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Singers of West Texas To Meet Here Sunday

Singers from a wide area in West Texas will assemble in Ballinger Sunday for the convention of the Runnels County Singing Association. Several weeks the officers and members of the organization have been giving the meeting wide publicity and have secured acceptances from some of the finest singing groups in this part of the state.

It was stated this week that the singers and listeners would assemble at the high school auditorium Sunday morning for the first session. The program will begin about 10 o'clock, or as soon as the visiting groups arrive. All those who attend are asked to bring basket dinners and the meal will be spread on the grounds at noon. After dinner the afternoon and main session will be held. This part of the meeting is expected to fill the auditorium to capacity and all the visiting quartets and other special groups will be heard on this program.

In addition to special numbers a large chorus will be called on to sing under the direction of a number of capable leaders. Piano players will also be on hand to accompany the singing of mass choruses and books will be available for all singers.

Officers of the county association issue a special invitation to all who sing to participate in the programs both morning and afternoon. The public is welcome, but is warned to come early for choice seats.

Common District School Trustees Elected for Year

Results of the trustee elections in the common school districts are about tabulated, only two districts not having been reported to date. New and reelected trustees to serve with the holdovers on boards are as follows:

Crews, N. L. Faubion. Three candidates, Jesse Jenkins, Chester McBeth and Howard Cummings, tied, and two of the three are to be appointed by the county board.

Maverick, Alton Bradbury. Bethel, Charles Dankworth and Milton Harris

Dale, Ernest Smith. Dry Ridge, W. H. Jackson Hagan-Barnett, R. O. Burk, D. C. Camp and Joe Miller

Benoit, Milton Gibson. Bell, A. T. Granzin

Pumphrey, W. B. Reeves, J. E. McNeill and G. B. Mills.

Cochran, H. F. Bredemeyer. Mazeland, Garland Freeman

Cross Roads, Frank Book. Baldwin, Bernice Gardner

Victory, H. F. Mills. Millar, Clyde Flanagan

Harmony, Scott Morris. Blanton, Play Brevard

Spring Hill, no report. Groenwald, Andrew Hoelscher

Red Bank, George Schertner. Kristoff, no report

Brookshier, J. C. Boatright. Offen, J. J. Fuchs

Drasco, Will T. Dorsett. Franklin, T. O. Carroll

Hatchel, I. W. Curry. Poe, D. B. Underwood

Mann, Edmund Holle. Eagle Branch, T. Berry

Sweet Home, Otto C. Krieger.

E. E. King was reelected to the county board as a candidate at large, and Paul Petty was reelected to represent precinct No. 1. Other members of the board are: W. L. Burns, precinct 3; W. T. Billups, precinct 2; and Henry Teplick, precinct 4.

Mayor C. P. Shepherd, a patient in the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, is still receiving treatment with little change in his condition.

DR. J. E. SMITH
Chiropractor
Dooze Building

Decrease is Shown in Common School Districts of County

A decrease is shown in scholastics in the common school districts of Runnels county this year, with one district, Spring Hill, yet to be reported. Only four made gains and these were small.

The Winters independent district census revealed 609 scholastics this year as compared with 611 a year ago.

The Ballinger district is the only other independent district to be reported to date and with a supplemental enumeration has a total of 1,611 as compared with 1,419 in 1943. The 1943 total was increased before the end of the year, however, when a special census was taken during the spring.

Reports have not come in from the Wingate, Rowena, Miles and Norton independent districts.

Results of the census in the common districts are as follows:

	1944	1943
Crews	100	131
Runnels	45	50
Maverick	58	61
Bethel	126	143
Dale	98	99
Dry Ridge	51	50
Hagan-Barnett	89	92
Benoit	9	13
Bell	16	11
Pumphrey	56	66
Independence	76	80
Cochran	29	34
Mazeland	76	71
Cross Roads	35	42
Baldwin	47	52
Victory	42	43
Millar	29	33
Harmony	56	59
Blanton	41	50
Groenwald	58	61
Red Bank	8	10
Kristoff	37	45
Williams	97	98
Brookshier	29	30
Offen	97	98
Drasco	66	69
Franklin	45	36
Hatchel	68	65
Poe	27	32
Mann	17	24
Eagle Branch	41	46
Sweet Home	55	50
	1628	1746

Early T.B. Diagnosis Campaign in Schools Declared Successful

Mrs. C. A. Glover, who serving as county chairman of the early tuberculosis diagnosis campaign, which opened officially April 1, today paid high tribute to all schools in the county that have cooperated in the movement.

Students in many of the county's schools have had the early diagnosis, including skin tests and X-ray. Due to the successful seal sale last December the county association has been able to carry on a more extensive program than in the past. It has been pointed out that educational work is not enough to stamp out the disease and that chest X-rays are necessary. For this reason the campaign must be supported by the public in every way, it was declared. "We have every expectation that this year's early diagnosis campaign will be the most successful we have ever had," Mrs. Glover stated.

The slogan of this year's campaign, being carried on throughout the month, is: "Get a Chest X-Ray—in War a Patriotic Duty—in Peace Plain Common Sense." The campaign will be continued as extensively as possible with follow-up work for all who show symptoms of the disease, first by notifying the parents.

Rev. W. E. Shipp left Wednesday afternoon for Blanket, where he will conduct a revival the rest of this week and next. He will return here to fill his pulpit Sunday morning.

36th Division Dead in Italy



Texans of the 36th Division have done their share in the fighting in Italy and have suffered their casualties. Here Chaplain Robert E. Alpaugh, of Tulsa, Okla., of the 1st Bn., 141st Infantry Regiment, escorts American dead from San Vittore, Italy, to the 36th Division Cemetery at Marzarella, Italy. The more War Bonds you buy the quicker the war will be over and such pictures as this only history.

War Food Committee of County Organized; Cooker Clinics Slated

At the request of the state war food committee the Runnels county war food committee was organized last Thursday night, April 13.

This committee is to be composed of all agricultural workers of the county, certain merchants, utility heads, etc.

The meeting opened with J. M. Williams acting as temporary chairman. Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, was elected chairman of the organization, with Miss Bettie Stuart, associate FSA supervisor, vice-chairman; and Roy V. Pinnson, FSA supervisor, secretary-reporter.

The immediate and primary objective of the committee is to hold clinics at various places in the county for the purpose of testing pressure cooker gauges and to assist in the necessary repairs of cookers and sealers in preparation for the canning season just ahead.

It is very important the pressure cooker gauge be tested every year before the canning season, because of the importance of canning food at an almost exact temperature, in order to prevent spoilage from cooking at too low a temperature or damage to the food by over cooking.

It is urged that everyone with a pressure cooker attend these clinics and have all canning equipment in good repair for the canning season.

Every person attending the clinic will be expected to do his own repair work with the guidance and assistance of the demonstrator in charge.

JAMES STRIPLIN TO SPEAK TO SENIOR BOYS AT SCHOOL

James Striplin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Striplin, a student of A. & M. College, will be here this week-end and will speak to the senior boys of the Ballinger high school Monday morning from 10:30 to 11 o'clock.

A. & M. is reverting to the practice of sending out students to speak to senior boys of their home towns in regard to training at the college after high school graduation.

In schools of less than 500 enrollment, only one student representative is sent out, but to the larger schools two or more are sent. Dates for these visits have been sent by the college authorities for Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The calling of men 18 and over into the armed forces has eliminated junior and senior classes at A. & M. College and made more room for entrance of freshmen. For this reason the students are being sent out to encourage high school seniors to enter the college in June.

\$250.00 Reward
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Serving Uncle Sam

Letters received this week from J. D. Reneau informed that he had arrived safely in England. For the past several months and all the past winter he had been in Iceland, and his comments on England were in regard to the beautiful trees, the first he had seen in almost a year.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry of Ballinger, have received letters from their daughter, Second Lieutenant Mildred Gentry, A.N.C., of the 51st general hospital, informing that she is stationed in New Guinea and was getting used to the small natives and coconut groves. Lt. Gentry has been in the service 18 months, having been stationed most of that time at Camp Berkeley, Maria and Fort San Houston. She embarked for foreign service at San Francisco on March 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey received letters this week from their sons in Italy and England. Cpl. Alvin Bilbrey, in Italy, said he was okeh, and that his brother, Sgt. Charles Bilbrey, was improving. Sgt. Charles Bilbrey has written his first letter home since he was wounded several months ago. A letter from Dee Bilbrey, Jr., in England, said he was okeh and liked the English fine but still thought there was no place like Texas.

Arthur Dooze, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Dooze of this city, has been transferred from Harlingen to Lowry Field, Denver. He is attending an army air forces technical school.

Curtis Reese, seaman 1c, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Reese, who had been in Chicago for some time studying radio, has been transferred to Houston, where he will continue his studies in the Houston University radio school. Before his induction he was head of the leasing department of the Gulf Oil Co. in Georgia and Florida.

Lt. Jack B. McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, has landed safely somewhere overseas. It is presumed that he is to see service somewhere in the Pacific as his post office address is in care of the San Francisco postmaster. His parents received a message this week telling of his safe arrival.

Sgt. LeRoy Wiesepape is here on a 15-day furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Wiesepape. He will also visit at Sherman with his sister and her husband before returning to Langley Field, Virginia, where he is stationed. He asserted that he was glad to be in Texas and have a chance to get a little sun tan.

Cpl. and Mrs. Marion L. Tillery spent five days here last week, visiting his mother, Mrs. Pat Tillery. They left Friday to return to the prisoner-of-war camp at Ogden, Utah, where Cpl. Tillery is stationed. Mrs. Tillery is living near the camp.

The war department has advised R. W. Waldrop that his son, Sgt. Hubert Waldrop, reported missing in action in a mission over Germany about one month ago, is being held prisoner by the nazis. Sgt. Waldrop is a graduate of the Ballinger high school and was a star football player the last two years he was here. He left Ballinger with company C, 142nd infantry, later transferring to the air forces.

Letters have been received from Pvt. Odus Reneau, located somewhere in Italy. He stated that he would be feeling fine but for the weather which was about to get him down. He sent a "hello" to all his Ballinger friends.

Clarence Richards, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards, was here this week for a visit with his parents. He has been in the naval school at Arlington but is reporting Friday at a naval base in Florida for reassignment. Richards has seen considerable foreign service and wears a string of campaign ribbons with two stars.

Pvt. Melvin C. Fagle arrived Tuesday night to spend a furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Fagle. He will be at home for twelve days and then return to Camp Van Dorn, Miss.

Pvt. Grady Cotton, Jr., has arrived safely in England, a letter received by his mother, Mrs. G. C. Cotton, informed this week. Grady said the country was beautiful, and he was getting along fine. He has now been in England about three weeks.

A cablegram received this week from Lt. Wallace Chastain, U. S. merchant marine, informed that he had arrived safely overseas with another convoy. He has made five trips across since he was at home last summer.

Lt. R. E. Bruce, stationed at the Corpus Christi naval air base, is in the hospital there, having contracted typhus fever. Word from his bedside Sunday was that he was resting very well but had suffered considerably Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales and Mrs. Leonard Scales and baby spent the past week-end at Odessa, where they visited Aviation Cadet Leonard Scales. Cadet Scales had a week-end pass but could not reach Ballinger on his limited time off so his family met him at Odessa.

Jack Nixon, Jr., yeoman 1c, has been transferred from Camp LeJeune, N. C., to Camp Parks, Shoemaker, Calif. He also has been transferred from the marine corps back to the seabees, his original outfit, and last week turned in his green uniform and donned the blue again. He had been in the marines for the past five months and prior to that was a seabee almost a year.

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Draft Board to Fill Calls; Young Men First on List

OPA Price Assistants Now Making Survey of All Eating Places

Ballinger and Runnels county citizens are cooperating in the national survey of all restaurants, lunch rooms and drug stores, which had been ordered for April 17 through 22. The survey in this county is being made by volunteer price assistants who were selected by Runnels county business men at a mass meeting recently.

Each of the volunteer workers has been schooled in the necessary inspections to be made for the OPA and few irregularities are being found here.

Each establishment is required to keep available for public examination a copy of its base period menus. Base period menus or price lists are the prices which were in effect from April 4 to 10, 1943. No establishment covered by the restaurant regulation is permitted to charge a higher price for any meal, beverage or other item than was charged during the base period.

In Ballinger the special workers have been busy this week and have about completed the survey. They have found all establishments in line on practically every item and have also been welcomed when they appeared to make the inspections.

Club Improvements Will be Completed Within Few Weeks

Directors of the Ballinger County Club have announced an improvement program to be completed within a few days to cover the golf course and other property. All greens on the course are getting considerable work at this time, with winter grass and other vegetation being removed. As soon as this is completed bent grass seed will be planted on the greens and all will be retopped with sand fertilizer and other soil.

The committee recently inspected the course at Abilene and after making a report to the directors, decided to start bent grass greens as soon as possible. The seed will arrive here within a few days and all topping materials are being screened and mixed so no time will be lost in getting the work done and irrigation started.

Members of the club are striving to keep the property in the best condition possible during the war and have it in good condition when many of the members return from the service.

The lake is still in need of about five to six feet of water but it is expected to fill with spring rains. There is ample water in the lake for irrigation and the plant has been checked and is ready for use.

LEGION DANCE SCHEDULED NEXT THURSDAY EVENING

The American Legion building fund committee has arranged another public dance to be held at the Army and Navy Club next Thursday evening, April 27. These dances are being scheduled at regular intervals to raise money for the building fund for a veterans' club after the war.

The affair next Thursday will commence at 9 p. m. and continue until midnight. Tickets are 75 cents each, including tax.

The music is to be furnished by Harrison's Texans, popular San Angelo dance band.

Legionnaires urge that everyone possible attend and help raise money for this worthy cause as well as enjoying an evening with the best of dance music.

The Runnels county draft board has made a decision to fill all quotas for the county, taking all available men 26 years old and under first. If more are required to fill any quota men will be taken from 27 through 29 next, and if still more are needed to fill calls men over 30 and up to 38 are to be called. The main point in the board's decision is to fill all calls, taking the younger men first, but taking all in 1A classification if they are needed.

Telegrams from headquarters this week were in conflict and the day after a memorandum was sent not to accept men over 26 another message was received telling the board to disregard the order of the day before.

So far this month calls have been light and the rescinding of orders caused but one quota to be short. The group reporting for physicals last week was reduced but this will be made up later in the month.

Three men, Oran Wesley Rogy, Homer Fay Guin and William Edward Kohutek, were sent to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Monday to report for army induction. Howard Fershing Washington volunteered through the draft board for the marine corps and requested that he be sent as soon as possible.

Six men have been accepted for the air corps reserve and assigned to Bruce Field for the present. They are Malford R. Hurt, David Willie Piel, Boone Carlisle Roberts, Jr., Raymond Bernard Doyle, C. D. Shamburger, and Robert Walter Van de Water.

A quota is being made ready to be sent for navy induction this week, but names were not released because of volunteers who are trying to be ready to go this week. The draft board clerk indicated that five probably would be sent in this call.

F. F. A. Father-Son Banquet to be Held Tomorrow Evening

The annual father-and-son banquet for the Ballinger chapter of the Future Farmers of America will be held tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock in city park. Arrangements were being made this week to serve approximately 150 people at the annual party which will include the 45 boys who are members of the chapter, their dads, and a number of invited business men as well as men members of the local school faculty.

The boys were issuing invitations this week to their special guests and committees were looking after the menu, the table arrangements and other details of the annual get-together.

The arranged program includes assigned subjects for members of the chapter as follows: Invocation, Jimmy Allison

Address of welcome, Herman Virden, president of the local chapter

Chapter reciting the Future Farmers' creed

"Our Contribution to the War Effort," Hoyt Berry

"My Project Program," Leroy Shiller

"What the F. F. A. Has Meant to Me," Ray Reese

Closing ceremony.

Special guests of the chapter will include the "sweetheart" and "queens" for this year.

Mrs. Harry Lynn and Rev. Gary Hoffius attended the annual meeting of the Brownwood presbytery, U. S., at San Saba Tuesday. Mrs. Lynn was on the program, speaking on "Evangelism."

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Women's Society and Club News

Rev. Hoffius Gives Inspirational Talk for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. W. B. Woody, cause secretary of Christian education of the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary, directed the inspirational program for members Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Broadway.

After the devotional by Mrs. Estee Lynn and prayer by Mrs. C. E. Stephens, the Rev. Gary Hoffius, church pastor, spoke on "Vision for Christian Education."

Mrs. M. E. Bogness and Mrs. Charles Miller, Jr., were social hour hostesses and served refreshments to: Rev. Hoffius, Mmes. Jack McGregor, Stephens, Estee Lynn, Grace Thomas, E. R. Walker, Victor Miller, George Holman, Woody, F. M. Pearce, C. L. Baker, R. F. Zedlitz, Warren Lynn, Jerry Church, Paul Trimmer, Chester Cherry, Harry Lynn, Alex Saunders, and Margaret Jane Miller.

Out-of-Town Visitors for O. E. S. Installation

Out-of-town visitors were included for a special O. E. S. installation service on last Thursday evening when Mrs. Janie Barnett and Mrs. Violet Williams were formally initiated into Ballinger Chapter No. 296.

Varied spring flowers and tall lighted candles were used about the chapter room where Mrs. Thelma Gabbert, worthy matron, presided in the East, and Paul Petty, worthy patron, gave the lectures.

Refreshments were served during the social hour. Other members present were: Mmes. Luna Mae Fay, Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Beulah Rape, Dale O'Neill, Nellie Campbell, Frances Zedlitz, Ione Teague, Amanda Taylor, Rama Saunders, Bess Cherry, Nora McCaughan, Lucy Black, Mary Osterlat, Edith Petty, and Halley Parker. Misses Pauline Morley, Myrtle Ruth Hale, and Marie Norwood; and Dr. W. B. Halley.

Visitors were: Mmes. S. M. Scarborough, Carl Lewis, Ruth Henry, Gladys Ellis, Christine Redman, J. E. Mackey, La Joyce Douglas and Mary Edna Turner from Norton Chapter No. 28, Miss Dell White from San Angelo Chapter No. 10, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Largent from Sonora Chapter No. 575, and Mmes. J. M. Skaggs, George T. Eason, W. R. Gannaway, Parker Gayden, Juanita Tait, A. T. Jobe, Gladys Benson, and Miss Mabel

Belvin from Winters Chapter No. 80.

Picnic for Ninth Grade

Ninety students of the Junior high school ninth grade enjoyed a half day outing followed by a barbecue supper at the Ballinger Country Club last Friday.

Teacher sponsors were: Principal and Mrs. R. H. Garner, Miss Vhelma Parrish, and Miss Louise LeMond.

Graduation Dance for 44 H

Kaydettes assisted Army and Navy Club committee members and Mrs. Alex McGregor, hostess, in decorating in the Air Corps colors for a formal dance to honor cadets of 44 H, who have finished primary training at Bruce Field.

Punch, furnished by Mr. Fred Harman, was served throughout the evening and a dance band from Camp Berkeley furnished music.

Mrs. Doose Leads Eighth Street Society Program

Mrs. Una V. Doose was program leader for the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon at the meeting in the church parlors which were decorated with red and white flowers.

After she had given the devotional and read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer, Mmes. Oia McMillan, E. S. Malone, G. P. Teague, W. A. Taylor, and Roy Hill gave discussions on South America and the North American Indians.

Hostesses, Mmes. Mary Spreen, U. S. Daniel, and A. H. Wiesepape, served sandwiches with cake and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. B. H. Erwin, W. A. Erwin, Kenneth Kevill, A. W. Sledge, J. W. Black, J. W. Mackey, Norton, J. D. Coulter, J. A. Ostertag, H. T. Russell, Carroll Bell, Misses Eva and Maggie Lilly and Mae Stubbiefield.

Methodist Philathea Class in Walsh Home

Methodist Philathea Class members were guests Monday evening in the Edward Walsh home on Ninth Street when Mrs. Walsh and Mrs. Cecil Jones were hostesses.

Pansies and potted hydrangeas and Easter lilies decorated the living room and a low yellow bowl of lovely brown irises centered the lace-laid dining table lighted with tall green candles. Mrs. C. A.

Glover was presiding officer and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly gave the devotional "The Unfinished Portrait." Those celebrating birthdays were: Mmes. Jones, Ralph Payette, and J. E. Smith.

A dessert course was served. Others were: Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, Claude Stone, Jack Nixon, Sr., Ford Taylor, Sam Behringer, W. E. Shipp, and G. M. Beard.

Methodist W. S. C. S. West Zone Meets at Drasco

Mrs. Elbert L. King, leader of the West Zone of the Brownwood District, Methodist W. S. C. S., presided for the spring meeting in Drasco Wednesday of last week.

A program on "Prayer" was presented. Mrs. W. A. Pace of Winters, Central Texas Conference secretary of supplies; Mrs. Joe Forman, district spiritual life secretary; and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, district secretary of Christian social relations, were especial guests.

The Drasco society served the noon luncheon. The fall 1944 meeting will be held in Ballinger. Others attending from here were: Mmes. John Weeks, H. Ravellette, Elma Mann, and J. B. Striplin.

Eighth Street Presbyterians Have Fellowship Supper

Mrs. B. H. Erwin, president of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, was assisted by her menu committee, Mmes. G. P. Teague, A. W. Sledge, and Rufus Allen, and other standing committee members, in planning and serving a delicious

supper for about 60 in the church parlors Wednesday evening of last week.

Bluebonnets decked the long tables, while irises and amarillis lilies were used in the auditorium, where annual church reports were heard. The church year ended March 31.

Mrs. Caudle Complimented with Gift Tea

Mrs. David Caudle, who before her recent marriage was Miss Catherine Clampitt, was guest of honor at a prettily appointed gift tea given last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, Mrs. Murrell Landreth, and Mrs. W. L. Morlen.

The banquet room at the Central Hotel was given a lovely floral decoration of irises in the orchid and purple tones and yellows. A low crystal bowl held a formal arrangement of these to center the lace-laid tea table. Tall white tapers burned in three-branched crystal graduated heights candelabra. Pansies in the chosen colors encircled the crystal punch bowl and were favors for the refreshment plate.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh was at the door to extend formal greetings and to present hostesses and the honor guests. Others in line were the bride's mother, Mrs. E. B. Clampitt, and Pfc. Caudle's mother, Mrs. Tom Caudle. Mrs. Tom Agnew was at the bride's book and Mmes. Alex Saunders and W. E. Shipp showed gifts. Mrs. E. L. Richards of Bronte

Mary Lynn, and Patricia Caudle served.

Included were: Mmes. C. L. Baker, W. B. Woody, Steward Johnson, Troy Simpson, Fred McClanahan, R. W. Earnshaw, J. A. Weeks, J. A. Schnable, R. J. Johnson, Aurelia Webb, Estee Lynn, J. W. Guynes, Alex McGregor, J. L. Davis, Austin Harper, Oscar Harper, J. M. Jones, Earl Baker, R. A. Nicholson, Charles Bailey, Malcolm McGregor, W. O. Wallace, George Holliday, Paul Kirk, Bruce Creasy, Claude Stone, Felton Wright, Willie Stephens, Homer Sykes of San Angelo, Lee Ziegler of San Angelo, John Barton, C. A. Glover, W. E. Middleton, Jack Nixon, Sr., E. L. Rampy, Jim Duke, L. B. Rudder, W. J. Morrison, J. G. Douglass, H. O. Kelly, Ross Black, Ross Smith, B. F. Guin, Ona Penn, U. S. Heavens, C. W. Jennings, George Newby, R. A. Nicholson, R. W. Bruce, Henry Doss, J. E. Dankworth, O. R. O'Neill, Claude Mansell, Bill Clark, Sam Behringer, E. H. Forgy, A. B. Legate, Melvin Patterson, Ed Lengefeld, E. E. Avey, Joe Forman, E. Jones, O. R. Lasater, Chester Cherry, J. B. Striplin, L. M. Bowden, O. C. Sykes, T. B. Young, Roy Young, and Fred Young, of Winters, D. E. Caudle of Hatchel; Burt Steele of San Angelo; Misses Maryatt (Smith), Mary Lou Davis, Eloise Dankworth, Carmen Demmer, Nan Kevill, Ellen Jo Early, Armour Lynn McGregor, Earlene Webb, Griffie Atkins, Tommye Mansell, and Bobbie Johnson.

Be wise—advertise.

BETHEL GIRLS' 4-H CLUB

All members but one were present at the meeting of the Bethel girls' 4-H club last week. Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, assisted in the program, presented in the school building.

The boys and girls also held a joint session with County Agent John A. Barton to consider gardening and insect control. The next meeting of the club will be held on April 28, in the home of the sponsor, Mrs. Thompson.

Banks to Observe Holiday Tomorrow

Ballinger banks will not be open for business tomorrow (Friday), observing San Jacinto Day. Patrons are requested to take notice and make arrangements for change and necessary deposits the day before.

First National Bank
Farmers & Merchants State Bank

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Jack R. Hoban, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 15th day of May, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County,

at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 27th day of March, 1944. The file number of said suit being No. 4950.

The names of the parties in said suit are: Kathleen Wood Hoban as Plaintiff, and Jack R. Hoban, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff against defendant for judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them and divorcing them from each other and for general relief on the ground that while they lived together, defendant, without just cause, was guilty of cruel treatment, excesses and outrages toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; Plaintiff alleges she and defendant were legally married on and about the 21st day of July, 1941, and permanently separated on the day of October, 1943, and that no children were born to them.

Issued this the 27th day of March, 1944.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 27th day of March, A. D. 1944.

(Seal)
MRS. WINONA PARKER, Clerk,
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Home Demonstration Council Gets Reports On Various Activities

Members of the Runnels county home demonstration council were in session Saturday afternoon, meeting in the office of Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, in the court house. Reports were heard from all clubs in the county and considerable activity was disclosed in victory gardens, fruit and shade trees, and baby chicks. In the absence of Mrs. Marion Hays, of the Bethel club, Mrs. Howard Woodrow, vice-president, of the Winters club, conducted the business period.

Delegates elected to attend the district home demonstration meeting at Eastland on May 9 are: Mrs. Emmett Taylor, Dale; Mrs. Pete Davis, Victory; Mrs. B. M. Batts, South Ballinger; and Mrs. Tom Crockett, North Norton, alternate.

Miss Folkes outlined club work in the county for the remainder of April and May, which includes the checking and repairing of canning equipment and the preparation of food for frozen lockers. A special

food clinic will be conducted in each club during May.

It was announced that a canning-sealer clinic would be held at Ballinger on May 22 and at Winters on May 29. These meetings will be separate from those where pressure gauges are checked. Miss Folkes pointing out that it required considerable time to do the checking in the right way.

The council voted to sponsor through the marketing committee the making and financing of bulletin boards to be set up near club meeting places in each town in the county. The purpose is to list home grown produce or other products the club women desire to sell, including plants, setting eggs, fresh vegetables, fruits and canned goods. It was thought that many families in towns would like to buy fresh from gardens and it was decided that bulletin boards would be erected at Ballinger, Winters, and Norton.

Arrangements were made to buy fresh pineapples through club orders and consideration was given the purchase of fresh strawberries.

Hereafter council meetings are to be held each month at 3:00 p. m. and the next meeting date is May 20.

GRINDSTAFF SPEAKER FOR MERTONZ LIONS

Judge E. C. Grindstaff will be the principal speaker for a "ladies' night" program of the Mertonz Lions Club tonight. The club sent the Runnels county judge an invitation to be the speaker the first of last week and after receiving his acceptance made preparations for the banquet.

Judge and Mrs. Grindstaff were accompanied to Mertonz by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable and son.

Mrs. Sam Runkles and son, of San Angelo, were here Sunday for a visit with Mrs. W. W. Chastain and Mrs. Wallace Chastain and family.

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First Presbyterian Church
Sunday:
10:00 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
8:00 p. m., evening worship.
This Sunday night we have a treat in store for the congregation. The Rev. N. R. Hawkins, president of our orphans' home at Itasca, will show movies of the home. It is hoped that all the members of the church will avail themselves of the privilege of learning more about this work of the church. Come by all means.
GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
Sunday, April 23:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
8:00 p. m., evening service.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Worship, 11 a. m. and 6 p. m.
Come and join the fellowship.
J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Eighth Street Church of Christ
Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:45 a. m., preaching service.
11:45 a. m., communion service.
7:15 p. m., young people's meeting.
8:00 p. m., evening worship.
Wednesday:
8:00 p. m., prayer meeting.
RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, April 23:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Sermon, 11 a. m., by pastor, "The Immortal Line."
Young people's fellowship, 6 p. m.
Baptist Training Union, 7 p. m.
8 p. m., sermon by the pastor, "For Jesus' Sake."
ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday and Tuesday:
W. M. S. and Auxiliaries.
Wednesday:
Mid-week services, 8:00 p. m.
Mother's Day choir at close.
The 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.

Grace Baptist Mission
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Pfr. 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.

First Methodist Church
Sunday, April 23:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 8:15 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship in all these services.
W. E. SHIPP, 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, 7:45 p. m.
Evening service, 8:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 8:30 p. m., Wednesday.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

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

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.

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

Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.
All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.
CARL POOL, Pastor

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

REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS:
Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at 8:30 a. m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays of month at 11:00 a. m.
Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.
Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord for our boys and girls (Catholic and non-Catholic) in the service of our country on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m.
Devotion of the First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus after mass on 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 a. m.
Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Before the early mass on Sunday, 7:30 to 8:20 a. m., and before daily mass.
Our non-Catholic friends and

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STATEMENT of Condition

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

April 13, 1944

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts	\$ 466,669.40
Overdrafts	521.73
Banking House	27,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,950.80
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 649,500.00
Bonds and Warrants	128,517.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	56,000.00
War Savings Stamps	100.00
Bills of Exchange	21,143.10
CASH and EXCHANGE	1,053,805.69
	1,505,066.29
	\$2,464,107.43
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	89,854.68
DEPOSITS	2,214,252.75
	\$2,464,107.43

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RURAL NEWS

CREWS

Bro. T. J. McCain, corresponding secretary of the Baptist Missionary Association, will preach at the local Baptist church Sunday. All are invited.

Mrs. Hodge, of Ballinger, formerly Miss Pearl Seals of this community, was guest of honor in the home of Mrs. L. B. Gibbs Tuesday afternoon. Games were enjoyed by those present and the bride was then presented a number of beautiful gifts. The joint hostesses, Mrs. Gibbs and Mrs. Ralph Morton, served cake, cookies

and punch to the following: Mrs. Nellie Shelton, L. C. Fuller, Lillie Osborne, C. M. McBeth, W. W. Norris, Mobley Faubion, R. B. McKnight, Travis Cummings, Lena King, Henry Seals; the guest of honor; and Miss Ollie Belle Seals. Mrs. J. H. Hallford and Baker visited in Zephyr the previous week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Fuller attended a social Monday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn in the Herring community, in honor of Mr. Fuller's nephew, Cpl. Ewing Fuller, who was home on furlough. Mrs. Joel Brooker visited in the

home of Mrs. John Burson in the Content community Tuesday.

The men of our community met at the cemetery Monday and fenced the enclosure with net wire, new posts and wire gates. It was a commendable work and something all appreciate.

Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Traylor and family visited relatives at Wingate Sunday.

Announcement has been received of the birth of a little son to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Alexander, of Drasco. Mrs. Alexander was formerly Miss Helen Jenkins of this community.

HERRING

We are having some cloudy weather, making us hopeful of getting a much needed rain. However, the grain is looking good—some is almost in full head.

Rev. Allen filled his regular appointment at both services Sunday and attendance was a little larger than usual. He was accompanied by Mrs. Allen. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard for lunch and Mrs. Bragg and family for dinner.

We are happy that Miss Mertha Kerby is slowly improving. Her week-end visitors included W. P. Kerby and family, of Lawn; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kerby, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kerby and son, of Roscoe; Mrs. Thora Kerby, Marvie and Roland, of Dale; Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brevard, Noel and Neva; also Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kerby and Lynda, and others.

We are so sorry Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr., is ill. We hope she is better soon.

The condition of Mrs. Kate Fuller at Waco seems to be about the same. She has good days and restless ones with no indication of a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley and Lois spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bragg and family.

Mrs. Mildred Morrison and daughter arrived at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Kerby on Tuesday, where she will reside for a short time at least while her husband, Haeward Morrison, is taking marine corps training. He left for San Diego, California, on Monday.

Mrs. Tinnie Rindlemann and Miss Eula Mae Tenneyson, of Santa Anna, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn and sons.

A large crowd enjoyed a party in the Lonnie Allcorn home Monday night honoring his nephew, Cpl. Ewing Fuller.

NORTON

Mrs. John B. Mayfield, of Cameron, is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. W. C. Barrett, and other relatives.

Mrs. Rex Haughwout, formerly of Indiana, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Patton, while her husband, Sgt. Haughwout, is in foreign service.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Barrett have as their guests this week, their son and daughter-in-law, Tech, Sgt. and Mrs. Travis Barrett, of Harlingen.

Ensign and Mrs. Noel Fagan, of Tucson, Arizona, visited relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Wood, of San Angelo, spent the past week-

end here with the J. E. Minshew and O. G. Barrett families.

Joe Spencer left Monday for Oklahoma City to attend the funeral of his mother.

E. Otis Allen, evangelistic singer, is engaged in a revival meeting this week at Grand Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Pal Breen, of College Station, were week-end guests in the home of Mrs. Breen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Roper.

Rotary Club Hears Dr. Thomas Taylor, Subject 'Fellowship'

At its meeting Tuesday the Ballinger Rotary Club had a large number of special guests. The occasion was the visit of Dr. Thomas Taylor, president of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, who was guest speaker.

Dr. Taylor has been a member of the Brownwood Rotary Club for many years, was president of the club for a term, and later served as district governor of Rotary International.

In his usual humorous manner, Dr. Taylor brought a fine message on fellowship, applying the subject to club work, the church, and all walks of life. He advocated happiness as people pass through this world, seeing the beautiful and sharing it and the pleasures with others. He stated that in this day when the world has so much sorrow a little happiness is vital.

He mixed stories, original humor, poems and sound philosophy to prove that fellowship is needed in the world in every generation.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. Clarence A. Morton, who declared Dr. Taylor was one of the best thinkers of this day and advocated him for a place in congress to help bring the world back to a sound way of living.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Herb Holland, in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital for the past several weeks, is showing improvement and is considered making satisfactory progress.

Mrs. Dora Mapes, a medical patient in the clinic, is better this week and is continuing to improve daily.

Sallie Bailey, small daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey, was operated on Monday for appendicitis and is getting along fine.

Mrs. J. N. Nutt, seriously ill for several weeks following an operation, was improved today.

Belores Creek, of Leaday, was operated on at the local hospital last week and is recuperating but still under treatment.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gates, of Paint Rock, at the Bailey Hospital Wednesday night. Mother and baby are both doing fine.

Mrs. A. B. Legate was dismissed from the hospital Wednesday after a long stay there following a serious operation. She is now at her home on Broadway.

Mrs. W. M. Ferguson was dismissed Wednesday to return to her home after recovering sufficiently from an operation last week.

John Bill Jones had his tonsils removed Wednesday morning and was able to return home late in the afternoon.

W. R. Bogle was slightly better Monday of this week but his condition was still considered serious at the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo.

MRS. W. A. JACOB ATTENDS LAST RITES FOR FATHER

Mrs. W. A. Jacob was called to Weir last week on account of the illness of her father, D. A. King, who sustained a back injury from a fall. A few days after her arrival at his bedside, he passed away at the age of 78.

Decedent had been residing at Weir for the past fifty years, settling there in the early '80s when the family moved from North Carolina.

Other survivors include the wife, of Weir; another daughter, Mrs. Harlan Parsons, of Florence; and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Jacob has returned home.

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18½. Ten miles were devoted to potatoes and 28 miles to other crops. In many schools the vegetables were sold to the children at reduced prices for home use, the proceeds going to patriotic funds.

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Winters, Texas

No. 508
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at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 13th day of April, 1944, published in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 20 day of April, 1944, in accordance with a call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Law of this State.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including overdrafts—Schedule I	\$ 386,388.89
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed—Schedule II	570,075.00
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	72,869.03
Corporate stocks, including \$ None stock in Federal Reserve Bank	35,000.00
Bank premises owned	14,000.00
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	1,000.00
Other real estate owned	1.00
Cash on hand and due from approved reserve agents	844,304.54
Total resources	1,922,639.46
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus: Certified \$1,000.00; not certified \$30,500.00	31,500.00
Undivided profits	25,716.27
Due to banks and bankers subject to check on demand	35,729.89
Cashiers checks, dividend checks and certified checks outstanding	9,653.70
Demand individual deposits	1,357,213.52
Time individual deposits	12,032.00
U. S. Government deposits	350,794.08
Time individual deposits	12,032.00
Total liabilities	\$1,922,639.46

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS

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

Edward Sommer, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of April, 1944.

J. W. Purifoy, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.

RECAPITULATION

Assets	
Loans and discounts	\$ 284,159.20
Overdrafts	3,587.65
Banking House	14,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
Wac. Saving Stamps	\$ 100.00
Cash and due from Banks	844,204.54
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	677,944.03
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	23,400.00
Bills of Exchange	75,242.04
	1,620,890.61
	\$1,922,639.46
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	31,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	25,716.27
Deposits	1,765,423.19
	\$1,922,639.46

Turning Points of History

The destiny of the world is shaped by decisive events. Certain days are forever remembered, because they set the pattern for the future of men and nations. Such a day is April 21st, which brings the anniversary of the battle of San Jacinto.

The present war will also have its decisive days—its turning points. And, no matter how distant the day or hard the way, final Victory must be gained. The enemy must be driven back and defeated. Every resource of the nation is pledged to carry to a successful completion the job we have begun.

San Jacinto Day provides an occasion for us to rededicate ourselves to the cause of freedom. The most important job of the nation is to win the war.

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LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PAPER ISSUED IN PRINTED FORM

"Bearcat Scratches," Ballinger high school paper, now in its fourth year, made its first appearance as a printed publication this week. The paper heretofore had been published by a staff of students in mimeographed form, but as an experiment it will be shop printed the remainder of the year.

large amount of school news but was issued on short notice and the next issue will be more carefully planned with stronger heads and department news better assembled.

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IN SOCIETY

Brownwood Presbyterial, U. S. to Meet Here Next Week

The First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary will be hostess to the annual meeting of the Brownwood Presbyterial next Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Lynn, president, will preside at the executive board meeting on Tuesday morning and at other sessions. The formal opening program will begin at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Reports of general officers will be heard Tuesday and on Wednesday district chairmen, cause secretaries, and local presidents will make reports.

On Tuesday evening the public is invited to hear Dr. W. F. McElroy, who is on furlough from the African mission fields. The high point of the Wednesday morning assembly will be an inspirational address, "The Gate of Heaven," at 10:30 by Mrs. C. S. Herrington of Houston, synodical president.

Other speakers will be Miss Marguerite Mizell, who will return to China soon; Dr. N. R. Hawkins, of the Orphans Home at Itasca; and Miss Louisa Roe, of San Angelo, religious education director of the First Presbyterian Church.

Kayettes of 441 Honor 44H

Kayettes of 441 were hostesses at a prettily-appointed game party last Friday afternoon to honor 44H members, entertaining at the Army and Navy Club.

Mrs. Baldwin and Miss Joyce Murphy were prize winners and

Overnight Hike Taken to Ranch By Scout Troop

Members of Boy Scout troop No. 42 prepared their packs last Friday afternoon for an overnight hike to the Mullins ranch, four miles from Ballinger on Elm Creek. By 6:30 the boys were on their way, carrying packs and singing. After pitching camp each member cooked his own supper, the prize for steak broiling going to Charles Bailey, Jr.

After a period of free time the troop gathered around the campfire for songs, jokes and stunts. The group then visited an old abandoned house where some of the youthful members aspired to run across the ghost of an Indian.

After taps at 11 o'clock no talking was permitted so that all might get their rest for the work of the next day. The proverbial "early bird" had nothing on the boys, most of them beating the sun up, and at 7 o'clock all were getting breakfast.

After breakfast, camp inspection and free time, the boys went on a nature study trip. Trees located and identified by their leaves and bark were willow, elm, wild chinaberry, mesquite, locust, hackberry, wild mulberry and wild plum. Boys who named them all were: Bobby Bryan, Tom Egan, Charles Bailey, John Reese, Jack Keel, E. Willeky, Dan Egan, Ed Moonen, Duane Carter, Key Hoffman, Coy Burris. Ten trees must be identified and the boys have two others to find.

At 10 a. m. the boys were permitted a brief dip in Elm Creek but the water was pretty cold and they only remained in a short time. Key Hoffman, Bobby Bryan, Jack Keel, Steve Ashton and Emmett Willeky stayed in long enough to pass the first class swimming test.

On the hike were thirteen Scouts and the following leaders: Rev. Edward B. Postert, scoutmaster; Otto Boehm, assistant scoutmaster; and Tom Egan, Sr., committeeman.

The troop arrived back in town Saturday afternoon after a happy and successful outing.

Attendance Heavy At Army-Navy Club During Week-End

Saturday night traffic at the Army and Navy Club was the heaviest in many weeks, the actual door count being over 600. These records are being kept for use in reports to the USO, and during recent months attendance at the club has run from 4,000 to well over 5,000 a month of service men and their families.

Since refreshments have been sent to the club hostess to dispense Saturday and Sunday afternoons attendance has increased and many compliments have been heard from the service men who visit the club. The past week, Mrs. A. McGregor, club hostess, was able to serve both Saturday and Sunday afternoons with refreshments sent in by Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. J. R. Lusk, Mrs. Ola McMillan, Mrs. Chester Cherry, Mrs. B. M. Batts, Mrs. Jack McGregor, Mrs. H. J. Zappe, Mrs. W. W. Mitchell of Norton, and others in Ballinger and out of town. E. J. Handley gave the club a number of phonograph records.

Activities at the club mounted this week as wives of new cadets

cake was served with punch to 45 members.

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Richard Earl presided for the regular weekly business and social meeting. Plans were made for a picnic on Friday at City Park.

New members introduced were Mmes. Joe Chenoweth, Neal Morrison, Glen Giddings, and William Gilerest.

Refreshments were furnished by Mr. Fred Harman.

Mrs. Apts Entertains Airfield Allies

Mrs. E. C. Apts entertained Airfield Allies Wednesday afternoon with games of bridge and rummy in City Hall auditorium followed by the serving of a dessert course with coffee at the Central Hotel. Snapdragons were used for decoration where Mrs. Apts presided for the business meeting when a luncheon was planned for the wives of new instructors at Bruce Field. Bridge prize was won by Mrs. D. G. Thomason and rummy by Mrs. C. E. Pafford.

Others present were: Mmes. S. G. Christopher, Leroy Sakewitz, W. L. Morien, Louis A. Handrick, J. W. Capps, G. F. Hoard, W. L. Barber, W. R. O'Neill, L. E. Leffer, C. B. Polansky, and Jerry Church.

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arrived in town and sought rooms, apartments and houses. A formal graduation dance was held Saturday evening with a dance band from Camp Berkeley furnishing the music.

THE BREATH OF SPRING THAT NOW PREVAILS

Puts one in mind of the fine times that will be had a little later when most everyone will be taking a little picnic lunch and perhaps a few fishing lines and heading for the quiet of a shady spot under a sprawling pecan or elm in your favorite spot down on the river or creek.

The first requisite for such an outing is lunch and the basis of all lunches is meat. We have an endless number of choice prepared lunch meats, cheese, bacon, ham and other delicacies, such as bread, cakes, pickles, and potted meats.

Also Remember This—

For that Sunday Dinner we will delight in helping you plan the meat for the day, wonderful Roasts of Beef, Lamb, Pork, Dressed Fryers, and Hams in whole or by the piece.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on April 13, 1944, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including \$521.71 overdrafts)	\$ 537,734.24
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	649,500.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	128,517.50
5. Corporate stocks (including \$4,950.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	4,950.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,053,805.69
7. Bank premises owned \$27,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$2,500.00	29,500.00
11. Other assets	100.00
12. Total Assets	\$2,404,107.43

LIABILITIES

13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$1,965,505.98
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	187,090.49
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	34,077.59
17. Deposits of banks	27,578.69
19. Total Deposits	\$2,214,252.75
23. Other liabilities	446.24
24. Total Liabilities	\$2,214,698.99

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	64,000.00
27. Undivided profits	25,408.44
29. Total Capital Accounts	189,408.44
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$2,404,107.43

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	325,000.00
(e) Total	325,000.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	185,745.55
(d) Total	185,745.55

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

HARRY LYNN, Cashier.

(SEAL) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th day of April, 1944.

Edna Mae Lowry, Notary Public.

CORRECT—Attest: F. M. Pearce, Drury P. Hathaway, R. G. Erwin, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 460,069.43
Overdrafts	521.71
Banking House	27,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,950.00
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 649,500.00
Bonds and Warrants	128,517.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	56,000.00
U. S. Defense Stamps	100.00
Bills of Exchange	21,143.10
CASH and EXCHANGE	1,053,805.69
	1,909,066.29
	\$2,404,107.43
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	89,854.63
DEPOSITS	2,214,252.75
	\$2,404,107.43

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High winds and continued dry weather are causing the ground to lose moisture fast and farmers and ranchmen are in distress for lack of rain. Especially is small grain in need of moisture to continue growth. Most of the fields in Runnels county are at more or less of a standstill at this time and the ground is beginning to crack. Pastures also need moisture to keep weeds and grass growing.

Police and firemen have to issue many warnings to local citizens to keep them from congesting traffic every time the fire siren is sounded. A city ordinance here makes it a violation for anyone who does not pull to the curb when the alarm is given and the motorist must remain there until all equipment and firemen have had time to get to the scene of the blaze. Fire lanes are supposed to be open for fast traffic, but in recent fires delays have been caused by sightseers getting in the way of equipment and blocking firemen from water plugs. Police Chief J. D. McNutt stated this week that a few stiff fines might help to remind the curious that the firemen have the right-of-way during fires. Citizens also were warned that they must park cars at least 100 yards from the scene of a fire.

Ballinger business houses are meeting the request of the Ballinger Board of Community Development.

ment for a bigger budget in order to maintain the organization. The B. C. D. has been operating for a number of years on approximately the same income but increased costs of operation and the necessity of hiring a full time secretary are demanding that the budget be increased or the activities will have to be curtailed. Committees called on a number of firms the past week and met a ready response, more than 80 per cent of those contacted agreeing to subscribe monthly sums larger than they have been giving. Officers and committees stated today that they expected by May 1 to be able to go ahead and employ a secretary-manager and to continue the full program of activities.

Mrs. J. H. Goss and Miss Helen Edmondson, of Abilene, were weekend visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mrs. Fred McClanahan.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: B. W. Beard, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 22nd day of May, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 28th day of March, 1944. The number of said suit being No. 4951. The names of the parties in said suit are: Henrietta Sides Beard, as Plaintiff, and B. W. Beard, as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff against defendant for judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them and divorcing them from each other and for general relief on the ground that while they lived together, defendant, without just cause, was guilty of cruel treatment, excesses and outrages toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together unupportable, plaintiff further alleges she and defendant were legally married on or about the 4th day of March, A. D. 1944, and permanently separated on March 24th, A. D. 1944, and that no children were born to them; plaintiff further requests that her maiden name of Henrietta Sides be restored to her.

Issued this the 9th day of April, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 9th day of April, A. D. 1944.

MEES WINONA PARKER, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
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WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Melvin school board last week reelected all teachers on its present faculty. K. O. Ellington, who is completing his seventh year as superintendent, has been given a three-year contract. Floyd Marshall, who started his teaching career at Melvin ten years ago, has been given a new contract as high school principal.

The Merton Lions Club has undertaken the sponsorship of a garden contest among the citizens. Gardens will be judged on the variety of vegetables successfully grown with the yield the most important part of the score card. One member of each family entering a garden in the contest will keep the production records.

Judge W. H. Franks, of Menard, was the principal speaker at the Junction firemen's annual banquet last week. Chester Cherry, of Ballinger, talked on war and post-war problems of fire departments. The names of 25 former members of the department, now in service, were read during the program following the banquet.

The Brownwood Santa Fe dormitories will be completed this week and opened for public inspection Sunday before they are occupied. Rooms in the new brick-sheet rock building are to be rented to single male employees of the railroad, but if they are not all occupied other war workers will be taken as roomers. Hershel Newby has been appointed manager of the government project.

The Winters Red Cross chapter has appointed a committee of three to serve with the home service secretary on questions dealing with prisoners of war. The committee, composed of Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. Duncan Hensley and Ralph Lloyd, will assist the next of kin in getting letters, packages and other essentials to men in enemy prison camps and in any other way they can render service.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Boatright will be with the Miles Four-square Gospel Church the remainder of the month in a special revival. Rev. Fred V. Thomas, pastor, made arrangements for the services of the evangelists.

Brady city officials revealed last week that the state highway department had agreed to maintain three streets which also are state or federal highways. These streets have been constructed and were maintained by the city until March 29.

Menard county citizens have donated 120 pints of blood to the Red Cross recently. A mobile unit sent to Mason from San Antonio received 353 pints of blood from donors in the two counties. The Menard county group formed a caravan to go to Mason for this purpose.

The Universal Concrete Pipe Co. is reported planning to establish a plant at Sweetwater and practically all the details are said to have been worked out. Supplies of sand, gravel and water are big factors in this industry, and shipping facilities are also important.

A survey in Coleman county discloses a large number of combines and other farm implement parts are needed to carry on the 1944 agricultural program. Numerous farmers desire to buy combines to harvest small grain, it is reported, and indications are that many replacement parts for farm equipment will have to be supplied for successful operation this summer and fall.

In order to save interest the Comanche county commissioners' court has issued \$60,000 in refunding bonds and paid off outstanding bonds bearing a higher rate. The bonds outstanding were on the court house, which was recently remodeled and modernized. The saving in interest by the conversion will amount to more than \$6,000.

E. R. Eudaly and O. W. Thompson, dairy specialists of the A & M. College extension service, talked to dairy farmers of the Rising Star section yesterday evening. The experts were brought to Eastland county at the instance of County Agent Floyd Lynch to assist in solving dairying problems.

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New Shoe Stamp To be Valid May 1; Some Unrationed

The office of price administration announced this week that airplane stamp No. 2 in book three may be used for the purchase of a pair of shoes after May 1. The new stamp is good indefinitely and stamp No. 18 in book No. 1 expires on April 30.

It was also stated that from May 1 through May 20 children's low-priced shoes (maximum \$1.60 per pair) in sizes 8½ through 12, and misses' and little boys' shoes in sizes 12½ through 3, will be ration free.

In 1943 sales of civilian shoes exceeded production by 53 million pairs, which made it necessary late last year to decrease the number of shoes available to civilians.

The OPA appeals to housewives and other shoppers to take their shopping bags to town with them to avert a shortage of store bags anticipated during the next few months. Customers also are asked to take boxes and small boxes without wrapping. The current allocation of bags and wrapping paper is less than one-third the pre-war supply.

Waste paper collection has been increasing steadily but is still far behind estimates. Indications are that the drive for waste paper will be continued.

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

MORE AUTOMOBILES AND TRUCKS ARE REGISTERED IN COUNTY THIS YEAR

Registration of automobiles, trucks, commercial cars and trailers in Runnels county for 1944 shows a slight increase over 1943, according to figures tabulated at the office of W. A. Forney, county tax assessor-collector. While there have been no new car sales here during the past year and registered their motor vehicles in this county for the first time in 1944.

According to the tabulations 3,660 passenger cars were registered in the county for this year to date. Commercial cars registered number 330, while 325 farm vehicle and 50 trailer plates were issued.

There are few cars being taken out of service to date because of age, lack of tires or other causes, the records show.

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The War Food Administration is urging farmers to an all-out effort to produce more in 1944 for military, civilian, lend-lease and foreign relief programs.

This is the cotton farmer's chance for distinguished service on the Food and Feed Front. Food fats and oils are scarce and rationed. Supplies of meat and milk are short and expected to be shorter.

COTTONSEED supplies these edible oils and COTTONSEED MEAL and CAKE furnish the protein concentrate essential to increased production of meat and milk.

By increasing the cotton acreage planted in 1944, farmers will be helping the Nation, the War Effort and themselves. **PLANT MORE COTTON FOR VICTORY!**

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PRODUCE MORE IN '44

Gardening for Victory

along the **Santa Fe**

Soon travelers will be seeing plots of beets, beans, tomatoes, corn and other needed vegetables "coming along" on both sides of our tracks.

For once again Santa Fe has made its right-of-way available to its employees for Victory Garden space.

This railroad is heart and soul behind America's Victory Garden project. Not only has land been made available, but we are offering \$2000 in War Bonds to our best Victory Gardeners as an added incentive toward helping "Food Fight for Freedom."

Located as we are "Along the Route to Tokyo," Santa Fe people throughout our 13,148 miles of track can "feel" this war. They are working full hours to move along the never-ending loads of guns, tanks, men and munitions.

Perhaps that's another reason why they're not only working harder on their railroad jobs, but are pretty fine War Bond buyers and Victory Gardeners as well.

It's Santa Fe all the way for the U. S. A.!

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Even-Smoked Wedding Performed at Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dr. Jack McGregor Lynn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eates M. Lynn, and Miss Anne M. Bismack were married April 26th in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dr. Lynn graduated from Rice Institute, Houston, in 1937, and in 1942 from the University of Texas School of Medicine, where he was a member of the AKK medical fraternity and was appointed to membership in the AOA medical scholarship fraternity. He served one year's internship at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and is now completing a year as assistant resident surgeon at the University of Michigan.

Miss Bismack was graduated from Detroit, Michigan, High School and had two years college work in Detroit, transferring to Michigan University School of Nursing, where she graduated in February, 1944.

Dr. and Mrs. Lynn left immediately for a short trip to Cleveland, Ohio, after which they will be at home in Ann Arbor, where Dr. Lynn has recently received a three-year appointment in the University of Michigan Hospital as a resident physician in the department of urology, in which branch of medicine Dr. Lynn is specializing.

Mmes. Castor and Carter Entertain Altar Society

Mrs. Charles Castor and Mrs. Marie Carter were hostesses to St. Mary's Altar Society Monday afternoon in their home on Eighth Street.

Individual sewing was done in rooms decorated with pansies, irises and pinks. The purchase of new altar linens was discussed and announcement made that a new study would begin at the next meeting. Contributions were made for defense stamps.

Sandwiches were served with cake and coffee to: Rev. Edward B. Postert, Mmes. L. Afflerbach, Chester Afflerbach, H. B. Halfmann, Walter Mueller, Sim Cottelle, E. C. Schott; and Miss Mary Krc. members: Mmes. Margaret Evans and Aurelia Webb, visitors; and Charles Afflerbach and Duane Carter.

Current Book Club in Saunders Home

Current Book Club members were entertained by Mrs. Alex Saunders Tuesday afternoon in her home on Eleventh Street.

Purple irises from her own flower garden gave color and fragrance to rooms where a playlet, "Not Tonight" by Mannix Walker, was presented by a group of junior high school students under the direction of Miss Louise

LeMond. Those taking part were: Betty Jean Underwood, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Jack Hampton, Jr., Howard Martin, and Marilyn Agnew.

Pansy corsages were favors for the sandwich plate served with coffee. Others included were: Mmes. Fred Holliday, O. C. Sykes, Hershel Bankston, Sam Behringer, O. R. O'Neill, C. A. Glover, Chester Cherry, A. B. Legate, W. J. Morrison, Gertrude Woods, W. A. Taylor, John Barton, Jack Nixon, Sr., O. R. Lasater, J. E. Dankworth, J. D. Eoff, Tom Caudle, and Paul Petty.

Mrs. Capps Hostess to Officers Wives

Mrs. J. W. Capps was hostess to the Officers Wives Club Tuesday afternoon in her attractive Third Street home.

Mrs. L. A. Handrick won high score award, Mrs. Bruce Johnson, second high; and Mrs. W. L. Morlen, low.

A salad course was served with tea. Others were: Mmes. W. T. Seibert, Gayle Hoard, Jerry Church, and D. G. Thomason.

DRY RIDGE 4-H CLUB

The Dry Ridge 4-H club had its regular meeting Tuesday morning under the leadership of Miss Ozzie Folkes.

James McAden, president of the club, presided. Betty Lou Batts serves as secretary, and Jo Ann Chapman leads the recreation period.

Miss Folkes gave a profitable discussion of meal planning during the program of demonstration.

Some very outstanding work is being done in this club. Special mention is given to Betty Lou Batts for the splendid work she has accomplished in canning.

OLFEN BOYS' 4-H CLUB

The Olfen boys' 4-H club held its regular meeting April 13. All members were present.

Mr. Barton, county agent, gave a talk about insect control. The boys were told there were over 700,000 kinds of insects. All were of different sizes and shapes. An insect has three parts to its body and has six legs. There are two kinds of insects, the sucking kind and the kind that chews its food. The sucking kind are harder to kill than the ones that chew food. Mr. Barton showed the difference between a bug and a beetle. A beetle has four wings, the outer pair being hard and shiny and serving as protection to the inner pair. Some bugs have wings and some don't. They have a sucking mouth.

Mr. Barton also showed a garden duster. He said that a mixture of rotenone and sulphur would kill all insects.

For entertainment a few numbers were played on the piano. Marvin Haechten played his accordion, accompanied by James Pelzel on his guitar. Quintin Halfmann also played a guitar. Jerome Hoelscher and Alvin Ger-

gross played their clarinets. The next meeting will be held May 11 in the Olfen school.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Lil and Beans

Ninth Grade Picnic
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The group danced and played various games and then were served a ranch style dinner which consisted of bar-b-q, red beans, bread, pickles, potato salad, and for dessert, eskimo pies. We want to give our special thanks to the mothers who made the potato salad and to Mr. Weldon Howell who donated the pickles and cooked the other food for a very reasonable price.

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A report on the council meeting was given by Mrs. Newman Smith.

A marketing committee, composed of Mmes. C. D. Harris, V. L. McShan, and Harold Routh, was appointed.

A discussion of the district convention, which will be held at Eastland May 9, was also given. Mrs. B. M. Batts will serve as a delegate from the club. A bus carrying women from different clubs of the county will leave Winters at 6:30 on the morning of May 9, making the round trip in a day.

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Mrs. Bellows

Dorothy Ann Holliday, Chester Frazier, Jack Hampton, Admiral Bellows.

Howard Martin, Marilyn Agnew, Aunt Fay, Marilyn Agnew. The play was so well received at school that two other appearances were scheduled, one before the high school dramatics club last Thursday, the other before the Current Book Club at Mrs. E. A. Saunders' home April 26.

Guess Who?

He is a dark complexioned boy in the ninth grade. His black eyes snap when he is fretted, but most of the time twinkle with good natured mischief. His favorite subject is science and he says that his ambition is to find a place in this field of work when he is grown. He plays tackle in foot-

ball, and guard in basketball. He confides he has never had a date in his life. He is a real cute, jolly, boy girl!

Last week's "guess who" column featured Willa Faye Wood and Marilyn Bowden.

Omission

A correction is in order. Last week we omitted by mistake a little number on the assembly program. This was a reading "When the Teacher Gets Cross," given by Dorothy Harral.

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Overdrafts	3,587.65
Banking House	14,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
War Saving Stamps	\$ 100.00
Cash and due from Banks	844,204.34
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	677,944.03
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	23,400.00
Bills of Exchange	75,212.04
	1,620,890.61
	\$1,922,639.46
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	31,500.00
Undivided Profits, Net	25,716.27
Deposits	1,765,423.19
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Elementary School
Children to Present
Program Tomorrow

Parents and friends of the Ballinger elementary school are invited to be present Friday afternoon from 1:15 until later to witness special work by pupils of the lower grades.

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal, said all parents of pupils in the school were especially invited as

well as any others who desire to attend. The program, to start promptly at 1:15 p. m., will be held in the school gymnasium.

The following program has been announced:

"Texas, Our Texas," sung by all students

"When it's Round up Time in Texas," group song by all, with James Lee Underwood as soloist

"Home on the Range," first grades

"Whoopie Ti-Yi-Ho," second grades

"Old Chisholm Trail," third grades

"Jolly is the Miller," first grades

"Captain Jinks," second grades

"Have You Ever Been to Texas in the Spring," fourth grades

"Eyes of Texas," by all. Repeated in Spanish by fourth, fifth and sixth grades.

"We Love Texas," sixth grades; Carolyn McCleeny, accompanist

"A Hunting We Will Go," third grades

"Virginia Reel," fourth grades

Selection by beginners' band

Patriotic selections by all:

1. Infantry Song

2. "Anchors Aweigh"

3. Marine Hymn

4. Army Air Corps Song

5. "Star Spangled Banner," sung by all.

The program is under the direction of Mrs. James Page, assisted by classroom teachers Miss Carmen Demmer and Mrs. O. G. Joiner are accompanists.

OLFEN SCHOOL NEWS

P. T. A. Notes

The P. T. A. will take charge of the canning of carrots for the lunchroom. The ladies decided to go to Hallinger to can them, and Tuesday was considered to be the best day for canning.

The suggestion to obtain a meat locker for the lunchroom met with approval.

It was decided that cakes be baked and auction at the school program Friday night, April 14, also that a free-will offering be collected for the benefit of the P. T. A. Both of these latter suggestions were carried out, and the result was \$63.73.

Rev. F. M. Kaminsky gave a talk on "Christian Culture Throughout the Ages." He pointed out that conquering nations usually impose their culture on the nation they have conquered. Greece was an exception. Although Rome conquered Greece, it was Greek culture that prevailed. The speaker referred also to the present conflict and said that true Christian culture does not mean the sum total of a people's accomplishments in the various fields of human endeavor. It embraces also the ideals towards which a nation aspires.

As a guest of the meeting, the members were privileged to have Mrs. Acker of Nazareth. Mr. and Mrs. Acker were visiting in Olfen with Rev. G. A. Boeckman of Nazareth.

A nominating committee was appointed to nominate officers for the next school term.

Variety Program

The variety program presented by the pupils of Olfen school Friday night afforded much pleasure and entertainment to an appreciative audience. It consisted of songs, folk dances, rhythm band and musical selections, a one-act comedy, "In Doubt About Daisy," and a playlet, "Mary's Victory Garden."

A war-time budget should include war bonds and stamps.

Harley Sadler Show
To be Here May 4-6

Harley Sadler, pioneer West Texas showman, will bring his tent theatre and popular company of players to Ballinger for a three-day engagement on May



Harley Sadler

4, 5, and 6. The tent will be set up on Seventh Street between Hutchings and Railroad avenues, where there is plenty of parking room for cars.

After being off the road for some time and serving his district in the legislature, Mr. Sadler is returning to his first love, the show business. He opened his summer season several weeks ago and has been doing a capacity business in towns that were formerly his indisputed territory.

As usual he will come to Ballinger under the sponsorship of the American Legion with the local post sharing in the receipts of the performances.

Sadler's opening bill will be one of those comedies which brought him fame all over West Texas, "Toby Goes to Washington."

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Lewis Hensley

Junior Play

The junior class presents its play, "Everybody's Crazy," Thursday night, April 24, at 9 o'clock.

The cast of characters includes: Herb Stanley Milton Shelburne Elmer Sneed Troy Compton Tommy Wilkins

Dee Elton Hambricht William Bates

Jimmie W Hambricht Ketuna Katt Ouida M Sharpes Julie Mather Nelda Faye Lee Mrs. Spooner Bonnie B. Turner Godfrey Van Gorden

Bill Mackey Caroline Laverall Lee Cella Nita Taylor Adom Pottle

Billie Jaen Leonard Libby Ann Maxine Mitchell Colored: Gladia, Bonnie W. Lee, and Jasper, Neal Clark Messenger Boy

Wesley J. Stewart

The Ghost ???????

Admission prices will be 10c and 20c.

There shall be a period of voluntarily "bond sales" previous to the beginning of the play. Everybody is urged to attend.

T. B. Tests

Tuberculin tests were given to 63 high school students Monday morning.

Tennis

Two of our girls have done quite well with their tennis. Bonnie Wayne Lee and Charlene Carlton won district and then won the bi-district by default. The girls go to Abilene Saturday to compete for the regional title. Good luck, girls!

Honor Roll

The honor roll consists of Doris Allen, Johnnie Ash, Geraldine McDorman, Mattie Landers, Lewis Hensley, seniors; Nelda Faye Lee, junior; Pauline Zak and Bettye Joyce Shelbourne.

Literary Society

The literary society met Friday afternoon with Mrs. Hull as guest. The program was conducted as a "Take it or Leave it" type. Travis Daniels, Mrs. Hull, and Warren Colthorp won "64" dollars.

Senior Party

The senior class went to Ballinger Monday night and saw "Government Girl," and "Madame Curie." The shows were enjoyed by all.

TOTAL BANK DEPOSITS

HERE APRIL 13 \$3,979,675

A call for bank statements as of April 13 shows total deposits here of \$3,979,675.94, which is a loss of only about \$70,000 since the last call for statements on December 30, 1943.

According to this report the more than half a million dollars' worth of war bonds bought in the fourth war loan drive did not materially reduce deposits in Ballinger banks and about the same total is still being held on individual deposits.

Loans of the two local banks as of April 13 totaled \$744,228.

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Ballinger Firemen To Hold Memorial Service on May 7

At the regular meeting of the Ballinger fire department Thursday evening at the city hall station, reports were given by Chief Chester Cherry and D. G. Posey on the Mid-West Firemen's Association convention, recently held at Merkel, and the annual banquet of the Junction department.

It was announced that the Ballinger fire department would hold its annual memorial service on the first Sunday in May. This first service of the kind will be held this year in the Grace Baptist Church. Jim Hash, chairman of the committee on arrangements, will announce the complete details as soon as the entire program is arranged.

Delegates to the state convention, to be held at Waco on the second Tuesday in June, were elected. D. G. Posey and Malcolm Morgan are the official delegates and J. A. Schnable and Claude Mansell are alternates.

The firemen voted to sponsor the organization of a Cub pack of Ballinger boys just under Boy Scout age. A representative of the Concho Valley council explained the forming of a pack and a committee is to be appointed for this purpose. A large number of boys have requested membership in such an organization.

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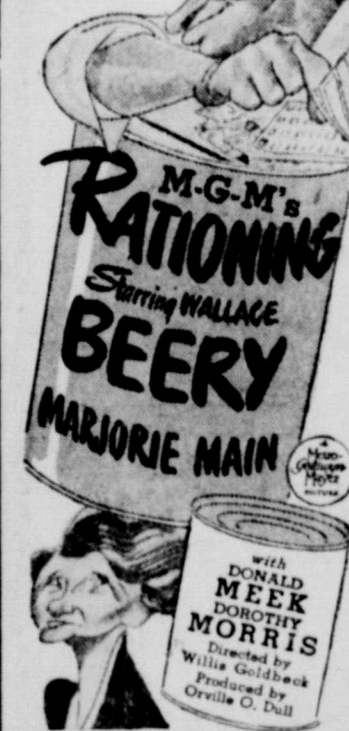
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Miss Mary S. Herndon New Home Economist Of Lone Star Division

Appointment of Miss Mary Sue Herndon as home economist for the south portion of Lone Star Gas Co.'s Abilene division of distribution, which includes Ballinger, has been announced by M. L. Bird, division superintendent. Miss Herndon will aid homemakers in cookery problems and in the



Miss Mary Sue Herndon

preparation and conservation of food under wartime restrictions, Mr. Bird said. She will assist customers in securing greater efficiency in operating gas-fired kitchen equipment. Her services will be available for all customers of the gas company.

A native of Nashville, Arkansas, Miss Herndon attended Magnolia A. & M. College at Magnolia, Ark., and Texas State College for Women at Denton, where she received her B.S. degree in foods and nutrition. She joined Lone Star Gas Co. home economics department last November when she was stationed in Dallas to undergo a company training program. Prior to coming with Lone Star Miss Herndon served as assistant homemaking supervisor for the farm security administration at Hampton, Arkansas; home-making teacher for the Elaine, Arkansas, schools, and dietitian for the Children's Hospital of Texas at Dallas. While at Dallas Miss Herndon was a member of the Dallas Dietetic Association and the Highland Park Baptist Church.

Waste Paper Drive Will be Concluded By Scouts Saturday

Ballinger Boy Scouts plan to cover the entire city Saturday in concluding their waste paper drive. During the past six weeks large quantities of paper have been concentrated in a local warehouse and after the Scouts work the town Saturday it is believed they will have a carload to ship.

Leaders do not know whether the campaign will be continued past Saturday or stopped then. When they began the project at the request of the county salvage committee they only had a market for scrap paper for a limited period. All the paper on hand probably will be shipped next week in order to get the guaranteed price, agreed on by a purchasing agency and the county salvage committee chairman, H. J. Zappe.

Scoutmasters stated today they wished to express the appreciation of their troops for the splendid cooperation of Ballinger citizens in bundling papers and placing them on sidewalks where they could easily be picked up by the boys. Further announcement will be made as soon as the salvage committee gets more information about the demand for old paper.

They keep fighting— You keep buying WAR BONDS

'The Desert Song'



Scene from "The Desert Song" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

'Desert Song' in Technicolor Has Sigmund Romberg Music

In what promises to be one of the most spectacular films of the year, Dennis Morgan and Irene Manning, appearing together for the first time, are starred in Warner Bros.' musical production "The Desert Song," billed at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 23, 24, 25.

Produced in brilliant technicolor, the production is a completely modernized version of the famed musical stage success of the same name, with all of the original Sigmund Romberg music which includes such favorites as "One Alone," "The Desert Song," "The Riff Song," and "Romance."

Told against the exotic background of North Africa just before Germany and France went to war, the story treats of a young American musician who takes it upon himself to protect the Riff slave labor from Nazi aggression. Working through Caid Youseff (Victor Francen), a rich Arab, who is in league with them, the Germans persuade France to build a railroad from the interior of Northern Africa to Dakar. The paid employes Riff slave labor to drive the railroad through over impassable terrain, and the Riffs die like flies. Paul Hudson, played by Dennis Morgan, is incensed by this treatment of the Riffs and becomes their friend and champion.

Hiding his identity under the name of El Khobar, he uses every

spare moment in attempts to free the Riffs from the German-inspired French and soon becomes a one-man scourge of the desert.

When the French authorities become aware of the real identity of El Khobar, they stage a surprise raid, and El Khobar escapes only through the efforts of his friend Johnny Walsh (Lynne Overman), a newspaper reporter. In time Paul acquaints Col. Fontaine (Bruce Cabot), a French officer, with the true facts of the case, and he is instrumental in freeing the Riffs.

The story of "The Desert Song" is based on a play by Lawrence Schwab, Otto Harbach, Oscar Hammerstein 2nd, Sigmund Romberg and Frank Mandel.

"Rookies in Burma," Army Comedy, and "Crime School," Juvenile Delinquency Drama, Tomorrow

A Wally Brown-Alan Carney skit of army life, "Rookies in Burma," and a drama starring Humphrey Bogart, "Crime School," are the two feature-length films at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. In addition several shorts make up a well-balanced program for week-end moviegoers.

Newest fun team on the screen, Wally Brown and Alan Carney, are starred in the RKO Radio comedy, "Rookies in Burma," with plenty of hilarious situations in the jungles of the Far East.

The exploits of the goofy pair in baffling their Jap captors with double-talk and in escaping from them in a stolen reconnaissance car, lead to most of the side-splitting action of the film. Erford Gage heads the supporting cast, with Joan Barclay and Claire Carleton adding the feminine lure to the offering.

A dramatic story calculated to shock the public into the awareness of the alarming rise in juvenile delinquency since Pearl Harbor is Warner Bros. "Crime School," a re-release that sets forth vividly and realistically the problem of reforming erring boys into useful members of a community.

Featured with Bogart are Gale Page and the "Dead End" Kids.

Mrs. Walter McDorman is back at home in Ballinger, recovering from an operation she underwent April 1 at the Winters hospital.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

Ballinger Students Will Participate In Regional Meet

A large number of Ballinger students will go to Abilene Saturday to take part in the regional meet. All have participated in area meet events, where there was any competition, and have won the right to take part in the regional events.

Coach Felton Wright has fifteen track men who are eligible to participate in the regional contests and most of these will be at Abilene Saturday. In the list are few first place winners and the competition will be hard when all the class A winners of this section are assembled.

In the extemporaneous speaking contest Claudia Burk will be the entry for the Ballinger schools. In declamation Gwen Morgan will represent the senior girls, and J. H. Parrish the senior boys. Both of these groups have been coached by Miss Katherine Freeman, public speaking teacher.

Miss Freeman will also enter a one-act play from the Ballinger school. The local performers are to present "One Who Came to Gettysburg" Saturday evening. In the cast are: Charlotte Miller, Elizabeth Routh, Leon King, J. H. Parrish, Sam Sensabaugh and Fred Carroll.

The typing team of the Ballinger school is composed of Keva Lou Hays, Belle Graves and Doris Wessels. All three have been selected for their speed and accuracy and have had special training for the contests.

The shorthand team is composed of Juanita Culwell, Barteon Henry and LaVierne Pape.

Others to take part in the Abilene meet include Jack Kopecky, boys' singles in tennis, and Leonard Gerhardt and Stephen Pustka, boys' doubles.

The Ballinger students and their teachers will leave here Saturday morning and remain in Abilene the entire day.

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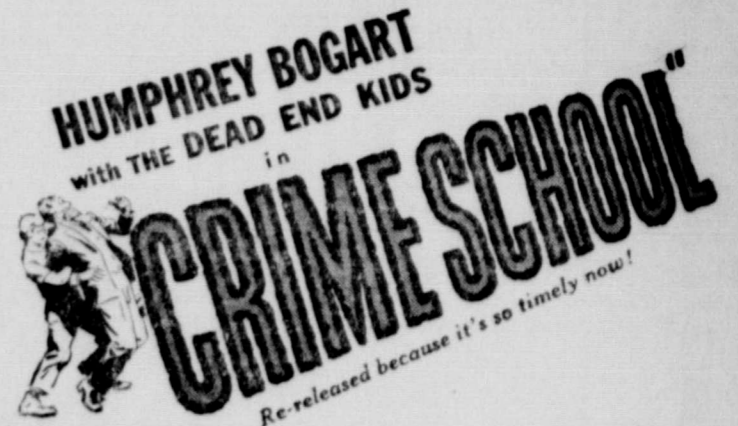
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This is a picture of Staff Sgt. Jesse R. Drawley, 25, of Luzerne, Mich., just before being evacuated from Bougainville Island after being twice wounded in the fierce fighting. He lost his left eye and was wounded in the right breast. Drawley, who was first wounded in the battle for Guadalcanal, distinguished himself at Bougainville by rescuing two wounded tank men, killing three Japs with a tommy gun, and although twice wounded guided another tank against a Nip pill box which they speedily knocked out. Back up such fighting men as Sgt. Drawley by buying War Bonds.
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Cpl. Alfred R. Koenig recently visited here with his wife and daughter while on furlough. He spent half his time with his parents at Cross Plains. He left here last Thursday to return to Camp Claiborne, Louisiana, where he is stationed.

AN EIGHTH AAF BOMBER STATION, England—Capt. Tom A. Crockett, Jr., of Winters, was the pilot of the leading flying fortress of an air division on a recent mission to Berlin.

The captain has been overseas for nine months and during this period has received the distinguished flying cross for outstanding achievements while engaged on combat missions over Nazi Europe, as well as the air medal and three oak leaf clusters. He also has been recommended for a cluster to his D.F.C.

Crockett joined the army following his graduation from Paint Rock high school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Crockett, live on route three, Winters.

Major Robert K. Urban, former commander of Bruce Field and for several months commander of Avenger Field, Sweetwater, has been ordered to the cadet center at San Antonio on special assignment. He was succeeded at Sweetwater by Lt. Col. George F. Keene, as commander of the training school for WASPs.

Captain J. C. Ward, for almost two years at Bruce Field, and more recently at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, has been assigned to Aloe Field, Victoria. Mrs. Ward accompanied him to his new post.

Sgt. Fred Wellhausen, stationed at Kelly Field, Texas, has returned to his post after a furlough and visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wellhausen.

Sgt. Sam Wellhausen, recently stationed in Ohio with the engineers corps, has arrived safely in North Africa. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wellhausen, were advised of his safe arrival this week.

Lt. Joe Ingram, stationed at Bruce Field for some time, has been transferred to Avenger Field, Sweetwater. Mrs. Ingram accompanied him to Sweetwater, where they will reside.

Lt. and Mrs. James M. Brown are here from Pasadena, Calif., for a visit with Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn. Lt. Brown has been doing research in long range weather forecasting at California Tech for the past seven months. He has been assigned to duty in the department of meteorology at Hensley Field, Fort Worth.

Cpl. P. G. Green was here the past week-end to visit his mother and other relatives and friends. He has served in the Aleutians for the past 18 months and it was his first furlough home in two years.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Block have received several letters in the past few weeks from their son, Sylvester E. Block, RM 3c. Sylvester stated that he was never in one place long enough for mail to catch up with him and said when they missed mail it made them feel pretty low. He stated that the natives where he was at the time ate shark meat and coconuts, and the women would wash a marine's clothes for just one cigarette.

First Lt. Jesse L. George, army air forces and in England since July 1, and Sgt. Monte George, medical corps and in England for about three months, met recently by coincident in the George Hotel at Reading, England. Lt. George obtained an additional two-day

furlough that they might have a longer visit together. The two men are sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. George of Wichita Falls, and nephews of R. E. George of Ballinger. Later information received here is that Lt. George recently was promoted to the rank of captain.

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Miss Mae Good left Tuesday morning for Austin, where she will attend the state nurses' convention. She will also visit relatives and friends at Houston and Cameron before returning to Ballinger.

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DEATHS

George Washington Dean
George Washington Dean, 73, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 after only seven days' illness but failing health for four or five years.

Decedent came to this section from Mexia in 1907 and had been a leading farmer in the county ever since. In addition to operating large cultivated acreage near Ballinger he was an agricultural leader in the county and served in many places of responsibility. He served as president of the board of directors of the Ballinger Coop Gin Co. since its organization.

Survivors besides the wife include two sons, O. J. Dean and E. Herbert Dean, both of Ballinger; a brother, Charles Dean, Spur; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel this afternoon at 4:30. Rev. Clarence A. Morton and Rev. M. C. Golden officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Alfonso Gressett

Alfonso Gressett, 58, died at his home here Monday evening from a heart attack. When found he had been dead for a short time.

Decedent came to Runnels county in 1918 from Brady and had made home here ever since.

Survivors besides the wife include two sons, Petty Officer Roy Gressett, Columbus, Ohio; and Gordon Gressett, in the army medical corps and serving somewhere in the Pacific; a daughter, Mrs. E. F. Vogelsang, Ballinger; two brothers, John Gressett, Ballinger; and W. K. Gressett, Comanche; two sisters, Mrs. Rothal McDaniel, California; and Mrs. W. R. Gaines, Comanche; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Clarence A. Morton officiating. Burial followed in the Runnels cemetery.

Pallbearers were Arthur Pullin, Roy Clark, Jonas Little, Arthur Hoffman, Oscar Cox, and Arch Brookshier.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

SAN ANGELO COLLEGE

CHOIR GIVES PROGRAM

The San Angelo junior college all-girl choir of thirty voices was here today for an appearance before the Ballinger high school students and faculty from 11:30 to noon. The group proved their ability as singers and completely won the audience with their opening number, "Say a Prayer for the Boys Over There."

All the numbers were popular modern songs, closing with a fine arrangement of "The Army Air Corps Song."

In the special numbers rendered by soloists of the choir, Miss Joelle Coffman, formerly of Ballinger, was heard in a comedy offering and received the biggest applause of the program.

The choir is touring part of West Texas in the interest of the college and telling senior classes of the opportunities offered in the San Angelo school.

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Blue Stamp Items
TEXSON GRAPEFRUIT Highway 44-Oz. 28¢
JUICE Tomatoes No. 2 1/2 Can 15¢
3 Points per Can 7 Points per Can

Spinach Standard No. 2 14¢
Tomato Juice Swift 18-Oz. 11¢

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Sausage Armour's Vienna No. 1 13¢
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