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Stage Set Here for Final Bond Rally

Serving Uncle Sam

AN EIGHTH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—For "extraordinary achievement" during bombing attacks on Nazi war plants and on military targets in support of allied ground forces, First Lieutenant Luther Morris, 23, of Ballinger, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross.

Lt. Morris is bombardier on the 8th air force B-17 Flying Fortress "The Ole Battle Axe." In addition to the DFC, he holds the air medal with four oak leaf clusters for his part in the battles with Nazi flak and fighters in the war's toughest air theatre.

He is a member of the 388th bomber group, a unit of the 3rd bombardment division, the division cited by President Roosevelt for its shuttle mission to Africa when Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg were bombed.

Lt. Morris has flown in attacks on military objectives in Berlin, on oil refineries at Merseburg, Zeltz, Ludwigshaven, Magdeburg, and Leipzig, aircraft plants at Munich, marshalling yards at Cologne and Mannheim, the docks at Bremen and Hamburg, tactical targets in Normandy immediately after the invasion and Nazi flying bomb sites in the Pas de Calais area. He also helped drop supplies to the Maquis in France.

Returning from the Munich mission, his plane was hit by flak and had a windmilling prop. When they landed, the prop tore loose from the engine and slashed through the nose of the fort and badly damaged other sections.

Lt. Morris is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morris, 1108 Hutchings Avenue, Ballinger. He was a student at San Angelo junior college before entering the AAF.

Rev. E. M. Walker, pastor, is in receipt of a letter from T-Sgt. D. H. Brown, written in response to letters from a number of members of the Ballinger Church of the Nazarene. Sgt. Brown said he was in good health and was flying missions with a heavy bomber group as armament gunner for some time. He hopes soon to complete his combat duty and return home.

Freddie Reid Caskey, in the radio division of the navy, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Caskey, that he is somewhere in the Pacific, not permitted to tell where, is enjoying his work and in good health. He said all he wanted for Christmas was mail and some sweets.

Lt. Ira B. West, U.S.N.R., has graduated from the training course for Liberator bomber crews given at the naval auxiliary air station, Jacksonville, Fla. He is now scheduled for combat duty in the Pacific. His wife, Mrs. Lela M. West, is making home at Norton for the duration. Lt. West is a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Setser, of Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay Henkell spent November 21 and 22 with their son, Pfc. Henry D. Henkell, who is in the navy hospital at Norman, Oklahoma. Henry was wounded in the left foot on Palau Island September 27. He was presented the purple heart on November 13 after landing in the United States on November 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Henkell have received a card from another son, Noel R. Henkell, mailed from a German prison camp on September 2. He said he was doing fine and added that he did not think the war would last much longer.

C. A. Long will leave this week to report back at Barksdale Field, Shreveport. He came home on a two-week furlough. Sgt. Long was here Friday night to watch the Bearcats defeat the Winters Blizzards. Three years ago he was a star end and backfield man for the Bearcats and sat on the

players' bench for part of the game Friday night.

Lt. James Guynes, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guynes, has been awarded the honor of having the best B-24 crew at the Walla Walla, Washington, air training field. Lt. Guynes and crew have about completed their combat training and will soon be ready to hit the foe in some battle area.

Several months ago Lt. Guynes and Lt. Leonard Seales were both guests of the Ballinger Rotary Club at the same meeting. This week both men were recognized for having the best crews at their widely separated training bases, one in Washington and the other in Mississippi.

AN VIII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND STATION, England—Private Ramon P. Prendez, of Ballinger, having now completed one year's military service in the European theatre of operations, is privileged to wear two overseas stripes on his uniform. Private Prendez is assigned to duties with the medical section at this strategic air depot where battle-damaged fighter planes of the 8th air force are repaired between combat rounds with the Luftwaffe.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Prendez, Ballinger, Pvt. Prendez entered the armed forces in September, 1942, and received his basic training at Robins Field, Georgia. In November, 1943, he was assigned to overseas duty and embarked for Great Britain where he joined the service command.

Prior to enlistment, he was a farmer. His brother, Pvt. Palodio Prendez, is also serving in the European theatre of operations.

A letter was received this week from T-Sgt. Wilbert Block, member of an engineering construction battalion, informing that he was in the Philippines and that the going was tough. Block will complete four years' service on May 1, 1945. He was with one of the first units sent into the South Pacific after Pearl Harbor, leaving the States on January 23 following that disaster, and went first to Australia. He later was in New Guinea and his last station before going to the Philippines was on the island of Biak.

Sgt. Block said during the first few days of the invasion he stayed in his fox-hole pretty close. This hole was made from an old gas drum with one side cut out and buried in the ground. He told his parents in the letter received this week that he had seen some swell air shows and that the first two Jap bombers to come in were brought down in flames near his position. He also told his parents to watch the news reels as part of the action in which he was engaged was filmed and would be shown in the States. Next January marks three years' duty in the Pacific for Sgt. Block.

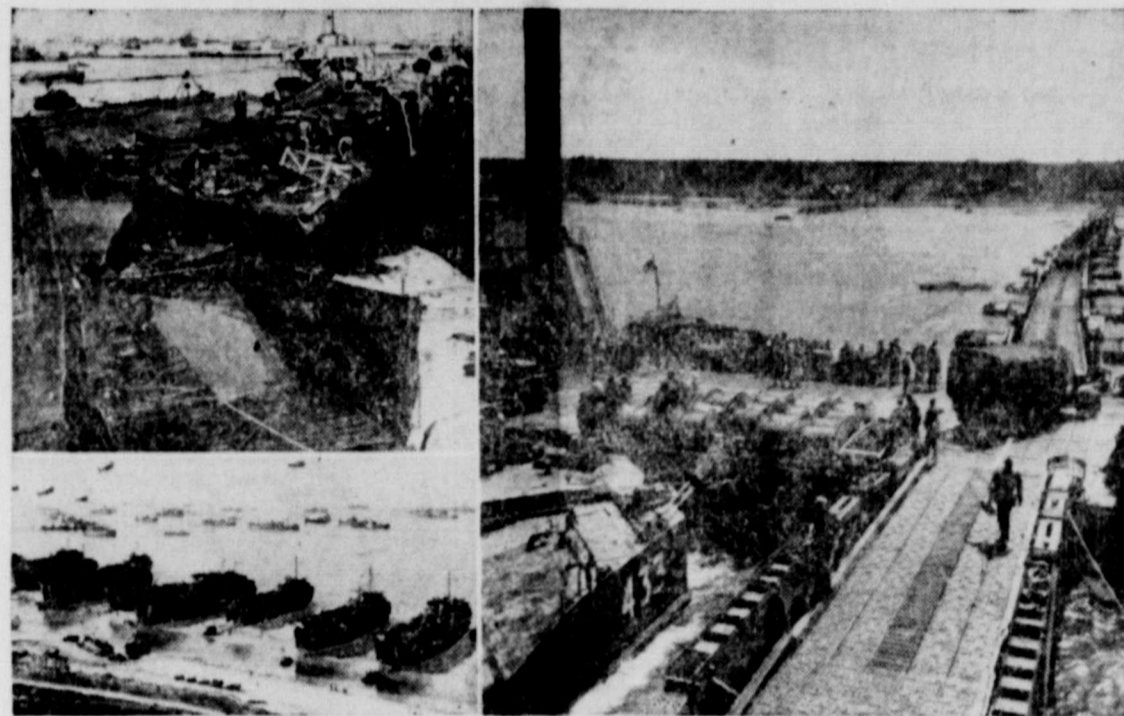
A brother, Lt. Andrew Block, is a flight instructor in advanced flying at Enid, Oklahoma.

W. L. McMillan was accepted by the navy at Camp Dobb, San Antonio, last week, and he will be assigned to a training base. For a number of years W. L. had been with the West Texas Utilities Co., stationed recently at Tuscola. His mother, Mrs. W. L. McMillan, and two sisters, Miss Dorothy McMillan and Mrs. Guy Lively, reside here.

Ted W. Caudle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Caudle, Ballinger route 2, has received his silver wings and the rank of second lieutenant at the twin-engine pilot school at Pecos. He was assigned there from Ontario, California. Lt. Caudle is a graduate of the Ballinger high school before entering the service.

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Floating Invasion Docks Destroyed by Storm



Lower left shows panoramic view of Omaha beach before the U. S. Mulberry invasion docks were set up. Right shows how all hands pitch in to keep the flow of supplies going in the U. S. Mulberry off Colleville, France. The Mulberry (top, left), shown wrecked by the terrific channel storm which broke directly after completion of the Mulberry.

EDITORIAL

Do it Now

The stage is set for the final rally of the sixth war loan drive here Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. All stores will be closed, communities are expected to attend in a body, and Rannels countians are expected to respond to this appeal in such a manner that will make our 2,500 fighting men proud of our county.

Dragging along with a war bond issue is not becoming in a good American community like this. Their nothing in such action to make our boys proud of their home or to feel that we are behind them to the limit. When their zero hour comes, they go over the top in tougher fight than we will ever experience back home. They die with a smile on their faces and we folks back home should not hesitate to make quick work of the obligation now in front of us in the purchase of \$250,000 in war bonds, the best investment in the world today.

Some people say they do not have time to give to this drive. The same people also think they cannot buy many bonds, because Christmas is just a few weeks away and they may need their money. Surely this attitude will not prevail past this week.

The responsibility of putting over this war loan has been delegated to a large group of citizens. Most of these are business men and have stores, homes, churches, and other obligations that need their time and attention right now. Rannels county always meets the calls of the government for every war effort, but sometimes waits until the last minute. Such a practice is useless and if every citizen will buy all the bonds he can afford this drive can go over Saturday with plenty to spare.

Our boys, scattered all over the world in battle, are watching the people back home. Our great military leaders, Eisenhower, MacArthur, Nimitz and others have broadcast messages back home, begging that all Americans buy war bonds. Even the men in Lyete foxholes and on the blazing front in Germany are buying bonds in this campaign from their pay, which is small. Surely Rannels countians, who have more than eight million dollars in banks of this county can meet their quota quickly and cheerfully.

Cooperation will do the job. Your war loan drive leaders have submitted a plan. Won't you cooperate Saturday and put this job behind us. Christmas will be a happier occasion with this out of the way and we can all feel we have done our part in the war effort and that shells, bombs and other munitions of war will not be rationed because of our lack of support.

Attend this rally. Buy every bond you can. Talk the rally and help to get every man, woman and child in the southern portion of Rannels county to attend.

Norton Community First Over the Top in War Loan Drive

Norton was the first community in Rannels county to go over the top in the sixth war loan drive. A rally there Tuesday night drew a large crowd and at the conclusion a total of \$21,000 in bonds had been purchased. The Norton quota was \$20,000.

A band from Concho Field, San Angelo, furnished music. The soldier musicians arrived at 6:00 p. m. and were served a big turkey dinner by women of the Norton community.

The rally was held in the large school gymnasium at 8:00 o'clock at which time Capt. B. Ximinos, a bombardier who flew fifty missions in the North African and Sicilian campaigns, delivered the principal talk. W. J. Hembree took over the sale of bonds and the program was interrupted with band music and brief talks until the full quota was raised. A. T. Chapman, community chairman, is assisted by D. W. Turner, Ray Starke and numerous other citizens.

Norton citizens intend to attend the rally here Saturday afternoon at which time the Norton subscribers will be announced and recognition given the first community quota raised.

Mrs. O. H. Layton and sons, Asa and Douglas, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end here with Mrs. Layton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Cordill.

Arlon Singleton Killed in France; Sister Informed

Mrs. Dee Bollier received a message this week from the war department informing that a brother, Pfc. Arlon Singleton, was killed in action in France on July 29. The message acknowledged the long delay in reporting the death which was said to have been unavoidable.

Pfc. Singleton was serving in an infantry unit of the 9th American army. Before landing in England last June he trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He was rearred in Ballinger, attended the public schools here, and was an employe of a local grocery store until he enlisted in the service of his country. He was inducted in March, 1943.

Two brothers are in the armed forces, Cpl. Lester Singleton, in New Guinea, and Cpl. Shelby Singleton, serving with the 36th division in France.

BALLINGERITES ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE

Mrs. A. T. Campbell, Mrs. Hatton Laxson, Mrs. Ed Currie and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer went to Bangs Monday to attend the funeral services for E. D. Sheffield, a brother of Mrs. Campbell. Decedent, who had made home at Bangs many years, was killed Monday at Brownwood when a car and a train collided at a crossing.

Presbyterian Service Will Commemorate Thanksgiving Day

Rev. Gary Hoffus, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, stated today that a Thanksgiving service would be conducted at his church tomorrow (Thursday) morning, November 30, at 10 o'clock. This is the only service of this kind to be held in Ballinger and those who desire to worship with the Presbyterians on this occasion are invited to do so.

The service will begin promptly at 10 a. m. and will be concluded within an hour in order that those planning dinners will have time to prepare their repasts by noon.

There will be no morning service at the First Presbyterian Church next Sunday, the pastor stated, and the members will attend the service at the First Methodist Church at which Dr. E. Stanley Jones will be the speaker. Sunday school at the Presbyterian church will be held at the usual hour, and the evening service is to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Canning Center Adds Equipment and Puts Up 8,000 Cans Apples

An electric meat chopper has been added to the equipment at the local canning center and will be available for persons making sausage, chili and other ground meat products. At present the canning center is open on Tuesday and Thursday of each week but after the first of the year will be open most of the time to serve local citizens.

Mrs. Ruth Clampitt, center supervisor, said other modern equipment would be added as needed.

During the past ten days much work has been done in the center for the school lunch rooms of the county. A full carload of apples was received from Maine and 7,000 to 8,000 cans of the fruit were put up.

Many of the apples were taken by lunch room supervisors of the county to be served raw to the pupils with their regular lunches. The big shipment of more than 41,000 pounds was carefully sorted and the best fruit saved for serving raw, the remainder being canned for later serving.

A number of people have taken advantage of the service offered by the local center and have preserved much food. After January 1 the center will be operated as much time as there is demand for this service.

HUNTERS BAG 2 DEER IN KIMBLE COUNTY

Carl Moore, of Ballinger, and Grady Narrell, of Abilene, were successful hunters this year, returning recently from their lease in Kimble county, near Junction, where they each got a buck. Narrell shot a 4-pointer and Moore brought back a large 8-point buck.

Mrs. Floyd C. Doherty Presented Silver Star In Honor of Husband

Mrs. Floyd C. Doherty, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. E. P. Jones, Millersview; her mother-in-law, Mrs. H. W. Doherty; and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jones, went to Brownwood Tuesday where Mrs. Doherty received the silver star awarded to her husband posthumously, for action in Italy with the 36th division, when he gave his life in combat.

The award was presented Mrs. Doherty by Col. Alfred C. Brown at a special ceremony Tuesday afternoon. A military band, six companies of soldiers and one company of WACs took part in the parade, Mrs. Doherty receiving the review.

During their stay at Camp Bowie Mrs. Doherty had as her escort Captain Deer, who took the group to all places of interest in the camp and guided her to and during the special ceremonies.

Sgt. Floyd Doherty had a colorful military experience in Italy and prior to his death had received numerous citations for gallantry in action. Mrs. Doherty was here Wednesday, wearing the silver star awarded her at Camp Bowie.

2nd Baptist Church Formal Opening is Scheduled Sunday

Sunday will be the formal opening day for the Second Baptist Church, corner of Park Avenue and Broadway. For the past two months members of the church and contractors have been remodeling the interior, which has now been finished, and the entire church plant will be opened to the public Sunday morning.

The new church is one of the most modern in Ballinger, having a large auditorium and ample Sunday school department space, including separate class rooms.

Sunday school classes will meet at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and at 11 o'clock Rev. Raymond C. Wilson, pastor, will deliver the sermon.

At a special service at 2:30 p. m. messages will be brought by Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. Nixon, of Miles John A. Sparks, of Dallas, will have charge of the music for the entire day.

The evening worship service will begin at 7:30 p. m. and Rev. Howard Jones, of Abilene, will be guest speaker for this occasion.

The public is cordially invited to attend any or all of these services.

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Community chairmen for the sixth war loan drive were here Monday night at a dinner at the Central Hotel to make plans for all communities in the southern portion of the county to complete their quotas this week.

The meeting was well attended, all but one community being represented. Every man attending expressed complete approval of the plan to finish the job this week and all promised to return home and work hard the remainder of the week. Each also promised to have his community represented here at the final bond rally Saturday.

Every person attending the meeting Monday made a talk and the meeting resembled a revival as much as a war bond meeting. Those serving as community chairmen accepted their full responsibility and stated they would make every contact and sale possible before the rally in Ballinger Saturday.

Special printed appeals, with bond applications attached, were distributed and these will be passed out by all workers the rest of the week. They will be distributed through the schools of the county as well as put in the hands of every adult. The bond application sets December 2 as "Zero Day" and gives full instructions for filling out and returning to community chairmen or to the individual's bank.

The committee in charge of the program Saturday stated that no outside help would be brought here for the afternoon but that local citizens would have charge of the program and sales. All community chairmen were asked to attend and to be on the platform to assist in the rally.

Lists will be prepared of sales made in each community and these will be announced from the platform during the afternoon. It was explained that any person could buy a bond anywhere and his community would receive credit for the purchase.

W. J. Hembree, program chairman, stated that the rally would be held rain or shine. If the weather is bad the meeting will be held in local theatres. Mr. Hembree stressed the importance of every citizen attending, and said that the children and housewives were wanted as well as the men.

The Ballinger high school band will open the rally with a parade and short concert just before 3:00 o'clock. As soon as the parade begins stores are to close and managers and employees are to proceed to the scene of the rally, at the intersection of Hutchings Avenue and Eighth Street.

Personal solicitation committees are working hard this week and hope to have all large buyers lined up for the purchase of bonds other than the E series.

Harry Lynn, county war loan treasurer, gave a complete explanation of the various types of war bonds Monday night, with special emphasis on C bonds which can be used during or after the second month for paying income taxes. A number of sales of this series have already been made and any person who expects to pay as much as \$100 in income taxes can well afford to put the money in a C bond now.

Joe Forman, chairman for Ballinger, and E. J. Cervenka, chairman for Rowena, emphasized the necessity for personal work to get bonds sold this week and applications filled out for purchases at the rally.

Tables will be set up for taking applications and a large number of workers will be on hand Saturday afternoon to aid in this work.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Turbeville, of Gainesville, will be here for the Thanksgiving holidays to visit Miss Marryatt Smith.

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Rannels County Livestock Association

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Rufus Allen Home is Scene of Winston-Jones Nuptials

Miss Frances Jones, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Jones, of Rogers, became the bride of Joseph E. Winston, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Winston, of Miles, last Thursday afternoon, November 23, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen on Seventh Street. Mr. Allen is an uncle of the bride. The Rev. S. M. Bailey, pastor of the Miles Methodist Church, read the single ring service in the presence of relatives and a few intimate friends.

Tall baskets of lovely Silver Wedding chrysanthemums flanked the fireplace and the mantel was decorated with an arrangement of these same blossoms with long trailers of Boston ivy.

Miss Ruby Jones, of Odessa, sister of the bride, played a prelude of love songs, the Wedding March from Wagner's Lohengrin and continued with soft music as vows were exchanged.

The bride wore a light weight wool suit of beige with jabot blouse of powder blue sheer. Her small hat and other accessories were black and her corsage was of fuchsia carnations. For something old and something borrowed she wore an heirloom brooch belonging to her aunt, Mrs. W. A. Nance.

For the informal reception the dining table was laid in an imported cutwork cloth and centered with a reflected arrangement of yellow and white snapdragons in a low crystal bowl. Tall white tapers burned in single crystal holders. The buffet decoration was of white mums and candles. The three-tiered all-white cake, which was topped with a miniature bridal couple, and the silver coffee service were placed at opposite ends of the table. Mrs. Pat Murphy poured coffee and Miss Jones cut the cake. Mrs. Joe Forman assisted in serving.

Out-of-town guests were the bride's mother, the bridegroom's mother, and Mr. and Mrs. Bonner Lany, of Miles. Others were Mrs. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Evans of Norton, and Mr. Forman.

Mrs. Winston is a graduate of the Hillsboro High School and of the University of Texas. She has been a primary teacher in the Miles school for four years and will continue. Mr. Winston is a stock farmer and the couple will make their home on their farm near Miles. They will make a trip

to Mexico City during the Christmas holiday season.

Dinner for First Baptist Adult Department

More than 125 members of the Adult Department of the First Baptist Sunday School were in attendance at a covered-dish dinner given in the church parlors on Tuesday evening of last week.

Pepper plants, chrysanthemums, and marigolds were used about the rooms and a Thanksgiving arrangement of autumn leaves and fruits and pumpkins featured the speaker's table.

Drury P. Hathaway, department superintendent, was master of ceremonies. R. E. White directed a sing-song, and W. J. Hembree, general superintendent, gave the invocation. A trio, composed of Mrs. Carl Black, Mrs. Taylor Henley and Miss Mary Lou Ridings, sang several selections, with Miss Tommie Mansell, accompanist. Joe A. Forrester was the principal speaker, using the theme "Thanksgiving." The Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, spoke the benediction.

Mrs. R. T. Williams, W. M. U. social chairman, was assisted by Misses L. R. Tigner, A. S. Love, W. A. Forgey, Elmer Shepperd, A. O. Bartlett, and T. J. McCaughan in decorating and other arrangements. Judge E. C. Grindstaff and Mrs. Alton E. Underwood were program committee members.

Mrs. Murchison is Triple-Four Hostess

Mrs. Ross Murchison was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club last Friday afternoon in her home on Fourth Street.

The Turkey Day theme was given emphasis in game appointments and in the dessert plate served with coffee. Mrs. E. W. Stasney was winner of high score prize and bingos went to Mrs. Leslie Baker and Mrs. L. R. Tigner.

Others were: Misses Harry Lynn, J. A. Schnable, R. W. Earnshaw, Tom Agnew, Claude Stone, Delbert Vanell, and Troy Simpson.

Tabus Hold Formal Initiation Ceremonies

Formal initiation of new members of the Tabu Club was held last Saturday afternoon in the Sixth Street home of Mrs. Malcolm Morgan with old members as hostesses.

The colors and flower of the

club were given pretty emphasis in the floral adornment of the mantel. Red roses were flanked by tall red and white candles.

Pat Richards, president, presented the program following a short business session. Carolyn Cheatham told of the aim and purpose of the club; Virginia Routh named the colors and gave their meaning; Gwen Morgan told the story of the club flower; and Jonne Glover's topic was "What is Expected of a Tabu." Plans were made for the Christmas dance when new members will be presented.

A sandwich plate was served with hot chocolate. Others present were: Natlyne Williams, Charlotte Miller, June Wright, Mary Brian Woody, Martha Saunders, Nancy Guynes, Louise Kinney, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Virginia Baker, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Anna Sue Hembree, Betty Jean Underwood, and Elizabeth Wear.

High School Publications Staff Sponsors War Bond Dance

The Publications Staff of Ballinger Senior High School sponsored an after-the-game dance last Friday evening at the Army and Navy Club. The affair was patriotic in every detail with admission only by the purchase of war stamps or bonds. More than \$1,000 was realized in sales to go on Ballinger's quota for the Sixth War Loan. War Loan posters and red, white, and blue streamers were used in decorations.

Natlyne Williams, editor of the annual, was mistress of ceremonies. Program numbers were quartet selections "Alice Blue Gown" and "Dance with a Dolly" by Williamae Rudder, Ramah Wade, Gwen Morgan, and Joy Campbell, and solos "Always" and "I'll Walk Alone" by Louise Kinney. Miss Sarah Ann Stowe played accompaniments. Mary Brian Woody gave a reading and H'ie Parrish and C. B. Looney presented a comedy skit.

Members of the staff are: Natlyne Williams, Gwen Morgan, Carolyn Cheatham, C. B. Looney, Earl Moreland, Joanne Glover, Lloyd Kilman, Jean Young, Bill Graves, Bill Poe, Edward Kevil, Walter Jones, Wilma Jean Fox, June Wright, Jackie Russell, Billy Hirschfeld, and Martha Saunders. Faculty sponsors are Miss Cora Ellis and Mrs. Don Gibbs.



Guess Who Is
Coming to
Ballinger
It's
Santa Claus

Christmas

Holly on the door and a candled wreath in the window. Stockings by the fireplace, carols in the dark, and the jeweled Christmas tree glittering through the night. What would Christmas be without them.

Why, it would be Christmas!

For Christmas isn't symbols—Christmas is something that happens to people. It wells up, overflows, bursts from our hearts. It goes beyond the traditional forms of our American observance, adapts a hundred different forms over the world.

It is a season of "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" and this year as never before we appreciate that feeling. All the world is looking towards peace and the return of loved ones.

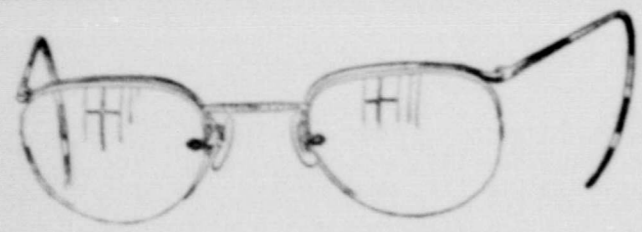
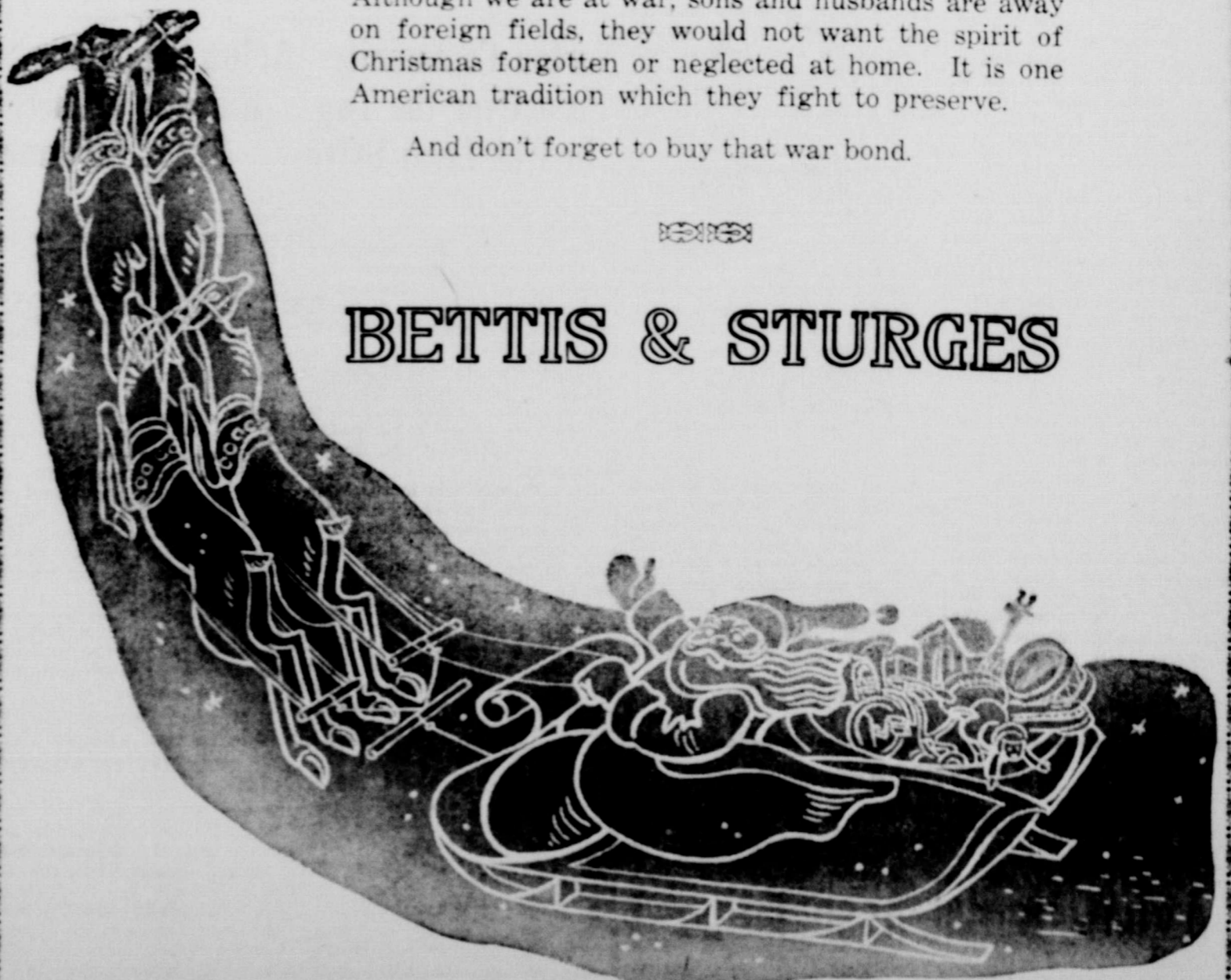
Christmas is a time of loved ones uniting for happy memories, exchanging gifts and in many other ways showing their love one for the other.

Our place in this Christmas for 1944 is to help provide those gifts—gifts that will delight you as the giver and also delight the one who receives it. In times of war, more and more people are being practical with their gifts and for these we have made a special effort to have our store brim-full of merchandise. Others will want something more delicate and these are also to be found in large numbers in our store.

Let us urge you to make the most of this Christmas. Although we are at war, sons and husbands are away on foreign fields, they would not want the spirit of Christmas forgotten or neglected at home. It is one American tradition which they fight to preserve.

And don't forget to buy that war bond.

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'The Climax,' Starring Karloff, Packed With Drama, Suspense

For the past three years film fans have had to get along without that master of menace and suspense, Boris Karloff, who, during that time chilled the blood of thousands of theatre-goers with his performance in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The super-smooth villain is, however, back on the screen at last in one of the best roles of his long acting career, as Dr. Hohner, in Universal's technicolor musical drama, "The Climax," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 2, 3, 4, 5, with Susanna Foster and Turhan Bey in co-starring roles.

The picture shows Karloff almost totally devoid of make-up, except for a small moustache. And yet

the actor packs even more menace without make-up than he has in the past with his most monstrous appearance.

"The Climax," adapted to the screen by Curt Siodmak from the play by Edward Locke, tells the suspenseful story of a man who committed murder in a passion of thwarted love, and got away with it, only to find ten years later that he must kill again if he is to know any peace.

Susanna Foster is seen as the young singer whose lovely voice reminds Karloff so much of the one he stilled, that he is determined to silence her forever, too. Miss Foster's singing reaches fresh heights of beauty and is a joy to hear.

Turhan Bey, the new movie idol,

plays opposite Susanna. This is his first role since his highly successful appearance opposite Katharine Hepburn in "Dragon Seed," and is guaranteed to cause quickened pulses among his female admirers.

Others in the cast include Gale Sondergaard, June Vincent, Ludwig Stossel, Thomas Gomez, Jane Farrar and George Dolenz.

Wild, Woolly Western And Fast Melodrama Two Palace Features

"Law Men," a wild, woolly western, and "Seven Doors to Death," a thrill-packed melodrama, make up the feature program at the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday, December 1, 2.

The exciting, adventure-filled Monogram western drama, "Law Men," stars Johnny Mack Brown with Raymond Hatton.

Brown, one of the screen's most popular western stars, is seen as a U. S. marshal who, with his sidekick, Hatton, is sent to a small New Mexico cow-town to investigate a series of bank and stage-coach hold-ups. The two men disguise their identity—Brown by joining the outlaw band and Hatton by setting himself up in business as a shoemaker. Kirby Grant, handsome newcomer to the screen, becomes innocently involved in the scheme, but is eventually cleared as the two marshals unravel the mystery. Pretty, blonde Jan Wiley appears as the young woman engaged to Grant.

One of the most unusual films to come out of Hollywood is PRC's "Seven Doors to Death," starring Chick Chandler and June Clyde. A murder mystery which moves speedily to its surprising denouement, the melodrama has most of its action unfold in a luxury shopping center, the tradesmen of which are suspects in a double murder and a gem burglary.

"Seven Doors to Death" is said to utilize the entertainment elements of action, romance, suspense and mystery to the utmost.

CUB SCOUTS WILL HAVE WIENER ROAST FRIDAY

An outing, including a wiener roast, will be held at city park Friday night for all local Cubs and their fathers and mothers. This group is sponsored by the Ballinger fire department, which is staging the affair for the boys and their parents.

Leaders of Cub packs here say many boys are joining the various units and are making good progress in the work.

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'Janie'



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

Warners' New Comedy Hit, 'Janie,' Billed at the Texas

The enterprising Warner Bros. are blazing still another trail in motion picture entertainment—specifically, in the field of sparkling comedy based on a healthy appreciation of what it means to be an American. Their latest effort along these lines is the new comedy hit, "Janie," the attraction at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 3, 4, 5, with newcomers Joyce Reynolds and Robert Hutton in the top roles.

Promising much in the way of comedy (the film is an adaptation from the stage play of the same name which ran for more than two years on Broadway and the road), "Janie" also does double duty as a special reminder to present day Americans that there is truly something to be grateful for daily.

On the surface, "Janie" is a bubbling story about a group of bright youngsters, their well-meaning but slightly bewildered parents, and the effect upon them and their small community of the sudden influx of army personnel into their midst.

A remarkable array of talent has been assembled in the making of "Janie." The cast, besides Miss Reynolds and Hutton, includes Edward Arnold and Ann Harding, as Janie's father and mother, respectively; Robert Benchley, as an inveterate bachelor friend of the family; Alan Hale, as an elusive priorities chief; Hattie McDaniel, as a faithful family retainer; and an up-and-coming group of youngsters, among them: Dick Erdman, Jackie Moran, Ann Gillis, Ruth Tobey, Virginia Patton, Colleen Townsend, Georgia Lee Settle.

Mr. and Mrs. Aribert Halfmann and son, Rudolph, have returned from their annual hunting trip in Mason county. They were joined at the lease by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jordan and Ralph Underwood, of Brady. The entire party killed seven bucks and the Halfmanns came back with four big bucks.

Notice to the Creditors of the Estate of Mrs. John McFarlane, Deceased. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Mrs. John McFarlane, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 21st day of November, A. D. 1944, by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are, Ballinger, Box 583, County of Runnels, State of Texas.

THOS. G. PATTESON
Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. John McFarlane, Deceased.
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FRI-SAT, Dec. 1-2
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AND
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The romance of an attorney who attempts to win back his estranged wife, a murder which involves not only a brilliant young artist, but such unlikely people as his landlady, a burlesque queen, and an alcoholized model, and the menace of a plan to liquidate the hero, all combine to make RKO Radio's "A Night of Adventure" a top offering in the field of mystery melodramas. This is the feature offering at the Texas Theatre Wednesday and Thursday of next week, December 6, 7.

A group of sophisticated moderns find their pole no defense against brutal realities when murder stalks in. Secret motivations are revealed to the embarrassment of all and frequently the danger of all concerned.

Tom Conway as Mark Latham, brilliant criminal attorney, and Audrey Long as his wife Erica, head the cast. After Erica leaves Mark, who neglects her for his interminable cases, she and Tony Clark, an artist, are seen together frequently to Mark's discomfort. When one of Clark's former models,

Julie, is found dead in his studio, Clark is arrested for murder. Erica prevails on Mark to defend him in order to keep her name out of it. Mark accepts, aware that he is actually defending his rival. Also, he is in a dangerous spot because, having previously incurred the wrath of a political gang, Mark knows his enemies will use the forthcoming trial as a trap for him.

The court scenes are packed with thrills, and the ingenious climax tops an unexpected situation which grips the attention.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorgon McGiffin, of Brookville, Pa., arrived here Saturday for a short visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew. Mrs. McGiffin is a sister of Mrs. Agnew. From here they will go to California for a visit with relatives and friends.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Mary-Martha Circle Continues Study on Prayer

The Mary-Martha Circle of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society met with Mrs. Ed D. Walker Monday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Mrs. Charles Bailey continued the series of lessons on prayer, discussing "Personality in Prayer." Others were: Mmes. Ray Vineyard, O. P. Dorsey, M. A. Foy, Oscar Pearson, A. B. Stobaugh, J. R. Lusk, W. F. Atwell, Misses Lulu McElroy, and Agnes Glover.

Methodist Circles Meet

Circle groups of the First Methodist W. S. C. S. held final meetings of the year Monday afternoon. Mmes. John Weeks, R. W. Earnshaw and R. W. Bruce were hostesses to Etta Burrows, members in the Bruce home on Broadway. Mrs. J. L. Davis presided after the opening prayer by Mrs. Weeks. Mrs. Davis was selected as circle chairman and Mmes. Bruce, H. Ravellotte, and J. O. Douglas were appointed members of the yearbook committee. Plans were made for the new year's work with specific objectives being adopted. Mrs. Earnshaw gave the annual financial report. Mrs. Troy Simpson gave the devotional on "The Cost of Following Christ."

Hostesses served a sandwich plate with hot chocolate. Others present were: Mmes. W. Chastain, H. B. Loyd, and O. R. Lasser. Etta Grossett members were entertained by Mmes. J. E. Smith and Wesley Reese in the church parlors on Tenth Street. Beautiful yellow chrysanthemums gave floral beauty where Mrs. R. D. Midgley presided for the business period after soft music by Mrs. J. M. Skinner and the devotional by Mrs. Joe Forman on "All Things Work Together for Good to Those Who Love the Lord." Mrs. Elma Mann was elected circle chairman for 1943. A life membership certificate and pin were presented

small Mary Louise Hampton, the gift from her grandmother, Mrs. W. L. Sturtz, and Mrs. Forman gave a junior life membership to her daughter, Mary Jo. Annual reports of officers were made. Pie was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. A. B. Legate, R. A. Williamson, R. A. Dickinson, Ivey Edwards of Millersville, W. E. Midgley, Jack Hampton, Cecil Jones, Jack Nixon, Sr., J. B. Strip, T. J. Forgy, O. M. Beard, J. W. Guynes, and O. R. O'Neill. The Sally Odum circle met with Mrs. C. P. Shepherd in her home on Eighth Street which was decorated with chrysanthemums. Mrs. W. O. Irby was presiding officer and gave the devotional on "Thanksgiving Through Tribulations" after the reading business session. During the social hour, James Lee Underwood, accompanied by his sister, Betty Jean, sang two numbers. Mrs. J. F. Currie assisted in serving sandwiches and cookies with coffee. Others were: Mmes. L. M. Bowden, Marvin Davies, H. O. Agnew, Fred McClanahan, Alton Underwood, Ed O'Kelly, E. L. Ramsey, and M. E. McConney, and Gwen Davies.

Presbyterian Auxiliary Has Program on Evangelism

Mrs. Victor Miller, secretary of social service, directed the program for the Women's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon with Mmes. C. R. Stephens, W. B. Woody, and Alex Saunders assisting her in presenting the theme "The Bible and Shoe Leather." Mrs. F. M. Pearce sang "Go as a Witness for Jesus" with Mrs. Estes Lynn playing the accompaniment. Orchid chrysanthemums decorated church parlors for the social hour when hostesses, Mmes. Estes Lynn and Warren Lynn, served cake and tea. Others present were: Mmes. Jack Mc-

Gregor, Chester Cherry, George Holman, Harry Lynn, J. Y. Pearce, E. R. Walker, R. F. Zedits, Paul Trimmer, C. L. Baker, Charles Miller, Jr., and Lela McAdams.

Music Club to Meet

The Ballinger Music Club will meet Tuesday evening, December 5, at eight o'clock in the home of Mrs. F. M. Pearce, 701 Eighth Street.



First Presbyterian Church

Thursday morning, November 30 at 10:00, we will have a Thanksgiving service in our church. We extend an invitation to all our friends to come and worship with us.

Sunday morning, December 3, we will not have services. We are adjourning after Sunday school to worship with the Methodists. Sunday school and the evening service will be at the regular time: 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

GARY HOPFTUS, Pastor

First Christian Church

(Broadway and Murrell) Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:00 p. m. Come and join the fellowship.

J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Sunday, December 3, 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 7:30 p. m., evening worship.

W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ

Sunday, 9:45 a. m., Bible study. 10:45 a. m., worship service. 8:45 p. m., young people's meeting. 7:30 p. m., worship service.

Monday, 4 p. m., ladies' Bible class. Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., Bible study.

RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

First Baptist Church

(400 Eighth Street) Sunday, December 3—"Volunteer Sunday." Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, "The Supreme Beatitude."

Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m. 7:30 p. m., sermon by the pastor, "The Son in the Family—Youth Chooses the Safe Way."

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Monday, The Woman's Missionary Society in afternoon and allied Auxiliaries.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m., deacons' meeting.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., "All Church Night."

The public is cordially invited to worship with us.

CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

St. Mary's Catholic Church

(508 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 neighbors are cordially invited to assist at the above services and devotions.

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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

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 Street and Phillips Avenue) Bible school, 10 a. m., Jim Hash, superintendent. Morning service, 11 a. m. Evening service, 8:30 p. m. Friday night prayer service, 8:30 p. m.

PAUL F. DONNELSON, Pastor

Church of Christ

(1100 Ninth Street) Services: Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. Wednesday, 8:00 p. m. Friday, 8:00 p. m. Always welcome.

First Methodist Church

Sunday, December 3, Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. The high school choral club will sing at the morning service.

H. B. LOYD, 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 God

(Corner Sixth and Strong) Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Young people's meeting, 7:30 p. m. Junior service, 7:30 p. m. Evening service, 8:00 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, 8:30 p. m., Wednesday.

Morning prayer service each week day, 10 to 11 a. m. T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

HALLINGER MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION IN MEETING

A meeting of the Ballinger Ministerial Association was held Monday evening at the First Christian Church. Attending were Rev. W. A. Erwin, Rev. E. M. Walker, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, Rev. J. T. Simmons, Rev. T. N. Minix, Rev. Gary Hoffius, and a visitor, Rev. George R. Harrington.

Rev. Erwin was in the chair for the meeting which opened with a prayer by Rev. Harrington. Rev. Simmons extended an invitation for everyone to hear Dr. E. Stanley Jones at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Other matters concerning the Christian life of the community were discussed.

FOURSQUARE REVIVAL CONTINUES THIS WEEK

The revival in progress at the Foursquare Gospel Church will continue this week with Rev. Mary Edwards preaching old time gospel sermons and praying for the sick.

Services are being held each week day at 7:30 p. m., with the following subjects announced: "Where Are the Dead?" and "Will the Church Go Through the Tribulation?"

BOY SCOUT DRIVE HERE IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY

The annual campaign for Boy Scout finances in 1943 will be conducted in Ballinger next Tuesday. The workers will assemble at the Central Hotel Tuesday morning at 7:00 o'clock for a kick-off breakfast and will cover the entire city during the day to take in contributions and sustaining commitments for the next year.

J. A. Killough is in charge of the drive here and Tom Agnew is furnishing the list of prospects for the three teams that will work in this area.

RELATIVE OF BALLINGER PEOPLE DIES IN DALLAS

Mrs. R. S. Martin, 36, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wigington of this city, died at Dallas Saturday after illness of brief duration. Decedent was born in Ballinger on December 28, 1898, and resided here with her parents for a number of years before going to Brownwood to make home after her marriage. Funeral services were held at the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church Monday, Rev. E. D. Dunlap officiating. Interment followed in the Jenkins Springs cemetery.

Survivors besides the husband include a daughter, Louise Martin; a son, Robbie Martin; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wigington, Ballinger, two sisters, Mrs. Charles Lee Smith, New Orleans; and Mrs. W. L. Manning, Brownwood; four brothers, Durward Wigington, San Angelo; Floyd Wigington, Ballinger; Jeff Wigington, with the armed forces overseas; and J. W. Wigington, Jr., Ballinger.

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NEW ELECTRIC SHOP OPENED IN BALLINGER

Carl Murman and Johnny McGrath have opened the Ballinger Electric Company here and will do general electrical repair and contract work of all kinds.

The new business is located at 713 Hutchings Avenue in the building formerly occupied by Howell's Market.

Bowden Buys Interest in King Barber Shop

A deal was closed this week in which Leonard Bowden buys a one-half interest in the King Barber Shop on Seventh Street and will be located there in the future. The shop is on North Seventh Street in the old Doose building. Mr. Bowden invites his customers to visit him at his new location.

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Ensign Witter 'Explains' His Service in New Guinea

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Witter this week received an interesting letter and copies of a camp newspaper from their son, Ensign Melvin Witter, now in New Guinea. He writes:

"I had a good streak of luck yesterday. A fellow moved out of a very nice hut, already built, and I moved in.

"Bud and I bought a very powerful radio that will pick up all the football games in the States (but their time is the middle of the night here). The army has a triangle network which broadcasts the latest news and some of the stations play the latest music. It is a wonderful thing to have here.

"I went to the main base the other day and while there I went aboard a ship that was in and ate lunch. I never thought I would be so glad to get some fresh food. This dehydrated stuff is terrible.

"Went to church Sunday. Did not have a chaplain, but one of the men studied for the ministry and he conducted a very good service. We had a good show last night.

"We met some army nurses on the boat coming over and the one I dated all the time is stationed near here and she and another army nurse came up day before yesterday to see Bud and me. The fellows around here had not seen a woman for some time and they caused a sensation."

A write-up in the camp paper, "The Coconut Grove Scuttiebutt," New Guinea, had the following front page story:

"If you didn't see it, you really missed something. Melvin L. Witter and Bud Reinhold, two new arrivals of the deck department, were visited by Sally Sheehan and Erica Schmidt here at camp.

"The girls, pardon me, second lieutenants, just arrived in New Guinea this week and are keeping close check on Mel and Bud. It seems they are stationed quite close and have decided to keep afloat the friendships that started on the transport coming over. We hope to see more of the girls, and also their friends. The boys get mighty lonesome here."

Melvin's letter continues: "We are still having trouble, as in the States, trying to tell people what branch of the service we are in."

A story from the same camp newspaper deals with this puzzling identification:

"We are having trouble trying to get the new service men stationed here properly identified. They have been called marine officers, sea raiders, and all sorts of things. Knowing the intricacies

of the army and navy, we asked one of the boys just what his squad represented:

"It's the transportation corps marine officers' school located at the army air base on the lake front," he said.

"That was all right but we had to get more.

"Then you are marine officers?" we ventured.

"No, army."

"Marine officers in the army?"

"Yes sir."

"You are strictly army officers," we asked, getting the hang of things.

"Yes sir."

"Then you are lieutenants, captains, etc."

"No, ensigns."

"Who pays you?"

"The army."

"Who trained you?"

"The maritime service."

"What type of uniform do you wear?"

"Naval."

"It was here we gave up."

Thanksgiving Theme Of Rotary Program; W. E. Elkins Speaker

The Ballinger Rotary Club celebrated Thanksgiving at its program Tuesday noon. A trio of singers, composed of Miss Mary Lou Ridings, Mrs. Carl Black and Mrs. Taylor Henley, sang a Thanksgiving hymn and followed this with a number of lighter music. They were accompanied at the piano by Miss Tommie Mansell.

F. M. Pearce gave a brief review of articles published in The Rotarian, national magazine of the organization.

A. O. Bartlett was in charge of the program for the day and presented W. E. Elkins, who talked on Thanksgiving. The speaker told why Americans celebrate the occasion, recalling the first observance by the Pilgrim fathers. He traced special days of thanksgiving going down through the years, showing that one had been declared even as late as June 6, 1944, when the president called for a day of thanks and prayer when the allied nations invaded successfully the shores of France.

Mr. Elkins pointed to the fact that foremost in all our special observances through the years, Americans are shown not to want oppression or to be suppressed. He gave that as the great reason why Americans fight today all over the world.

SOCIETY

Mrs. Maples is Sew Club Hostess

Mrs. Lee Maples entertained her sewing club Tuesday in her home on Ninth Street with members devoting the whole afternoon to Red Cross knitting. Labels were sewed and ribbons laced in the current quota of shoulderettes which have been knitted for army and navy nurses.

Two Share Honors

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mueller were hosts last Sunday at a dinner in their home to compliment their daughter, Miss Frances Mueller, who left Monday for naval training with the Waves, and Mr. Mueller's brother, Mr. Paul Mueller, on his birthday anniversary.

Virginia Douglass Class Entertained in Church Parlors

Mmes. J. W. Guynes, L. M. Bowden, and E. B. Underwood were hostesses to the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the church parlors on Tenth Street.

Other dinner guests were:

Messes. Arthur Mueller and family, Otto Boehm and family, Roy Malone and family, Sam Jones and family, T. W. Malone, Jr., and family, J. C. Hoeker and family, of Ballinger; J. W. Lancaster and family, of Wilmett; and E. R. Horton and family, of Maverick. Afternoon guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Newsom and Mrs. Alma Bryan and children.

NORTON

Thanksgiving was spent quietly at home by most of our community. Miss Mathis, who teaches English in the Norton school, went to her home at Crews for the holidays.

District Youth Fellowship Meet in Coleman

Thirty members of the local Methodist Youth Fellowship, accompanied by the Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Loyd, Mr. Bill Clark, Mmes. Joe Forman and Charles van de Putte, attended the quarterly district meeting in Coleman Tuesday evening. J. B. Holt, conference director, was principal speaker and the Coleman group presented other program features.

8th Street Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary Presents Play

At the evening service last Sunday at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, the Woman's Auxiliary presented the three-act dramatization "The Alabaster Cruse" under the direction of Mrs. Una V. Dooze. The theme was the importance of stewardship.

Red roses were used on the stage and white chrysanthemums at other vantage points where Peggy Jo Kevill gave the welcome recitation and Miss Carmen Demmer played piano music between acts and hymn accompaniments.

Characters were portrayed by Mmes. B. H. Erwin, G. P. Teague, K. E. Kevill, Jack Ashton, and W. A. Erwin.

First Baptist Althean Class in Lowry Home

The pretty home of Mrs. R. M. Lowry on Fifth Street, which had been decorated with vari-colored chrysanthemums, was the scene of the First Baptist Althean Class social Tuesday evening when Mmes. Lee Sykes and R. E. White were hostesses with Mrs. Lowry. Mrs. A. O. Bartlett presided and

Mrs. O. L. Britton gave the devotional. Plans were made for Christmas and pal names were revealed and new ones drawn.

Pie was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. L. R. Tigner, Weldon Howell, Joe Jones, R. B. Thomas, Austin Harper, R. E. Truly, Elmer Shepperd, Drury P. Hathaway, J. B. Arterburn, E. P. Talbott, R. P. Canady, W. E. Elkins, O. C. Sykes, R. T. Williams, Mollie Morgan, Paul Best, Ruth Bankston, L. B. Rudder, Clarence A. Morton, and Fred Holliday.

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Grandmother of Local Lady Buried Saturday

Mrs. Sarah Ann Walker, 84, resident of Texas for 72 years died at her home in Goldsboro Saturday at 12:30 p. m. She had been in failing health for several years and would have celebrated her 85th birthday on December 1.

Survivors include a sister who could not be located, three sons, Jess Walker, Winters, Oscar and Jim Walker, Goldsboro; 26 grandchildren of whom Mrs. Ernest Watkins, of Ballinger is one. There are also 45 great grandchildren. All attended the funeral with the exception of the sister and three grandsons. Two of them were brothers of Mrs. Watkins, Dickie Walker, with the 36th division in France and Everett Walker, serving somewhere in England.

Grandsons were pallbearers and granddaughters acted as flower girls.

Post-War Leaders Will be Elected Soon By County's Farmers

Farmer committeemen who will have important roles in war and post-war farm problems will be named at annual AAA elections in Runnels county between December 11, and December 16, 1944. Locations and dates of the elec-

ROPING CONTEST TOMORROW BETWEEN TWO YOUNG RIDERS

There will be a roping match Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock between 16-year-old Wesley McClure and 17-year-old Herman Virden, both of this county, at the roping pens 1 1/2 miles north of Ballinger on the Abilene highway.

Advertisement

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS WE THE SUBSCRIBERS, have this day entered into a Limited Partnership under the provisions of Texas Revised Statutes Title 105, relating to limited partnerships, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is ELTEX, LTD.; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is all phases of the oil business, including the purchase and sale of oil and gas leases, leasehold estates, interests and royalties, drilling of oil and gas wells, the producing, processing and marketing of oil, gas and other petroleum products, and all other activities incident to an oil and gas business, and that the same will be transacted in the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, and in the City of Abilene, Taylor County, Texas. That the name of the general partner is E. L. Elliott, of New York City, New York, and Abilene, Texas, who has contributed in cash the sum of \$3,150.00, and the names of the special partners, their addresses, and the amount each has actually contributed and paid in cash are as follows:

Name	Address	Amount
David Van Alstyne, Jr.	115 Chestnut St., Englewood, N. J.	\$3,450.00
Richard C. Noel	5 Carstensen Rd., Scarsdale, N. Y.	3,150.00
Harold K. Young	24 Elm Ave., Larchmont, N. Y.	375.00
L. Richard Kinnard	415 Wister Road, Wynnewood, Pa.	1,125.00
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W. Ian Mack	250 Park Ave., New York City	375.00
Miss Stella Lee	250 West 85th St., New York, N. Y.	375.00
Miss Anna C. Gillane	Chappaqua, New York	375.00
Armin A. Schlesinger	715 N. Van Buren St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin	1,500.00

The date at which said partnership is to commence is April 25, 1944, and it shall terminate on April 25, 1964.

Edward L. Elliott, David Van Alstyne, Jr., Richard C. Noel, Harold K. Young, L. Richard Kinnard, Gerald T. Shipman, W. Ian Mack, Miss Stella Lee, Miss Anna C. Gillane, Armin A. Schlesinger, I. COUNTY CLERK OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS, to whom

the Certificate of Limited Partnership above referred to was tendered for filing, have designated The Ballinger Ledger a newspaper of general circulation in this County, in which the foregoing advertisement shall be advertised for six weeks in accordance with Article 6118, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas. (Seal)

JOHN B. RAYBURN, County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. By Linnie Harris, Deputy. 30-6t

Bond Sales Light At G. I. Jamboree Presented in City

A G. I. Jamboree unit, sponsored by the war activities committee of the theatres of America was in Ballinger Wednesday morning to hold a rally in connection with the sixth war loan campaign.

The group arrived in Ballinger at about ten o'clock and the rally opened at 11 o'clock with Harley Sadler, veteran show man of West Texas as master of ceremonies. With the unit was the Concho Field band from San Angelo and three returned war veterans from different battlefronts of the world who are on leave from hospitals to help with the drive.

The rally opened with the singing of the National Anthem, a prayer by Richard Robbins, minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ and here Mr. Sadler took over to tell the people of Ballinger why they were here.

Sgt. Norman E. Bonds, wrung tears from the audience as he told of the happenings on the China front where he served as a gunner on a Liberator bomber. Twice shot down, once behind enemy lines, he told stories of a cruel enemy that should cause people to buy more than are expected of them in this war loan drive.

In two shows Tuesday the unit which visited here sold over \$800,000 in bonds, but in their stop at Ballinger they got a bare \$8,000. They also reported local sales at about \$50,000 on a quota of \$522,000.

GRANDMOTHER OF LOCAL LADY BURIED SATURDAY

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The body was taken overland to Tuscola Monday where services were held at the First Methodist Church with Rev. Hamilton Wright officiating. Burial was made in the Tuscola cemetery by the side of her husband who died in 1935 and a son who was buried there in 1917.

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tion meetings will be made public as soon as they are arranged.

Farmers will choose committeemen for each community, and delegates from these meetings will later name three county committeemen and alternates. Conservation practices for 1945, production goals, and general agricultural outlook will be among the subjects discussed at the meetings.

Committeemen represent both their neighbor farmers and the executive branch of the federal government in the work and responsibilities of the agricultural adjustment agency. Their recommendations, based on personal knowledge and experience, help shape agricultural programs to fit the needs of their own localities and to meet the problems of farmers and consumers throughout the nation.

"The election meetings will give local farmers a chance to consider the problems and the demands of the coming year," says Meade W. McShan, county AAA chairman. "A program is being arranged for a full discussion of what's ahead. Every farmer should attend the meeting in his community to take part in that discussion and to vote in this election."

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. J. G. Tuckey underwent major surgery at the Bailey Hospital Tuesday and is doing satisfactorily today.

Mrs. J. L. King, medical patient, is about the same this week with possibly some improvement in her condition.

Dr. W. B. Halley continues to improve and was able to be up in a chair some this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Tinney, of Stacy, are parents of a son, born Friday night of last week. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Matejowski, of Rowena, are parents of a son, born Thursday night of last week. The mother and baby were dismissed today.

Joe Stubblefield, operated on last Thursday night, was dismissed from the local hospital today.

Martin Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hurlin Lee, of Maverick, a medical patient in the local clinic, is improving steadily.

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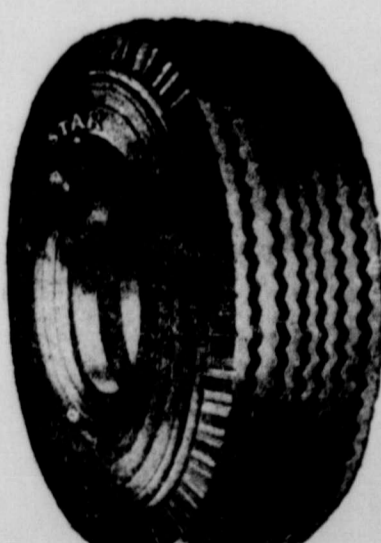
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Texas war plants are running behind in their production schedules because of the manpower shortage and many additional workers are urgently needed to bring production up to the point asked by our military leaders. The U. S. employment service is making a strong appeal for thousands of workers at this time and they can be placed in many sections of the state. Eighty-four munitions plants in Texas need workers and are getting far behind with their contracts. The emergency calls for 13,145 workers and 16,066 to be required within sixty days. Both skilled and unskilled men and women are urgently sought.

Ballingerites are celebrating Thanksgiving tomorrow and local people will devote the day to various entertainment. A goodly number will go to Austin, where they will witness the Texas University-Texas A. & M. football game and others will try their luck on hunting trips or will shoot ducks in this locality. One church service has been announced and those who wish to observe the day in this manner are invited to be present.

It is only a few weeks until Christmas. During the two-week

holiday season many people will be at home for the festivities. The armed forces will permit many men to come home during December and students away at schools will be here about two weeks. Shoppers should start buying now and remember that mailing of packages should be done earlier than ever this year. As people shop they should not forget the most important gift of all, a war bond. Bonds bought this week-end will help put Runnels county over the top in the 8th war loan drive and make ideal Christmas gifts. Store stocks are not as big as in pre-war days and customers will gain if they fill their lists now with merchandise on display which will last for only a short time.

Cue and Curtain Club Soon to Begin Selling Tickets for '44 Play

The Cue and Curtain Club of the Ballinger senior high school will present its first major production of the year in the high school auditorium December 12 and 13. For several weeks a large cast under the direction of Miss Katherine Freeman has been at work on "Little Women," dramatization by Pauline Phelps of Louisa M. Alcott's famous novel. For six generations this novel has remained the most popular of the juvenile books and the story arranged for the stage loses none of its interest.

Tickets have been printed and will go on sale the first twelve days of December at 35 cents for adults and 25 cents for students. Two night performances are to be given in order that all Ballinger citizens will have an opportunity to attend.

The cast is as follows:
 Hannah, maid of the family, Dorothy Holliday
 Meg, oldest of the little women June Wright
 Jo, the tom-boy of the little women Elizabeth Routh
 Beth, the sweet, shy and next to the youngest Charlotte Miller
 Amy, youngest of the little women Natilyne Williams
 Mrs. March, mother of the little women Gwen Morgan
 Mr. March, father of the little women C. B. Looney
 Aunt March, the great-aunt of the family Joy Campbell
 Laurie Lawrence, the boy next door Rodger Jones
 John Brooke, Laurie's tutor George McCorstin
 Prof. Bhaer, Jo's German friend J. H. Parrish

Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap, who teaches music at Grand Falls, was here the past week-end to visit her parents, Mr and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap. The Grand Falls school observed Thanksgiving on November 23 and Miss Dunlap took advantage of the holidays to visit at home.

Gold Star Parents Here Armistice



The above picture was taken at the American Legion Gold Star breakfast on Armistice Day. All those invited were not able to attend but those shown in the picture above were at the breakfast. They are, left to right, top row: J. O. West, Ed Powers, H. W. Doherty, H. V. Kendrick, J. C. Sturges, W. H. Wilder, Will Shiller, Arthur Gottschalk. Second row: Mr. Wade, Hamp Byler, Mrs. Hamp Byler, Mrs. J. E. Fowler, Mrs. H. W. Doherty, Mrs. H. V. Kendrick, J. R. Harris, Mrs. J. R. Harris, Mrs. J. O. West, H. R. Wiesepape. Third row: Mrs. Wade, Mrs. Ed Powers, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Inez Flanagan, Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Mrs. W. H. Wilder, Mrs. Will Shiller, Mrs. Arthur Gottschalk, Mrs. H. R. Wiesepape.

Parents of Prisoners of War



Parents and wives of prisoners of war who attended the American Legion breakfast here on Armistice Day. Top row, left to right: William J. Dunn, V. Y. Sanders, Albert Ransberger, O. K. Jacob, Vernon Webb. Middle row: Carl Piel, B. U. McQueen, J. P. Burk, Mrs. Troy Moreland, Mrs. Ruth Bailey, Mrs. Emma Speer, Mrs. T. B. Owens. Bottom row: Mrs. H. H. McQueen, Mrs. B. U. McQueen, Mrs. J. P. Burk, Mrs. William J. Dunn, Mrs. Carl Piel, Mrs. O. K. Jacob, Mrs. Vernon Webb.

collecting agency and the toys will be reconditioned and repainted. The articles will be turned over to charity organizations which will supply presents to children

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Fifteen carloads of dressed turkeys were shipped from Coleman during the first market, and many more birds will be handled between the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. Coleman produce houses paid about 31 cents for No. 1 birds on the first market. Growers believe 18 carloads will be sold on the Christmas market.

The Abilene army air base show was presented at Winters Tuesday.

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day, November 28, under the sponsorship of the local war bond committee. Upon conclusion of the performance, in the school auditorium, a bond sale was held. A band and a large cast of entertainers make up this show, which is on the road in the interest of the sixth war loan.

The Wingate pep squad sponsored the annual football banquet Saturday of last week, honoring the 1944 players. A program was presented after the meal was served and the highlight of the evening was the crowning of the football queen, Lila Compton.

The Lyric Theatre at Brownwood is helping Santa Claus this year and will provide many children's Christmas gifts. Due to the shortage of toys, especially metal ones, the theatre is acting as a

who otherwise would not be remembered.

Rains falling in Concho county last week were welcomed by the ranchmen as most of the range was in need of moisture to keep grass and weeds growing. A big change is predicted before a killing frost and the cover will help take livestock far into the winter before feeding is required.

Funeral services for Brady's oldest citizen were held last week when T. J. Wood, 95, passed away. Decedent moved to Brady in 1920 and had resided there ever since but previously was engaged in farming and the mercantile business in other sections of the state.

Menard county pecan growers exhibited their best 1944 nuts in a special show at Menard on November 25. The pecan exhibit was only a part of the big show, all home demonstration clubs in the county joining the growers in displaying their accomplishments of the past year. The pecan crop in the Menard area was fairly large this year as that section was not hit by the freeze that killed buds in other parts of the state about the time the trees were in bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Lipscomb, Maryneal ranch couple, have started a movement to secure a large number of portable radio sets to be used by veterans in hospitals. They were activated by a letter from their son, a hospitalized veteran, appealing to them for a number of sets for the men in his hospital. Good response has met their efforts.

Harley Sadler, veteran Sweetwater showman and member of the legislature, has closed his tent theatre and for a number of weeks will be on the road with a group of entertainers and war heroes, working in the interest of the 6th war loan. The group will cover some 3,000 miles and will make appearances in many West Texas cities. Sadler will act as master of ceremonies.

The 6th war loan drive was launched at Comanche Monday night when army personnel from Camp Bowie assisted the local committee. A military band, soldier speakers and entertainers were presented and applications were taken for bonds. Wounded veterans from McCloskey General Hospital, Temple, also were on the program.

The Mass-Tex Oil & Gas Co., of Dallas, has a contract to drill a wildcat oil test in the Melvin area of McCulloch county. The location is on the J. S. Hays place and the hole will be drilled with standard tools to a depth of 2,000 feet.

Dr. E. Stanley Jones Will Speak Sunday At M.E. Church Here

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, one of the best known Christian leaders of the world today, will be the guest speaker at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Services of several other churches in the city will be cancelled in order that their members may hear the internationally-known leader.

Arrangements were made for Dr. Jones to visit Ballinger for the one service when it became known he would be at Abilene for one week starting Sunday afternoon. Practically all Abilene churches are sponsoring his visit there.

A resident of New York, Dr. Jones served for 25 years as a missionary to India, and in recent years has been one of the most outstanding leaders in the United States affiliated with the Federal Council of Churches.

His subject for the one sermon in Ballinger has not been divulged. The preliminaries will be streamlined in order that he can be given most of the time to speak to the local congregation.

Rev. Hugh B. Loyd, Methodist pastor, stated this week that the entire church auditorium would be opened early and special ushers would help seat the large congregation expected. All who arrive early are asked to sit in the front of the auditorium so the rear seats will be left for late arrivals.



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We are also thankful to our personal friends, the people who have made it possible to operate a business and to these customers of the past, we say thanks to you for every business transaction and friendly word. We hope that our dealings in the past will warrant a continuation of such relations in the future and you will find us anxious to serve you in anyway possible.

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Bearcats '44 Champions of District 9A

The Ballinger Bearcats won their fourth straight district championship Friday night when they defeated a good Winters team by the score of 39 to 6. This win established the Bearcats as the champions of district 9A and they are awaiting arrangements for their first bi-district game, which will be played against Eastland.

The game was not many minutes old until fans breathed sighs of relief and settled down to watch the results, feeling that the Bearcats were not to have much trouble. The powerful offense of the locals continued to click and the lads confined most of their game to running, taking to the air only a few times when it was necessary.

After a short time in the first quarter and the exchange of kicks Jackie Russell broke over tackle, cut to his left and went 41 yards, being pulled down on the Winters 12-inch line. On the next play he went over for the first counter of the game. A pass for the extra point was incomplete.

6 to 0
A few minutes later Winters fumbled on their own 35-yard line and Russell made 5. Sykes got 19, and McCorstin went around right end for 11 yards and the second touchdown of the game. Frazier

Ballinger-Eastland to Play Bi-District Contest Here

The Ballinger Bearcats will meet the Eastland Mavericks here Friday night, December 8, in the first bi-district game of the 1944 season. The Mavericks, who won in district 10A, agreed to come to Ballinger for the game at a meeting of school officials and coaches at Abilene Monday. The game will start at 8 p. m.

Supt. Nat Williams stated today that there would be no advance in prices of tickets for the championship game and that they would be put on sale here and at Eastland in advance. Admission prices are 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for students, tax included.

The Mavericks made a clean sweep of district 10A and will come to Ballinger as a team of championship caliber, thus the Bearcats will be put to their best play to continue in the race. The winner of the Ballinger-Eastland game will play the winner of the Seymour-Crowell game for the

regional championship on December 15. Should Crowell win, its team would have to come to Ballinger on the home-and-home rule, but as Seymour defeated them earlier in the season in a non-conference, 25 to 0, the Seymour team is the decided favorite and if it wins and the Bearcats beat the Mavs, the game location probably will be decided by a flip of a coin. Seymour and Crowell will play tomorrow (Thursday) to decide the championship of these two districts.

Advertising matter will be printed at once for the Ballinger-Eastland game and every effort will be made to get a capacity crowd.

Last year Ballinger lost both tosses and played the two championship games away from home. In the five years in which the Bearcats have gone beyond their district only one game has been played here and it was bought by the school without a coin being flipped.

Roscoe Plowboys To Meet Bearcats Here Friday Night

The Roscoe Plowboys will be in Ballinger Friday night to meet the Bearcats in a specially arranged game. Not wanting to lay off a full week, Ballinger school officials secured the game here with the Plowboys.

The Plowboys are runners-up in district 8A, losing only to Merkel during the past season. They boast a big club with a line averaging 178 pounds and a hot-shot in the backfield in the person of Walter Maloney, 148-pound skat back. During the season just closed Maloney scored a total of 147 points for one of the best records in that part of the state.

The season's record is:
Roscoe 19, Hamlin 6
Roscoe 36, Rotan 0
Roscoe 18, Hobbs 0
Roscoe 19, Roby 0
Roscoe 8, Colorado City 0
Roscoe 6, Merkel 26
Roscoe 65, Lorraine 0
Roscoe 31, Snyder 0
Roscoe 30, Baird 6

This gives a total of 232 points to their opponents' 38. Regular admission prices will be charged for this game, students 30 cents, adults 60 cents.

ASSOCIATED PRESS RANKS BEARCATS HIGHEST SCORING FOOTBALL TEAM IN TEXAS

A special sports release by the Associated Press Wednesday stated that Ballinger probably had the highest scoring football machine in Texas this year. A state-wide survey disclosed a number of class A teams have already won their district titles and gave other interesting information about class A, B and AA teams in Texas. The article stated: "In class A the top scoring unit appears to be Ballinger, which has rolled up 327 points in seven games, an average of better than 46 per game. The only games lost by Ballinger has been to class AA teams. Ballinger plays Winters Friday night for the district 9 championship."

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went through the line for the extra point.

13 to 0
The Blizzards showed their one burst of offense in the next series of play and this netted them a touchdown. Dewey Baker and Smith each gained 9 yards and a pass combination of brother to brother, Dewey Baker to Charlie Baker, netted 40 yards and the Blizzards' only touchdown of the game. The kick for the extra point was low.

13 to 6
In the second quarter the Bearcats started rolling again and first downs resulted from runs by Russell, McCorstin and Sykes, with McCorstin going through the line for 10 yards and the score, Russell carried over for the extra point.

29 to 6
Opening the second half the Bearcats received the kickoff and Sykes turned in a neat 33-yard scamper which was followed by nice gains by Frazier, Russell and McCorstin. McCorstin traveled the last five yards to make the touchdown. Frazier failed to make the extra point.

26 to 6
The next touchdown was set up when McCorstin passed to Earnshaw who got twenty-five yards out of the pass and run. McCorstin made a first down on the Winters 11-yard line and Frazier creaked right end for the counter. Russell failed to make the extra point.

32 to 6
Winters took to the air in an effort to score and on the second try McCorstin intercepted a throw from Baker on the Winters 46-yard line and behind beautiful interference ran it back across the goal line for the last score of the ball game. Russell carried over for the extra point.

29 to 6
In the game the Bearcats racked up 18 first downs to Winters' 3, and held the edge in every department of the game. McCorstin continued his touchdown parade, getting four of the counters against the Blizzards, and the Bearcats continued their high scoring to give them No. 1 place of class A teams in the state.
More than 2,000 fans watched

the game to give the Bearcats the biggest crowd of the season since the opener with San Angelo.

BALLINGER FANS WILL GO TO AUSTIN FOR GAME

A number of Ballinger fans will go to Austin tomorrow (Thursday) to witness the Texas A. & M.-Texas University football game. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable will join Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bird, of Abilene, here Wednesday and will go to A. & M. College where they will attend the pep rally and bonfire that evening. They will go on to Austin Thursday morning to attend the game in the afternoon. Others attending from here will be Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hembree, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner, and perhaps others.

SCHOOL SCHEDULE WILL BE CHANGED NEXT MONDAY

Supt. Nat Williams stated this week that another change would be made Monday in the time for starting and closing school. The shorter days are responsible for the change and beginning Monday classes will start at 9:30 a. m., lunch will be at 1:00 p. m., and school will be dismissed at 4:45 p. m.
These hours will be continued until in the spring when days become longer and bus schedules fit better for a later start.

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The Bearcats came through with one of their best games of the year Friday night to defeat a good Winters team 39 to 6 and to take the championship of district 9A. The game was witnessed by the largest crowd of the season.

For once Ballinger fans will get to witness a bi-district game without having to drive a long distance. The Eastland Mavericks, champions of district 10A, will be here to meet the Bearcats on Friday evening, December 8.

The Bearcats came through the Winters game in good condition and are continuing their work this week to be ready for the Mavericks Friday week Junior High Coach Buck Elkins watched

triet by defeating Hamilton in a close 6 to 0 game two weeks ago. They closed their season by being defeated at the hands of the Cisco class AA team last week and wanted to rest a week in order to let some injured boys recover.

Tickets will go on sale for the Ballinger-Eastland game this week-end and all local people are urged to buy them before game time on December 8.

RUNNELS COUNTY COUNCIL TO MEET HERE SATURDAY

Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, said today that a called meeting of the Runnels county council would be held in her office here Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30. Matters of importance are to come before the council and all members and club women of this area are urged to attend.

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

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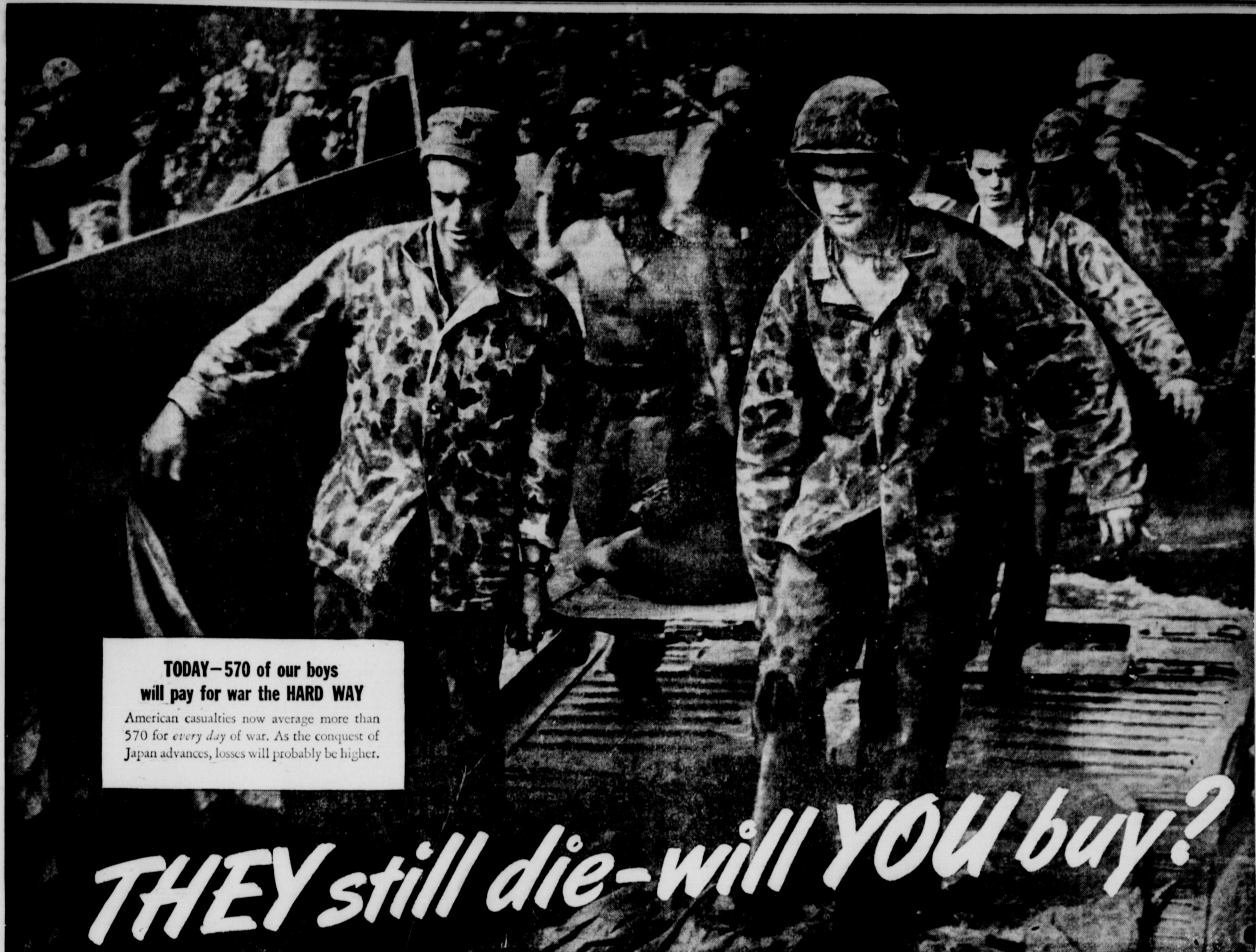
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WILL you loan dollars, while they give lives? The conquest of Japan will probably be the costliest war in history. Distances are enormous. The enemy is tough and fanatical. We have no reserves of supply within thousands of miles—everything must be transported. And war in the Pacific requires special equipment, not used elsewhere.

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distances, it takes four to six ships, constantly in motion, to deliver one shipload per month.

The Japs think our home-front is soft. They think we'll get tired of the war and quit. Well—it's up to you. Our fighting men aren't quitters; the Japs know *that*. It's you they are counting on.

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FOR SALE—Regular Farmall tractor and equipment. \$250 cash or will trade for cows. H. Tierce, Hatchel. 23-2t

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FOR SALE—12 gauge Remington automatic shotgun, excellent condition. \$35. J. C. Taylor, P. O. Box 546, Ballinger. 30-1t

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FOR SALE—1723 acres, 450 in field, two houses, \$23.50 acre. A. M. King. 30-3t

FOR SALE—Motorbike, in good condition. 1001 Ninth Street or Phone 450. 30-2t

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FOR SALE—Kanota seed oats. See H. J. Zappe. 28-1f

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FOR RENT—Unfurnished two room apartment. 1306 Seventh Street. 23-2t

FOR RENT—South bedroom, private entrance, close in. Phone 406 or 222. Mrs. Laxson. 23-1f

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment, Eighth and Broad. 23-2t

FOR RENT—Two furnished apartments. Telephone 353. 701 Twelfth Street. 23-2t

FOR SALE—Baby beef turkeys. Hens, \$5.00; toms, \$7.50. J. D. Hooks. 29-1t

FOR SALE—Small farm. \$30 acre. Small house in Ballinger. Terms A. M. King. 30-3t

FOR RENT—Furnished duplex apartment. See Sam Behringer or call 259. 30-2t

FOR SALE—2,000 bundles of cane. John Herrington at Kemp's Dairy. 30-2t

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FOR SALE—Seat covers for all late model Fords. Frank Flynt Motor Co. 1t

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HUNTING PARTY HOME WITH ELEVEN BUCKS
One of the most successful hunting parties to return to Ballinger arrived Sunday afternoon, bringing in eleven bucks. This group cut their time short because all but one had the limit.
In the party were: Hugh Campbell, Hamp Byler, C. L. Howell, of Ballinger; John Byler, of Brady; Wade Rosser and Wade Rosser, Jr., of Bangs. Everybody except Wade Rosser, Jr., killed two bucks and he shot one.
The deer ranged from four to nine points and all were fat and in good condition.

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CLARKSVILLE, Ark., Nov. 28.—Private First Class Walter Wallace Trimmer, 20, son of Judge and Mrs. Paul Trimmer of Ballinger, is a member of the marine detachment at the College of the Ozarks here where he is learning to become a radioman.
Before joining the marine corps Walter attended Ballinger high school, the University of Texas, and the University of Colorado. He was employed by the Runnels county AAA at Ballinger.

WITH THE XII AIR FORCE SERVICE COMMAND IN ITALY—Staff Sergeant Ardis D. Beard, son of Mr. and Mrs. George M. Beard, of Ballinger, is now serving with the army air forces in Italy.
Overseas nearly a year, Sgt. Beard is a personnel classification specialist on duty with an aircraft service unit. His group is a branch of the XII air force service command, vast air support organization of the Mediterranean war theater. Shortly after joining this group in Italy, Sgt. Beard moved with it to France, where it gave support to our warplanes several weeks before returning to Italy.
Leaving the University of Texas to enter the service, Sgt. Beard served more than a year with the air corps at Kelly Field, San Antonio.

CAMP LEJEUNE, N. C., Nov. 28.—Marine First Lieutenant Ralph James Erwin, of 206 Seventh St., Ballinger, is furthering his knowledge of electronics, after applying the subject during two years of Pacific duty.
Lt. Erwin, 23, just assigned to study here, is a veteran of the Bougainville campaign. He recently was promoted to his present rank.
Lt. Erwin worked in the signal office at Camp Bowie, and served intermittently with the maritime service before joining the marine corps in March, 1942. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin, of Ballinger.

Lt. Guy Lively, Jr., was at home the first of last week for a short visit with his wife and baby. He returned to Westover, Mass., and expected to leave at once for Mitchell Field, New York, and then overseas. Since a letter from a stop in Oklahoma, no word has been received from him and it is believed by his wife that he has left for foreign service.

Seven local boys have been sent to Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, for basic infantry training. They are: Dalton Earl Crockett, Harris G. Lovelace, Norman W. Roper, Jack Taylor Lee, Arnold Otto Lange, Gerald Watkins, Harry Dillard Beaver.

Sgt. Donald Chapman, of Abilene, was here Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends. He is now in an officers' candidate school, after having served in the army two years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Drummond last week got two letters from their son, Coner Drummond, written in France, where he is serving in the signal corps. He said the weather was plenty cold and there was much mud and snow. Coner sailed on the Queen Mary, one of the largest ships afloat, and landed in Scotland, later going to England and then on to France.

Lt. Leonard Scales, pilot of a Flying Fortress at Gulfport, Miss., and his crew were selected as "the crew of the week" two weeks ago for their good work and flying proficiency. He and his crewmen are completing combat training at Gulfport and will soon be ready for overseas duty. In recognition of their excellent work they were permitted to fly to Wilmington, Delaware, where they remained overnight.

Alfred Colliom, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Colliom, has graduated from A. & M. College and has been promoted in rating from seaman 2c to seaman 1c. He was shipped to Norfolk, Virginia, for further training at the naval base there.

Capt. and Mrs. Victor Miller, Jr., and daughter, Margaret Jane, are at home on a 21-day leave from the Boca Raton army air field in Florida.

David M. Baker, who has arrived safely in a Pacific area, recently was promoted from lieutenant junior grade to lieutenant. With the navy medical corps, he is stationed aboard the U. S. S.

Pvt. William L. James has notified relatives here of a new address and his arrival overseas in the European war theatre.

Cpl. and Mrs. Bill Cordill, of San Angelo, visited relatives in Ballinger Sunday. Cpl. Cordill is stationed at Concho Field.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jacob have received letters from their son, Roy Jacob, prisoner of war in Germany. The letters were dated August 14 and 28, and at that time he stated he was OK and expected to be home before very long, indicating that news filtering in to the prison camps disclosed the Allies making good progress. He told of attending his first worship service since being captured. He said the chapel was built of Red Cross boxes received by men at the camp where he is now held. He stated he had only been in the new camp 12 days.

Letters from another son, Otis Jacob, with the navy in the Pacific, pointed out that he would complete 18 months foreign service on January 1, 1945. He also is doing well and is looking forward to a trip home sometime soon.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts have received a letter from their son, Sgt. Wilburne Batts, informing that he had arrived in New Guinea and had been assigned. He wrote that he and Lt. Don Cooper were together again in the same crew. Lt. Cooper got primary training at Bruce Field and later he and Batts were on a crew that mapped all of South America and most of the United States. They were separated at an air base in Colorado but now have been assigned to the same crew.

David Batts, aviation cadet, has been sent to Mission, where he will receive advanced pilot training at Moore Field. David was an aviation student at Cleveland, O., several months ago and was a frequent visitor there of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper, parents of the officer with whom Sgt. Wilburne Batts has served so much.

Miss Eloise Dankworth spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dankworth. She is attending the San Marcos academy.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF NORTON MEET
The Future Homemakers of Norton have been having multiple experiences with apples during the past week. The lunch room was supplied with apples through surplus commodities. Since all the apples could not be used while fresh, the problem of conservation arose. Each class of homemaking girls took turns at canning but still apples were in abundance.
Then an invitation was extended to the women of the community to assist in canning. For two days the homemaking cottage was a center for groups of women who spent hours in preparing apples while the girls did the canning. On Wednesday afternoon the facilities of the lunch room were used and a group of women did canning there. As a school was closing for the Thanksgiving holidays the work was not completed. At this point Mrs. A. Morgan volunteered to can five bushels that were in need of immediate care. Truly to Mrs. A. Morgan and Miss Maggie Lilly, who assisted Mrs. Morgan in this extra canning, should go a badge for first place in community service.

The Future Homemakers with their sponsor, Mrs. Janie B. Hull, wish to join the school management in extending our sincere thanks to the women of the community who so willingly gave of their time to assist in food conservation. The guest list of canning helpers included the following: Mmes. Court Barrett, L. B. Hambricht, Wade Carter, J. P. Priddy, Joe Hambricht, A. J. Richards, Jim Hambricht, A. Morgan, Otis Allen, Cecil Roper, Ray V. Stark, Johnnie Minshew, Kay Berry, George Williams, Charlie Patton, Floyd Mackey, Tom Setser, and Miss Maggie Lilly.

Third year homemaking girls were hostesses to the Norton chapter of Future Homemakers for the November meeting. Using the theme "Correct Dress an Aid to Personality," the girls gave demonstrations on types of clothing for various occasions.
Molly Fowler, wearing skirt and sweater, was a typical school girl of today.
LaVonda Forbus, dressed in

shorts and blouse was ready for a game of tennis, while Martha Sparkman donned slacks and a heavier shirt for a picnic hike.
Desmal Willard wore a tailored skirt for shopping, carrying a draw-string bag to match her suit.
Charlene Carlton, in a plaid suit, was ready for the football game, date included.
Mary Belle Cope wore a brown skirt with fitted wool sweater. She was quite attractive for a show date. We "wondered" if she would destroy the charming personality by munching on pop-corn during the show.
Inoyce Hilliard, wearing a formal dress of navy blue taffeta, was ready for a formal dance at Hotel Cactus. Quite ready—for she had consulted Emily Post on all points in question, including a tip to the maid who assisted her in the ladies' lounge.
Francis Gottschalk wore a striking tan ensemble to an informal dinner.
A fruit drink with cookies was served during the social hour.

OLFEN BOND RALLY IS SET FOR DECEMBER 5
The war bond rally scheduled at Olfen Friday night has been postponed and will be held Tuesday night, December 5. A change was made because of the death of Joe H. Halfmann, sixth war loan chairman at Olfen.
Leaders who are taking over in Mr. Halfmann's place stated today that all Olfen citizens were invited to attend the rally in Ballinger Saturday afternoon and were urged to buy their bonds at that time—that the Olfen community would be given credit for their purchases. They added that they hoped the entire community quota could be raised at that time but the rally for December 5 will be planned and held, even if the quota is raised before that date.
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Martin, of Erick, Oklahoma, spent the past week-end in Ballinger, visiting friends. Mr. Martin was formerly an instructor at Bruce Field, and Mrs. Martin formerly as assistant secretary of the Ballinger Board of Community Development.

DENTISTS
Joe H. Halfmann, 54, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Wednesday morning at 1:00 o'clock after a very short illness and being seriously ill only a few hours.
Decedent came to Runnels county with his parents in 1894 and made home in the Olfen community ever since. He was engaged in stock farming and also was an untiring worker in the civic life of his community. At the time of his death he was serving as chairman at Olfen for the sixth war loan campaign. He was a member of St. Boniface Church, of Knights of Columbus lodge No. 2772, of St. Boniface Society, and took an active part in all affairs of his community.
His father passed away in 1941 and his mother died in August, 1930.
Survivors besides the wife include three sons, Cpl. Alex Halfmann, somewhere in England; Harry Halfmann, Olfen; Emmanuel Halfmann, seaman 1c, San Francisco; two daughters, Mrs. B. G. Edminston, San Angelo; Mrs. R. J. Beach, Paris; a grandson, Ronald Beach, Paris; five brothers, W. J., Charlie, Ben J., and H. E. Halfmann, Olfen; and A. E. Halfmann, San Angelo; two sisters, Mrs. G. A. Gully, Rowena; and Mrs. G. B. Power, San Antonio.
Funeral services will be held at St. Boniface Church, Olfen, Saturday at 10:00 a. m., Rev. F. M. Kaminsky to officiate.
Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.
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