesting information from the South Pacific, where he is serving in the navy. Letters were received here last week after he had participated in several major engagements against the Japs. In part he has the following to say:

"In answer to some of your questions about the situation of the war and the need for men, I'll write as much as I think I can and should about it. In comparison with our standing of a year ago, the situation out here is one we can truly be proud of today. We have taken lots of land, some of which I've seen (the islands I'm speaking of and too permitted to tell you that we were in the Gilberts on one of our trips. I saw Tarawa when it was still in a terrible mess. I'll have a lot to tell you about this.) We now have the greatest and most powerful navy ever assembled and it gets stronger as the days go by. This war out here is one of almost wholly naval and marine corps nature. We are going to lose many men and many ships in this fight, because we are rolling and we will never completely stop again until there is an armistice. The sad part of it is that we must kill the Japs lest they kill us, because they don't surrender. If you knew them and their life you'd know why, but this is beside the point.

"On the other side the Germans are fighting right now for their necks and they know it. But we can expect a long, hard fight there, but once we start rolling in Europe, you'll be surprised how quick the war there will end. Mind now, I said once we really get

rolling over there. Herein lies the difference of the two fights. We must fight the Japs hard and all the way to Tokyo. He doesn't run and nearly always kills himself before being taken prisoner. When the Germans realize they are being licked, then they will start running.

"Men, yes we need all the men we now have. You must meet them with a stronger force than they have. We cannot be sure and no one knows how many men it will take. No two battles out here are alike. One looks as if it will be no fight at all and 3,000 men are killed. Another looks like there will be thousands lost and we take the place with no opposition, capturing one prisoner, the rest of the island deserted.

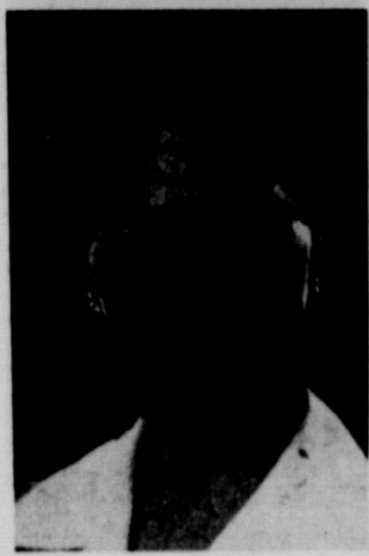
"Munitions, I can't quote figures yet I know you would be completely amazed if you could see one week's actual statistics or expenditures. I'm telling you what I've seen and experienced and not what I've read and heard.

"I'm going to say a few words which I hope will not discourage you nor anyone, because I don't and never will doubt our winning this war, but believe me it's a long, long road. If the people back home really knew what we are up against, our enemy, the distances, the materials, the men we must sacrifice before this thing is over, then I'm sure there would be no letting up. We are rolling out here, and rolling fast, but we have such a long uphill pull yet to go. I'm as anxious to get back there, but once we start rolling in Europe, you'll be surprised how quick the war there will end. Mind now, I said once we really get

MRS. PARKER ASKS VOTERS FOR OFFICE OF DISTRICT CLERK

To the voters of Runnels County: At this time I wish to announce that I will be a candidate for reelection to the office of District Clerk at the summer primaries.

After being appointed by Judge O. L. Parish to fill the unexpired



Mrs. Winona Parker

term of M. S. Caudle, I have decided to ask the voters of the county to return me to the office for a full term.

In seeking this office I feel that I have every qualification to attend to the duties. I have been office deputy sheriff of Runnels county for the past twelve years, and have attended to the duties of that office which has given me a knowledge of the affairs of the district court. For many years I have also been associated with title companies and in this work have been closely associated with the routine of the District and County Clerk's offices.

If you will return me to this office, I promise to give the work my full attention and to always be ready to serve every person who has business in that department of court affairs.

Because of the war and rationing, I cannot make a countywide campaign, but in this announcement, ask the people to give me their careful consideration.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. WINONA PARKER
(Political Advertisement) 9-11

IN MEMORY

Oh my dear, sweet Mrs. Bair, I wish you knew how much we miss you. Since you have gone on to be with God. It was so hard for all of us to let you go. But God in His infinite wisdom surely knew that by taking you now. We would strive a little harder to emulate your beautiful examples while you were here in life among us— And meet you up there some day.

A Friend
9-11

people, and even myself have doubted the real necessity of all this, but I know now why we must beat this Jap, and beat him right down to his own doorstep."

Banquet Precedes Membership Drive By Doss Bible Class

About 75 men assembled in the Doss Bible Class room at the First Methodist Church Tuesday evening for a banquet and program, launching a membership campaign. The group assembled and after visiting for a short time was served a dinner of barbecue and trimmings at tables arranged in the class room.

Following the dinner, Cal Adair, chairman of the committee on arrangements, presented Tom Caudle, master of ceremonies. A sing-song provided entertainment for a short time, after which Mr. Caudle presented Instructor Kirk-aby, who gave a program of magic that kept the large crowd well entertained for about thirty minutes.

Paul Petty was the speaker of the evening and discussed many problems which probably will be encountered in the post-war era. Some of these problems the speaker declared would be looked after by the federal government but in most cases would need the help of every person on the home front. The securing of jobs for returning veterans and the probability of government work projects as a means of employing men were cited and the speaker added that he hoped it would be on the basis of real reconstruction and not in such a way as to destroy the morale of the worker. The rehabilitation of families where the father has been in the service, the rehabilitation of young men who have acquired bad habits, and other matters were listed as likely problems that will face the social world after the war ends and the men return home.

M. A. Foy, class president, concluded the meeting by expressing appreciation to those who arranged the feed and also announced the membership drive and called for better attendance at class meetings each Sunday morning. Nat Williams, class teacher, was not present, being in Kansas City at an educational meeting.

BALLINGER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Girls' Volley Ball Team
The girls' volleyball team clashed with the team from Eulo Tuesday night in the gymnasium. Three games were played and Eulo won all of them. There are no more games scheduled at the present.

Cue and Curtain Club Tryouts
The tryouts for the one act play were held this week. The play will be presented in Abilene at the con-

test March 21. Those with parts are Charlotte Miller, Elizabeth Routh, Sam Sensabaugh, Fred Carroll, Leon King, and H'le Parrish. "The Man Who Came to Gettysburg," the play chosen, is concerned with a family during the days just before the war between the states. There are several character parts; the play will take much hard work before it can be produced, but Miss Freeman and her cast are capable of producing a fine play.

Assembly Program
At the regular assembly period Wednesday morning, two interesting and educating picture shows were shown to the students. The first one dealt with the action of a navy convoy; the second dealt with the writing of the constitution of our country.

Also, awards were presented to six of the seven players on the victorious basketball team in the tournament sponsored by the junior class. Those presented with the defense stamps were Johnny Earnshaw, Jack Kopecky, Bob Sykes, W. L. Burks, Eugene Loika was also on the winning team.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The home demonstration club of South Ballinger met in the home of Mrs. George McMillan Tuesday, March 8.

A report of the council was given and Miss Folkes, our new county home demonstration agent, gave a lecture on "Insect Control," and a round-table talk on victory gardens followed.

The following club demonstrators were appointed: Mrs. J. D. Hooks, "Home Improvement," and Mrs. B. M. Batts, "Home Food Supply."

The hostess served a refreshment plate of three colors, jello mold with whipped cream, cake and coffee to the following: Mmes.

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Pastor

Grace Baptist Church

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J. Wesley Jones, Ray Hash, Bryan Jennings, Harold Routh, Neuman Smith, Roy Holstead, B. M. Batts, Julius Boothe, C. D. Harris, W. C. Newman, V. L. McShan, J. D. Hooks, and Miss Folkes.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Fred Moncrief.

NORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Allen and children, of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Allen, of Sweetwater, spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mrs. J. F. Priddy, Sr., visited recently with relatives at Coleman.

E. Otis Allen left Monday for Austin, where he will conduct the singing in a revival meeting.

Miss Cordia West, of San Angelo, visited here over the week-end with Mrs. W. C. Barrett and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Minshew.

Mrs. A. T. Chapman is at Caps this week at the bedside of her father, J. W. Taylor, who is seriously ill.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

ATTENTION FARMERS

If you have cotton in government loan in Winters warehouse, please see me before Saturday if you wish to sell your equity in this cotton.

This cotton will be reconcentrated out of the state.

Hill E. Hampton

Ballinger, Texas

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

HOME FRONT SOLDIERS

Draft calls are beginning to hurt locally and many men are to leave for military service soon who have been playing a big part in war work on the home front. As they leave their places will have to be filled and the task of finding someone to accept a hard task at home is getting more and more difficult. Men who serve on ration boards, draft boards, war bond and Red Cross committees, etc., resign after a period and others must take their places. Right now there are several positions in this county which must be filled soon and those who have the responsibility of naming them are finding it very difficult to get anyone to serve. Part of the reason no one wants to accept it because the public is a hard master and the appointee's only pay is sacrifice of his own time and at the same time take much condemnation from the home people. Men who accept these appointments get no pay at all. They leave their business for days at a time to keep up with the public work, and after serving for a year or more believe they have done their part and that someone else should try it for a while. Others work until their physicians tell them they will have

to quit and take it easy for a while, and still others have to give more time to the operation of their own business as they continue to lose help which cannot be replaced. The public should give these free workers the same kind consideration they do the men in uniform. They are doing a big job, one that is necessary in the war program, and they work at a sacrifice to their personal health, business and families. Be kind in dealing with them.

Meetings are being held all over the nation to plan a food program for 1944 that will be adequate for the needs of the armed forces, the home people, and also help our allies. There is no program that should receive fuller cooperation from all our citizens. Victory gardens may have been a "flop" for some last year but the experience should make it much easier to produce on a profitable basis this year. Remember that all the food possible must be grown and when harvested must be preserved, nothing wasted.

Easter is just a short time hence and merchants are still able to stock and feature wearing apparel that always is a part of the season. Churches are planning programs for Easter which emphasize the thought that there never was a time when it should mean so much as this year.

JUNIORS RAISE MONEY FOR CLASS ACTIVITIES

The junior class of the Ballinger high school raised more than \$100 in sponsoring a basketball tournament which ended a week ago, and the proceeds will be used in staging the junior-senior banquet at an early date.

In addition to the admission to games, home made candies were sold and other concessions operated to make money.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our good friends and neighbors in and around Maverick for their kindness to us during the long illness and death of our husband and father. Also our friends of Maverick, Norton, Brady, and the Walker-Smith Co. of San Angelo, for the beautiful floral offering. We also thank Bro. and Sister Hanson for their comforting visits before death and loving words at the funeral home and graveside at Pear Valley, and Dr. W. W. Mitchell for his kindly visits. May God's blessings be with each of you.

Mrs. P. L. Cowan and family.
 9-11



Fatigued War Pilots Recover in Atlantic City



Atlantic City, N. J., is one of the sites of an army air force relaxation and redistribution center. Here battle-weary pilots and ground crews rest and are reclassified before returning to combat duty. Left: Lieut. Thomas B. Dyer and his wife stroll along the sandy beach. Center: A group of veteran airmen enjoy a bicycle ride along the boardwalk. Right: While he was fighting in North Africa, Lieut. John R. Gilmore became a papa. Back at the A. A. F. redistribution center he gets acquainted with his son, John Jr. They are pictured luncheon in the dining room of the Ritz hotel. Lieutenant Gilmore has 65 combat missions to his credit.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

The 13th armored division has returned to Camp Bowie, Brownwood, after spending the past month doing field work and maneuvers. The division has about completed training and is expecting orders for overseas combat duty soon.

Leaders at Comanche hope to have 600 people in the county signed up to give blood when a mobile Red Cross unit visits the city in the near future. The goal is 150 pints of blood to be converted into plasma for use on world battlefronts. Men and women from 18 to 60 are eligible to give blood for this cause.

Dormitories at John Tarleton College, Stephenville, are again available for boy and girl students. Conclusion of the army training program has made hundreds of rooms vacant and as fast as possible regular students are being assigned to the halls. The college will continue the speed-up program adopted soon after Pearl Harbor.

Miss Vera Lee Ward was elected sweetheart of the Melvin Future Farmers of America chapter in a contest which ended last week. The Melvin chapter is very active, carrying on many projects and taking part in other community affairs. A father-and-son banquet was recently held by the chapter.

Twenty-seven Menard county men were sent to Lubbock last week for physical examinations leading to entrance into some branch of the service. Only four were rejected and the other twenty-three are awaiting call within the next 21 days.

An appeal has been made to Brady citizens to mail their letters earlier in the afternoon in order to give the post office force ample time for despatching. Mailing of

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many letters only a short time before departure of the north-bound evening train has been causing congestion in the post office.

Nolan county farmers met at Sweetwater last Saturday to discuss 1944 gardens in the movement to hike food production. Planting of gardens will be encouraged in the towns as well as in rural areas. Later a drive to boost canning and preserving will be initiated.

White Point was the first community in Concho county to go over the top in the Red Cross war fund drive. The campaign began in the county Tuesday and on Wednesday morning Frank Meizner, White Point chairman, turned in more than quota. Many other community committees were well along with their solicitations the first day and expected to complete the work by the end of the week.

Supt. J. I. Warren, Miles community Red Cross chairman, completed solicitation of the business firms last week but the total collected was still short of the \$500 quota. Miles school children will present a program at the high school tonight, all proceeds from which to be applied on the Miles quota.

Arrangements have been made for car licenses to be issued at the Korneygin in Winters this year. Tags will be delivered there this week-end and all motor vehicle owners in the north end of the county will be able to get their numbers at Winters during March. Other plates will be issued at the county tax collector's office in Ballinger.

Coleman municipal employees purchased \$23,800 in war bonds and stamps during the 4th war loan drive, 44 people participating. All the employees bought some of the freedom securities and the official "family" made an excellent showing.

Farmers of the Rising Star area have launched a campaign to have all fruit trees properly pruned in March. Much of this work has already been accomplished and demonstrations are being held to show the proper methods. During recent years many new orchards have been planted around Rising Star and are now bearing.

War savings stamps will save democracy. Buy yours today.

FDR says:
 I hope Americans will figure out for themselves additional payroll savings.

people actually suffering from food shortage this year than ever before.

With the spring canning season just around the corner, Miss Berry and her staff of experts plan canning demonstrations and distribution of canning information of all kinds including booklets and bulletins.

Miss Berry said that frequently as much as 50 per cent of fresh vegetables purchased by housewives is wasted in the kitchen. She said beet tops, celery tops, radish tops, and the like, should be used in salads or in vegetable mixtures for soups, or as mixed greens, rather than throwing them to the garbage pail. In discarding the outside leaves of cabbage and lettuce, for instance, she said that housewives were wasting the most nutritious parts, because "the greener the leaf, the more food value."

"In cooking food, small amounts of water should be used to prevent discarding food value," she said. "Liquids from foods cooked in water should not be wasted down the drain, but saved for making soups and gravies. Meats should be cooked at low temperature to reduce shrinkage."

FORMER INSTRUCTOR HIRE DECLARES BALLINGER OKEH

A. Howard Hasbrook, a flight instructor at Bruce Field for more than a year, and now an instructor at Bush Field, Augusta, Georgia, in a letter to 'The Ledger' has some nice compliments for Texas and Ballinger. The letter follows:

"I'd like you and the people of Ballinger, many of whom I grew to look upon as my best friends, to know that I'm one 'Yankee' who has a soft spot in his heart for Texas.

"Although your town is small, and pretty far from the 'big city' and your weather pretty hot at times, I have yet to find any finer, or more friendly people anywhere in the U. S. A. Some of my very best are people of Ballinger whom I grew to know during my 18 months' stay there, as a flight instructor at Bruce Field.

"To them, and all the rest of the people of Ballinger whom I came in contact with, I wish to express my thanks and apprecia-

tion for the goodwill and helpfulness extended to my family and myself."

"This is one 'yankee' who has learned that Texas is a pretty swell place."

NAT WILLIAMS ATTENDING MEETING AT KANSAS CITY

Supt. Nat Williams left Monday evening for Kansas City, where he is attending the annual meeting of the American Federation of School Administrators. The sessions will be concluded the last of the week and he will return to Ballinger the next week-end.

Mr. Williams was joined here for the trip by Frank Jackson and Bryan Dixon, of San Angelo; E. D. Stringer, of Sonora; and Geo. Stowe, of Mertzon.

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2. Wipe off spilled foods at once, with dry cloth. Later when range is cool, clean with damp cloth.
3. To clean top burners of aluminum or enamel, use mild soapsuds; rinse and dry. (Do not boil in soda solution.)
4. To clean broiler grill, let cool before washing with soapsuds; use fine steel wool. (Remove grill and pan from the range as soon as food is taken off.)
5. Whenever possible, use only a moderate heat for broiling, and you will find the broiler easier to clean. (Many foods broil well with a moderate heat.)
6. The oven-lining will last longer if you roast meats at low temperatures (250° to 325°). It makes better-tasting meat besides, and also cuts down grease-spatter on oven-walls.
7. To clean up spill overs on oven-floor, let cool, and then use a fine steel wool.
8. Don't load the oven-door with heavy roasts as you put them in or take them out. It might warp the door.



THE GAS RANGE OF TOMORROW is being planned today for you by the Gas Industry. When the war is over and the peace is won these miracle ranges will be available. In the meantime, keep on buying more war bonds to hasten victory.



LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

Mail Received Here From Ballinger Men In German Prisons

Practically all the wives, parents and other relatives of Ballinger and Runnels county boys who are prisoners of war in Germany received cards and letters last week. The communications were widely scattered, some being written in September, some in October and others in November, but all reached the local postoffice about the same time.

Two cards and a letter were received from Sidney Dunn. One

was written on September 21, one on October 10, and another on November 2. In each Dunn said he was doing all right and asked his parents not to worry about him.

Mrs. Gay Henkell got a letter from her son, Sgt. Noel Henkell, in which he said he was being treated well, was getting plenty to eat, and was not working much. He asked his relatives not to worry and told them to save his money and that he would be home after the war safe and well.

Mrs. B. B. Campbell received a card dated January 2 at a Nazi prison camp from her son, Pfc. Lawrence Dewees. He said he was okeh and feeling fine.

A card from Sgt. Walter Stanley Bailey to his mother, Mrs. Ruth Bailey, informed her she was getting along all right and asked that she not worry about him.

Mrs. C. F. Carlisle writes from Kileen that she had received a card from her son, Sgt. Gene Carlisle, a prisoner, who was a member of the local national guard company. He said he was well and was getting good treatment, and to tell all his Ballinger friends hello. Carlisle finished the Ballinger high school in 1940 and worked here some time before being mobilized with the guard.

Mrs. T. B. Owens has had mail from her son, Milton Owens. This was the first message she had received from her son, although his wife had received cards.

All the local soldiers sent about the same message. Several cards came in earlier in the past week and to date practically all the twenty boys captured on September 13 have been heard from directly since being put in enemy prison camps.

CHURCH OF GOD REVIVAL INTEREST IS INCREASING

The revival at the Church of God, corner of Strong Avenue and South Sixth Street, is well under-



Myron O. Gilbert

way and large congregations are attending the services at 8 p. m. daily. Myron O. Gilbert is the evangelist and his messages are causing an increase in attendance each day.

The pastor, Rev. T. N. Minix, Jr., invites citizens of Ballinger to hear the remaining services. The revival will close Sunday night. Special music is featured at each service as well as group and congregational singing.

You are cordially invited to worship in all these services.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

St. Mary's Catholic Church
(698 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, 10 a. m.
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Young people's service, 7:15 p. m.
Junior service, 7:15 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 8 p. m.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

Grace Baptist Mission
(South Ballinger, two blocks from Tierce 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.

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

COME TO CHURCH

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 12:
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 12:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Organized classes for all.
Baptist Training Union, 6:45 p. m.

Revival meeting begins at 11 a. m. Dr. Porter M. Bailes, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tyler, preacher; and Dr. E. L. Carnett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mansfield, Louisiana, singer.
Week day services: morning, 10 a. m.; night, 7:45 p. m.
The general public is cordially invited 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 12:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Cadet fellowship hour, 6:00 p. m.

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70 Scouts Attend Banquet Arranged By Service Clubs

The Boy Scout banquet sponsored by the Ballinger Lions and Rotary clubs at the school lunch room Friday evening was highly successful. More than 70 Scouts, 80 Lions and Rotarians and a number of other guests were present for the first meeting of the kind ever held here. Scouts from troops 30, 29 and 32, with scoutmasters Rev. Edward B. Postert, George Newby and Oscar Batts were present for the banquet.

The crowd assembled in the school gymnasium for the opening part of the program which was under the supervision of James A. Wear, president of the Rotary Club. From the gym the crowd was escorted to the school lunch room where plates were passed and the diners were seated at tables.

Following the meal Mr. Wear presented Fred Miller, who acted as master of ceremonies. Troop reports were heard from Rev. Postert and Messrs. Newby and Batts. C. F. White, field representative of the Concho Valley council; Tom Agnew, commissioner; and E. C. Grindstaff, chairman of the Colorado Valley district; paid tributes to the scoutmasters who have worked with the local troops so faithfully and who have been responsible for their progress.

Rev. Clarence A. Morton, principal speaker of the evening, took as his subject, "There's a Lad Here." He repeated the Boy Scout oath and took the different parts of the oath to building his remarks.

Mr. Miller then presented John Purifoy, president of the Lions Club, who had charge of the concluding portion of the program.

Plant good seed—in war bonds—and harvest security after the war.

ONLY FEW MORE DAYS REMAIN TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURNS

Time is getting short for the filing of 1943 income tax returns. The deadline is March 15, next Wednesday, and at that time all returns must be in the Dallas office for residents of this region.

Announcement has been made that the date for filing the 1944 declaration of estimated income and victory tax is extended until April 15. This has been done in order to permit citizens to file their income tax returns on time.

NAZI SHOE FACTORY ORDERED CLOSED AFTER JOKE PULLED

OSLO, Jan. 5.—Nazis in Norway are seeing red (and white and blue). Thirty thousand shoes were to be made, the factory was ready, and officials had approved the samples. Suddenly production was ordered stopped. The nazis had discovered that the paper for the shoes was colored red, white and blue, and was a form of anti-nazi demonstration.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

Amazing Way for "RUN-DOWN" people to get NEW VITALITY...PEP!



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

THESE two important steps may help you to overcome the discomforts or embarrassment of sour stomach, jerky nerves, loss of appetite, underweight, digestive complaints, weakness, poor complexion!

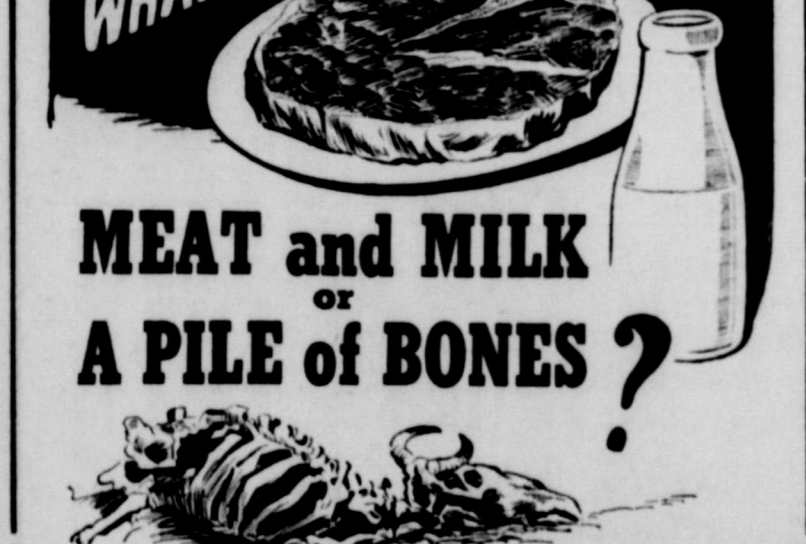
A person who is operating on only 70 to 75% healthy blood volume or a stomach digestive capacity of only 50 to 60% normal is severely handicapped. So win ample stomach digestive juices PLUS RICH, IRON-BLOODED you should enjoy that sense of well-being which denotes physical fitness... mental alertness!

If you are subject to poor digestion or suspect deficient nutrition 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 16 and 20 oz. sizes, U.S.S.S.C.



WHAT'LL IT BE NEXT WINTER MEAT and MILK or A PILE of BONES?




It is a shocking thing to hear of cattle starving and freezing, especially at this time when every pound of beef, every quart of milk and every new calf is needed so vitally.

Restrictions on cotton acreage are now removed—cotton farmers can do their part to SUPPLY THE PROTEIN NEEDED IN 1944.

The Victory Crop
West Texas Cottonoil Co.
PRODUCE MORE IN '44

MRS. JONES:

WAR WORKER

HOUSE WIFE

Mrs. Jones is holding down two important jobs, which doesn't give her much time for going to the bank for cash, or chasing after tradesmen to pay her bills. So she pays by check. Whether you have lots of spare time or little, a checking account is a great convenience. Start one at this bank today.

The First National Bank of Ballinger

Since 1886
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Travelers' Aids

... Compliments of the Texas and Pacific!

Before planning to travel, ask yourself this question: Is this trip necessary? All available seats and berths are needed by our armed forces and those engaged in essential industry.

And, while we welcome essential travel, we do urge all others to travel sparingly.

—but if you must travel... you can help if you will:

- Plan every trip and buy round trip tickets as far in advance as possible.
- Cancel your reservations promptly, if it becomes necessary to change your plans.
- Accept cheerfully the accommodations that are available.
- Travel light, taking only one piece of luggage on the train.
- Please check all luggage except the bag you carry with you a day before you start your trip. And see that every piece of baggage is labeled with your name and complete address. Labels available at baggage room.
- Wait your turn in the dining car patiently.
- When you alight—DON'T FORGET YOUR BELONGINGS!

THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RY.
For Victory — Buy War Bonds

One of America's Railroads
All United for Victory

Want Ads

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 16-1f

PERMANENT WAVE, 39¢! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praise by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afterbach'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. 3-81-*

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

3 weeks old started pullets, 3 weeks old rooster baby chicks. Blood testing, culling, a complete poultry service. Phone 12, Miles Hatchery, Miles Texas. 24-41*

Typewriter Sales and Service
Remington Rand agency. Write Paul's Typewriter Service, Rust Bldg., San Angelo. Dial 5200. 24-41*

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*

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*

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

WANTED—Popcorn, at Texas Theatre. 2-4f

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

FOR SALE—4 room house and 3 lots, 207 North Fourth Street. Mrs. H. N. Evans, box 804, Coleman, Texas. 9-41*

FOR RENT—Small furnished apartment. Cadet wife or working girl. Telephone 1308. 9-11*

WANTED—Ironing or sewing. Mrs. O. S. Clark, three blocks south post office on Eighth Street. 9-11*

LAWN MOWERS—Sharpened, adjusted and repaired. Chester Cape, 500 Thirteenth, Phone 1247. 9-31*

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, 1300 Tenth Street. 9-11*

FOR SALE—Setting of bronze turkey eggs. Call 455. 11

FOR SALE—300 ewes, 240 2s to 4s. Forty solid mouth, 20 old ewes. Also two Percheron mares and wagon. W. M. Hays, Phone 6923. 9-11*

Wignton Auto Parts
has seal beam change over kits for your car which will give you the same lights as the '41 and '42 cars. Try them. 9-1f

FOR SALE—F-20 Farmall with planter and cultivator. Good condition. Dow Hancock, Ballinger. 9-21*

FOR SALE—Planting seed, state tested one year planted from certified seed. Hegari and rot-resistant Maize 5c, Martin combine maize 4c, and Sudan. Emil Koessel, Rowena, Texas. 9-31*

FOR RENT—Furnished two room apartment; also bedrooms, close in. 617 Stronge Avenue. 11*

FOR RENT—Large bedroom with private bath. No children. Phone 5, 302 Fifth Street. 9-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, March 13, 801 Twelfth St. 9-11

LOST—Black leather billfold with initials R. L. A. in gold. Return to Ledger. 9-11*

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries

For State Representative, 92nd District:
W. H. RAMPY

For Sheriff:
J. L. MORELAND

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
W. A. POROEY

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
H. E. FULCHER

For District Clerk:
MRS. WINONA PARKER

DEATHS

Durwood Blackwell Pogue
Durwood Blackwell Pogue, 43, died in the hospital at San Saba Thursday of last week after illness of two weeks' duration. Decedent had been living at San Saba for a little more than a year, but had resided in Ballinger most of his life, leaving here about three years ago. While here he was engaged in the plumbing business. Survivors include his mother, Mrs. J. P. Pogue, Muskogee, Oklahoma; a sister, Miss Opal Pogue, Muskogee; two brothers, George T. Pogue, Crane, and J. P. Pogue, Jr., Osona.

Funeral services were held at the Killough & Davis chapel Saturday afternoon, Richard A. Robbins, minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

FEED MILL—Not open but two days week, Wednesday and Saturday. Harry Paschal. 11*

FOR RENT—Two bed rooms, private entrance and bath. Men or women. 208 Fourth Street, Phone 340. 9-11*

FOR RENT—Several nice bedrooms, 501 Sixth Street. Telephone 525. 9-11

FOR RENT—Monday 13th, cute little two room apartment, furnished, at 301 Thirteenth Street. 9-11*

FOR RENT—South bedroom, close in. Ladies preferred. Mrs. Laxson. Day phone 406, night 222. 9-11*

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment. Call at Jones Hardware Store. 9-11-H

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment. Phone 179. 9-11

LOST—Dark brown yearling heifer. Phone 298. 9-11

FOR SALE—1935 Ford coupe, priced to sell. See Fred Holliday at Pearce Drug Store. 9-11

FOR SALE—House and lot or house at Winters, 901 Eighth St. after 6 o'clock. 9-31*

FOR SALE—3 Bicycles, good shape. Don Robbins, Yellow Cab Stand. 11*

WANT TO BUY—An electric motor or trade gasoline motor for an electric motor for a Maytag. W. E. Long. See at Domino Hall.

FOR SALE—A lined baby bassinet with mattress, pad and sheet. Phone 1200. 9-11

FOR SALE—Farmall F30 in good condition and good rubber all around. No implements except breaker plow. A bargain. G. E. Kemp. 9-11

FOR SALE—Brooder house 9x9 sealed out and floored. Good condition. L. L. Rollwitz, Hillcrest Addition. 9-11*

FOR SALE—Farmall two row bedder. Red Rohmfeld. 11*

FOR SALE—5 room residence with lot 90x140. Good location, good repair. See Chester Cape, 500 Thirteenth Street. 9-21*

FOR SALE—Nice one room house, 12 by 20, to be moved. T. A. Reese, Hillcrest. 11*

Serving Uncle Sam

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Williams has been stationed at Sheppard Field but after his furlough will report at Chanute Field, near Chicago.

Jones Bell, seaman 2c, will be in this week-end from the Pacific Coast for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bell, Jones has been in the navy for a little more than a year and this is his first visit home.

Sgt. Robert Nicholson, son of Mrs. Eulalia Nicholson of Ballinger, has been discharged from a hospital in North Africa and has returned to company C, 142nd Infantry, in Italy. Sgt. Nicholson sustained wounds several months ago and had been hospitalized until in February when he was returned to combat. His mother has received one letter from him since he rejoined his company.

C. W. O. Ralph D. Crockett, of Warner Robin Field, Macon, Ga., came in Tuesday night for a fifteen-day furlough with relatives at Norton, Bethel and Ballinger.

Melvin Witter came in Friday night for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Witter. He returned Sunday morning to St. Petersburg, Florida, where he is in the U. S. M. S. transportation corps, marine officer cadet school.

Mrs. W. R. Pearce has received a letter from her son, David Pearce, seaman 1c, informing that he had arrived back in San Francisco. He said he was well and that he would be sailing again soon but expected to be home in June.

Pvt. Helen E. Smith, daughter of Mrs. Lillie Smith of Ballinger, who had been stationed at the third training center, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, has been transferred to the WAC base detachment, Morris Field, North Carolina.

Pfc. Louis G. Sturm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sturm, has been promoted to corporal. He is in the 499th TEPT squadron at the army air field, Bryan.

Letters have been received from Lt. Phillip Evans, a paratrooper, in which he told relatives he is stationed in Northern Ireland. He has been overseas several weeks.

Sidney Rogge, of Rowena, and Murrell Landreth, formerly of Ballinger, have been sent to the Santa Ana, California, cadet reception center. Both have finished college courses and will receive pre-flight and classification next.

Fred Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jennings, formerly of Ballinger, has been sent to Harvard University by the navy for a 12 months' course in navy supply. He will receive his commission as ensign at the end of the fourth month.

Sgt. Wesley C. Jones, husband of Mrs. Jimmie Ella Jones, of Rowena, was wounded while in action in Italy on February 5, according to information she received this week from the war department. This is the second time Sgt. Jones has been wounded since the invasion of Italy. He was first wounded on September 13 and after being in a hospital was released and returned to the line. The message received by his wife stated that she would be kept informed of his condition.

Cpl. Roy E. Baker is now stationed at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis. Recently here on a ten-day furlough, he has returned to his post. Cpl. Baker is the son of Mrs. J. E. Baker, Rowena route 1.

Pvt. and Mrs. Jimmy Hash, of Camp Polk, Louisiana, left the first of the week after a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hash and other Ballinger relatives and friends. Pvt. Hash is in the medical corps at Camp Polk.

Douglas A. Black, seaman first class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Black, is here from San Augustine, Florida, for an eight-day visit. He is in the coast guard under the C. O. P. there. This is Doug's first visit home in seven months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey got a letter today from their son, Cpl. Alvin Bilbrey, who is in the 36th division in Italy. He stated that he had seen S-Sgt. Charles Bilbrey, wounded several weeks ago, and that he was doing well. He added that the doctors were performing wonders on wounded soldiers. The casts on both of Charles' legs have been removed but it was said it would be a long time before he could walk and get about as he once did. His broken arm is better and wounds in the abdomen have healed nicely. Cpl. Bilbrey said he hoped to see his brother again in a short time. The letter was the first the parents have had from Cpl. Bilbrey since the engagement on the Anzio beachhead in which the 36th was part of the landing force.

McKinley Haines left this morning for Houston to sign up with the merchant marine. He is the son of Mrs. Bertie Haines.

Cpl. Gordon O. D. Gressett, is now based on Hawaii. He has written relatives that he landed on the Marshalls and stated that bullets were plenty thick and dead Japs everywhere. He said it was by the mercy of the good Lord that he was safe and in good health. Cpl. Gressett left here in January and after a period of training was sent into action.

Mrs. F. C. McClanahan received letters from her husband this week stating that he was in England and had been assigned to a fighter group. For the past twenty-two months he has served as a P-38 instructor on the Pacific Coast.

Quentin White, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White, and O. L. Parish, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Parish, left today for Camp Howland, Texas, where they have been assigned to the 103rd Infantry. Both young men have been in the army reserve at A. & L. College, Kingsville, until they were transferred to their new location and given a short furlough home.

Cadet Bill Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes, has completed basic flight training at Lancaster, California, and will go to Douglas, Arizona to get advanced training. After finishing this phase of the flight course he will receive his wings and commission in the army air forces.

FINE RECORD REWARDED WITH SUPPER AT CACTUS

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman were hosts at a dinner given at the Cactus Coffee Shop last Monday evening honoring Howard Matteson, squadron commander, and men in his group for their splendid record in the training program at Bruce Field. During the past five classes this group has not had an accident of any nature and otherwise has made an outstanding record.

Following the supper talks were made by Mrs. Harman, Mr. Matteson, Frank d'Angelo and J. R. Church.

Others attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Ingram, Lester Chin, R. E. Boyer, Mr. and Mrs. Matteson, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Van de Water, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Appleby, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moss, Mr. and Mrs. Frank d'Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bragot, Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Church, Major Landon E. McConnell, Lt. J. W. Capps and Lt. Henry W. McAvay. Decorations for the enjoyable affair were in the air corps colors.

FCA LOANS NOW BEING MADE TO FARMERS ON 1944 CROPS

Loans to farmers to finance production of 1944 crops are now being made by the emergency crop loan division of the farm credit administration, according to D. H. Harrison, field supervisor for Runnels county. Applications are being received at the county school superintendent's office, Ballinger.

These loans, usually known as the "seed loans," have been made in this county by the government for many years and have proven of great benefit to farmers of limited collateral whose cash requirements are small. The maximum loan to an individual is \$400. The advances cover the cost of seed, fertilizer, feed, fuel oil, and supplies. Farmers who can secure loans from banks or other sources are not eligible for the

Red Cross Drive Started

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county within the next week and said he believed final reports could be made at that time. Sam Behringer, Ballinger chairman, is busy getting all committee reports in and will then call a meeting of leaders to continue the drive until the quota is reached. He intends to conduct a campaign so that every resident of the city will be contacted but added that anyone who had not been seen could leave his contribution at either of the banks or the Sam Behringer store.

Dry Crusaders

Mrs. Ida Wise Smith, national president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, chats with Congressman Joseph E. Bryson who is sponsoring a bill to outlaw beverages containing more than one-half of 1 per cent alcohol by volume.

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

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

Correction

In the March 2, 1944, issue of The Ballinger Ledger the name of Mrs. Bertie Haines was erroneously listed as a member of the Porter Department. Mrs. Haines is the Field Librarian and should have been listed under the office section, Harman Training Center.

J. B. STRIPLIN
Public Relations 9-11*

Hoard your dollars in war bonds.

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COLD
USE 666
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MAKE YOUR OWN SAUERKRAUT.. HERE'S HOW:

CABBAGE
TEXAS GREEN SOLID HEADS 2 1/2¢
Fine for Making Sauerkraut Lb.

Potatoes
No. 1 Nebraska Triumph 5 Lbs. 22¢

Beets Carrots, Turnips or Radishes 2 Doz. 9¢
Peas California Fresh English Peas 2 Lbs. 25¢

Every Day Low Groceries

Golden Syrup A. B. 5-Lb. Jar 39¢
Canterbury Tea 1/2-Lb. Pkg. 21¢
Airway Coffee Roaster Fresh 1-Lb. Pkg. 21¢
Soup Mix Aunt Polly 2 1/2-Oz. Pkg. 8¢
Green Beans Standard Cut No. 2 11¢
Dog Food Vigor Dehydrated 8-Oz. Pkg. 6¢

Wheat Reg. Pkg. 12¢
Bread Julia Lee Leaf 24-Oz. 10¢
Flour Success Pancake 20-Oz. Pkg. 7¢
AB Syrup Coffee Club No. 5 Jar 39¢
Coffee Edwards Fine Quality 1-Lb. Pkg. 25¢
Coffee Polgara Fine Quality 1-Lb. Pkg. 31¢

Clubber Girl Baking Powder 32-Oz. Jar 23¢
Calumet Baking Powder 1-Lb. Pkg. 19¢
Malted Milk 1-Lb. Pkg. 38¢
Matches Teem Bluebonnet Pkg. 23¢
Alcohol 16-Oz. Bot. 19¢
Palmolive Toilet Soap 1-Lb. Box 7¢

Red Stamp Items
HAM 12-Oz. Can 33¢
CRISCO 1-Lb. 25¢
Shortening Royal 3-Lb. Jar 60¢
Mackerel Calif. 15-Oz. 1-Lb. Can 14¢
Treet Meat 12-Oz. Can 33¢

Blue Stamp Values
JAM 32-Oz. Jar 39¢
CORN No. 2 13¢

California Lettuce
Fresh Crisp 9¢
Lb.

Grocery Values

Fresh Eggs Selected Doz. 35¢
Dressing Dutch Imitated 8-Oz. Jar 13¢
Marmalade Citrus 8-Oz. Jar 29¢
Mustard Derby Prepared 5-Oz. Jar 5¢
Shoe Polish Atlas Black or Brown 2 1/2 Oz. Jar 15¢

Quality Meats

Cream Cheese Daisy Type Lb. 37¢
Loaf Cheese American Lb. 39¢
Sausage Grade AA-2 Pork Cloth Bags Lb. 35¢
Roast Park Lane Lb. 28¢
Chops Park Lane Center Cuts Lb. 35¢
Lunch Loaves Ass'd. 29¢
Salt Jowls Smoking Lb. 15¢
Slab Bacon By the Piece Lb. 27¢

COOKIES
12-Oz. Package
Chocolate 28¢
Gems 29¢
Bonnie Cream, Ass't or Vanilla 24¢
Raspberry Puff 31¢

HAM
Pieces
Shank End
1 Point Per Pound
Round End Lb. 33¢
3 Points Per Pound
Center Slices Lb. 49¢
6 Points per Pound

Sliced Bacon
Grade A Pound 37¢
1 Point per Lb.

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