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Youth Center Is Planned By Library, Club Groups

A conference was held Wednesday afternoon by the Army and Navy Club council and the local library board to determine the disposal of recreational facilities in the library building. Acting on a recommendation of the council it was voted to form a youth center here and to create a board of directors with a representative from each of the civic organizations in Ballinger and from the board to appoint a smaller group to be known as the executive committee or administrative group.

Members of the Army-Navy council stated that all furniture and fixtures would be left in the building so long as it was devoted to that purpose and both groups were enthusiastic over the prospects for a youth center where community and recreational meetings could be held and where the good work of the library might be continued.

It was voted to ask civic organizations to select members of the directory board at once and as soon as all have been named they will be called together to consider the plan of operation, financing of necessary improvements, and general maintenance and operation of the center. Asked to name one director each were: Ballinger Rotary Club, Ballinger Lions Club, American Legion post, Ballinger Board of Community Development, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cubs, club schools, county schools, 4-H club boys and girls, Fannie Stephens Study Club, Shakespeare Club, city of Ballinger, county of Runnels, and library board.

A number of these directors have already been designated and a meeting will be called the first of next week to make plans, name the executive committee, schedule meetings, plan improvements and consider means of obtaining the necessary finances.

Speakers at the conference Wednesday pointed to the condition of the building at the present time and how ideally suited it was carrying on youth work as well as community meetings. A small investment, it was agreed, was needed to properly carry out the program. The need for such a center was also indicated and it was said that at least \$1,000 should be spent in providing adequate heating facilities, repairing of windows, extensions of gas lines and other interior work. It was also declared that a full-time janitor was required at once to keep the building in proper condition.

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT MILES JANUARY 9

The next workers' conference of the Runnels Missionary Baptist Association will convene at the First Baptist Church of Miles on Tuesday, January 9. The theme is "This Same Jesus," Acts 1:11.

Following is the program:
 10:00 a. m., devotional, Rev. C. D. McIntire
 10:30 a. m., "Jesus, the Friend of Sinners," Rev. Earl Allen
 11:00 a. m., "Jesus, the Great Physician, the Healer of the Sick-Sick Soul," Rev. C. K. Roberts
 11:30 a. m., special music by the First Baptist Church, Ballinger
 11:40 a. m., sermon, Rev. Clarence A. Morton
 12:15 p. m., lunch
 1:30 p. m., executive board meeting, and W. M. S. meeting
 2:10 p. m., special music
 2:15 p. m., "Jesus, God's Perfect Sacrifice," Rev. J. W. Partin
 2:45 p. m., "Jesus, the Believer's Expectation,"—"Shall so come in like manner"—Rev. Fred D. Blake
 3:15 p. m., adjournment.

23 Runnels County Men Enter Service; Get Assignments

The Runnels county draft board this week made public the names of 23 men and boys from this county who have been accepted for army or navy service recently. The men were part of a large contingent sent from here just before the holidays and they have reported at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, stood their final physicals and been assigned to branches of the service.

Other groups have left here since but no report has come back on them. Quotas for January and February have been stepped up and other large numbers will be leaving soon for their first physical examinations.

Those certified to the board for acceptance and induction are:

Army
 Clarence LeRoy Coats
 C. B. Stiefel
 Lee Roy West
 Sammy Doyle Faubion
 Auden Alfred Watson
 Ernest William Cook
 Clifton Vivins Harwood
 John Washington Jones
 Willie Roy Beaver
 Laddie Frank Batla
 Lawrence Leonard Herring
 William Odell Hill
 Clarence Lee Phillips
 Milton James Junek
 James Blake Striplin, Jr.
 Clyde Emerson King

Navy
 Mallie Carl Campbell
 Clayton Nix Jennings
 Troy Bufell Allen
 Robert Hill McLerran
 William Cody Miles
 John Andrew Killough, Jr.
 John Willie Chatman (col.)
 The board also stated that thirteen 18-year-old boys registered for military service in December. They are:

Eugene Henry Halfmann
 George Dale Lackey
 Alois Paul Matthiesen
 Wilson Clyde Boatright
 Robert Walker Evans
 Randall E. White
 James Durward Hamilton
 Max Edward Fisher
 Morris Eugene Nichols
 John Kirksey McNeill
 Robert Steve McClelland
 Omar Blake Rowland
 John Davis Kelmon (col.)
 New registrants who have been in the service and are now registered include:
 Kathel Aaron Broadstreet
 Marion Euclid Harding
 Ernest Criswell Atwood
 Chester Daniel Dorner

Miss Dorothy Hoeker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hoeker, of the Hagan-Barnett community was taken to Dallas this week in a Newby-Davis ambulance and entered in the Scottish Rite hospital. Miss Hoeker suffered severe burns several weeks ago when she was using gasoline to destroy an ant bed.

Mrs. Buford Smith, Luther, and grandchildren, Annie Marie and Mary Louise Reams, of San Angelo, have been visiting in the home of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Owen, Ralph Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buford Smith, who had been overseas one year and who will report at a hospital in the near future, also visited his grandparents and with his wife at Winters.

'Fighting Third' Giving a Good Account of Itself



The U. S. Third army has given an excellent account of itself during the entire war. Upper left, shows Maj. Gen. E. V. Landrum addressing officers and men during lull in activities somewhere in northern France. Lower left, largest ordnance tractor, used to haul 8-inch and 240-mm. guns for Third army. Center, searching streets for lurking Nazis. Right, Lieut. Gen. George S. Patton, commanding general of the Third army.

Serving Uncle Sam

Lt. and Mrs. J. L. Lovelace, of San Angelo, were guests the past week-end of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion. Miss Lavinia Faubion returned to San Angelo with them for a visit. Lt. Lovelace was formerly an instructor at Bruce Field and Mrs. Lovelace a teacher in the Ballinger high school.

Curtis H. Lee, apprentice seaman, is at home after finishing boot camp at San Diego, Calif. He will go back Sunday and will be made seaman 2c at the gunnery school at San Diego. The young sailor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee. His brother, Jesse F. Lee, first class petty officer and radio technician, also is stationed at San Diego after overseas duty.

AN 8TH AIR FORCE BOMBER STATION, England—Technical Sergeant Doyle H. Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myles R. Brown, of Ballinger, has been awarded a second oak leaf cluster to his air medal, it was recently announced by the commanding general, 8th air force.

Sgt. Brown is the waist gunner of a B-17 flying fortress, and is a veteran of many of the 8th air force's huge daylight precision bombing assaults against the Nazi war machine. He has participated in the bombing offensive against the Reich's oil centers at Hamburg, Poland and Merseburg, as well as troop support missions over Metz and the area around Aachen, all of which were carried out with excellent results and greatly aided our ground forces. The courage, coolness and skill displayed by Sgt. Brown on all these occasions reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of the United States.

Prior to his entry into the army air forces, in 1941, Sgt. Brown was employed by the department of agriculture.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutcheson have received a letter from their son, S-Sgt. Ray Hutcheson who is now stationed in North Africa after serving in Italy. He stated that the days were hot and the nights cold, the people resembled those of a circus side-show, and although he had traveled much he wanted to get back to Texas. Another son, S-Sgt. Edgar Hutcheson, is now stationed at Camp Bowie, but expects to leave there soon for overseas service.

Cpl. Marion L. Singleton, of Ballinger route 2, is in a medical unit now serving in the Netherlands East Indies. He is on duty with a portable surgical hospital detachment.

B. M. Kirk, M.M. 1c, of the 111th N. C. B., has been sent to Camp Endicott, R. I., for reassignment. He was here for a short visit recently and left December 3 to report at his new base. Prior to that his address had been in care of the New York fleet post office.

"I never thought they could cram so many Christmas presents in such a small box," writes Sgt. Charles L. Shepard, of Ballinger, now serving in the 36th division in eastern France. "We got everything this year, candy, cookies, and even a fruit cake. It all came overseas faster than ever and in plenty of time for the holidays." Sgt. Shepard has been overseas 26

months, serving in North Africa, Italy and France.

The 8th naval district headquarters revealed this week that Pvt. Ernest Simpson, marine corps, had been wounded. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Downey Simpson, of Ballinger. The memorandum did not give the extent of his wounds nor where they were sustained.

Lt. Gorman W. Walton is now taking the final phase of his training as a B-24 Liberator bomber pilot at the Walla Walla, Washington, army air field. Lt. Walton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Walton of this city.

Fred Douglas Mapes, seaman 2c, left Friday to return to his ship, the U.S.S. Shangri-La, after spend a 16-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mapes, other relatives, and friends.

Miss Jean Mapes, cadet nurse at the Shannon Hospital, San Angelo, also spent a short leave at home during the holidays.

Pfc. Claude Thompson, Jr., has returned to Fort Benning, Ga., after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Thompson, Sr., in the Bethel community. While here he was joined by his brother, Bob, who is a student at A. & M. College. Pfc. Thompson was formerly a student at A. & M. before entering the army last March.

Lt. Hoffman Writes from German Prison Camp

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Hoffman have received two letters, dated August 26 and 31, from their son, First Lieut. Garlyn Hoffman, who is now a prisoner of war in Stalag Luft 3, Germany. He said that he received no injuries in his accident, and that he was getting fair treatment. The food is good.

Before Lt. Hoffman collided over Germany August 3, he was a member of an 8th fighter command group stationed in England. He has several enemy planes to

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Waste Paper Critically Needed For War Effort

B. C. D Will Elect 11 New Directors By Postal Ballots

The Ballinger Board of Community Development will ask for an election to name eleven directors during the week of January 22 to 27. A nominating committee composed of E. Shepperd, Stanley Price and Alton Underwood has been named and they will select twenty-two names from which eleven will be elected to take their place on the 22 man board for 1945. Those elected at this time will serve for a two year term.

A post card ballot, bearing the names of all those nominated will be placed in the hands of all members of the organization during the week named above and each member is asked to vote for 11 and return the card to the organization where a committee will tabulate the results and announce the eleven high men as elected for the two year term.

A meeting of the present board will be held on January 18 at which time a discussion will likely be held in regard to the holding of an annual meeting. No plan has been made for such a gathering and it is possible that the annual banquet or program will be omitted from the activities this year because of war conditions.

The BCD has been busy during the past year with much of their time devoted to some type of war work. The aviation committee has been very busy during the year and other groups have worked on matter coming before them. The BCD has provided a war activities committee that has assisted with the various war programs and during the last year bond drive, Joe Forman, secretary-manager served as city chairman.

Over Five Million Dollars on Deposit In Ballinger Banks

Calls for bank statements as of December 30 have been received and Ballinger banks' reports show total deposits of \$5,130,608.74. Total deposits in Runnels county were not available this week but were estimated to be well above eight million dollars and possibly nine millions.

The statements of local banks reflect a very prosperous condition here following the Christmas holiday season immediately after the sixth war loan drive.

Practically all cotton in Runnels county has been harvested and considerable amounts of the 1944 crop converted into money. Livestock prices have continued good, and these items plus a solid financial background account for the heaviest deposits in the history of the county.

According to the statements published in The Ledger this week Ballinger banks had the following deposits:

First National Bank, \$2,889,759.53
 Farmers & Merchants State Bank, \$2,240,849.21

It was known that the Winters State Bank had well over two million dollars on deposit and other banks in the county are expected to show proportionate amounts.

Mrs. W. T. Cope and daughter, Muriel, and son, Wayne, have returned to their home at Happy after spending the holidays in the home of Mrs. J. Stubblefield.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods
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"WITHOUT A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING NO PEACE OR OTHER PLANS WILL BE MUCH GOOD."
 Roger W. Babson's prediction for 1945.
 Join us in "New Year's to Easter Sunday night Crusade"
 Sunday School Sunday 9:45 a. m. Baptist Training Union Sunday 6:30 p. m.
 Sunday 11 a. m. Sermon: "THE UNTHROTTEN PATH"
 Sunday night 7:30 Sermon: "THE RACE OF LIFE"

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
 60 Eighth Street
 CLARENCE A. HORTON, Pastor
 (A Member of the Runnels Baptist Association)

H. J. Zappe, county salvage chairman, stated today that the Ballinger Board of Community Development was cooperating in the scrap paper drive to be launched here at once. Joe Forman, secretary-manager of the B. C. D., said anyone wanting information regarding the disposal of waste paper could telephone No. 39 and it would be given.

During this week and the first few days of next week every resident of Runnels county is asked to cooperate in this campaign. Due to the shortage of transportation and labor citizens are asked to tie their bundles of paper securely, using good heavy twine or cord, and take them to the paper depot on the southeast corner of the court house lawn. It is very necessary that bundles be tied securely, going two ways around each bundle with the twine. Previous experience has proved that most of the work and waste in handling scrap paper has resulted from poorly tied bundles. In some instances entire carload shipments have been turned down because of faulty bundling.

Mr. Zappe pointed out that it was impossible to obtain trucks to pick up bundles all over town and that it was also impossible to get free labor to rebundle and load shipments. For these reasons all are asked to aid in the drive by tying their own bundles and taking them to the concentration point at the corner of Sixth Street and Strong Avenue. The paper depot will be open during the day and all paper brought in can be unloaded there.

The government has specified waste paper as the No. 1 salvage need at the beginning of 1946. Stocks of paper are getting low and unless replenished at once the war effort will lag. Waste paper is used for packing shells and in many other demands of war. Officials say great quantities must be found at once and shipments made to manufacturers.

It is hoped that at least a carload will be brought here this week-end and the first two days of next week. Mr. Zappe said the campaign probably would be continued throughout 1945 without let-up and urged every home and business house in the county not to waste a single piece of paper.

Newspapers, magazines, wrapping paper, old sacks, cartons or boxes (knocked down and flattened), are all needed and should go into the bundles.

Again the importance of tying bundles securely is emphasized. Use binder's twine or some other similar strong cord and tie in two directions so that pieces cannot slip out of bundles and so they can be thrown about without coming loose.

MEN'S ADDRESSES WANTED BY LOCAL DRAFT BOARD

The Runnels county draft board is seeking the correct addresses of the men listed below. Anyone knowing the correct present address of any of these men is asked to furnish it to the local board.

Bill Allbright
 Herman Alvin Hoelscher
 Joe Kvapil

T. WHITEHEAD

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All new applications received before February 1st are good for the quarter ending May 1st. Provide yourself and family with this safe burial insurance and benefit by the extra time allowance made.

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 Ballinger, Texas

A SPECIAL TREAT FOR THE CITY OF BALLINGER

American Missionaries just back from the war in China—held in a

Japanese Prison!

10 a. m.—Sunday School Hour

The testimony of Lois Donnelson, 18 years old, "Can Anything Good Come Out of a Jap Prison?"

11 a. m. Dr. Donnelson—one of the greatest living missionaries—will speak.



Dr. Fred S. Donnelson
 China Missionary

3 p. m.—"Are the Japs Really Cruel?"

"What Kind of an Enemy Have We?"

In this afternoon service Dr. Donnelson will tell most of his experiences for the benefit of members and pastors of other churches who can not leave their morning and evening services.

7 p. m.—Lois Donnelson Speaks Again.

8 p. m.—Another Hour With Dr. Donnelson.

Special Music in all Services

Everyone is Invited

Grace Baptist Church

Tenth Street at Phillips Avenue—Pastor F. Donnelson, Pastor



Women's Society and Club News

Eleanor Williams Weds Lieutenant Wylie Stobaugh of U. S. Navy
Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams of Ballinger announce the marriage of their daughter, Eleanor, to Lieutenant Wylie Stobaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh. The wedding took place in a church chapel in Boston, Massachusetts, on Saturday evening, December 30, with naval officers and their wives present.

Mrs. Stobaugh graduated from Ballinger High School and received her degree from the University of Texas, where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. She entered the WAVES a year and a half ago, and had special training in New York, Florida, Detroit, and California. She is now stationed at the Corpus Christi Naval Air Base. Lieut. Stobaugh attended Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and N.T.A.C. at Arlington following his graduation from Ballinger High School. He entered the United States Navy four years ago, and received his commission at Northwestern University.

Following the wedding, the couple left for a 10-day visit in New York and other places of interest in the East. Mrs. Stobaugh will go by plane to Corpus Christi and Lieut. Stobaugh will report to his ship.

First Baptist Church is Scene of Bell-Bankston Wedding

Lively simplicity characterized the setting for the twilight wedding service Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the First Baptist Church when Miss Norma Gene Bankston, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Bankston, became the bride of Alvin E. Bell, Jr., AOMI, of the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Florida, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bell of Bronte.

Tall white baskets of white gladioli and fern together with 11-branch candelabra, in inverted V-shape, holding white cathedral tapers, decorated the altar where Rev. Clarence A. Morton, church pastor, read the impressive double ring ceremony before a large assembly of relatives and friends. Mrs. Charles Hambrick was at the organ console for the nuptial

music. A program of love songs was played as the candles were lighted by Jackie Bankston and Patricia Root, the bride's sister and cousin, then continued with the accompaniment of "Because" by d'Harlelot, sung by Mrs. Clarence Morton. For the bridal party professional she used the "Wedding Chorus" from Lohengrin by Wagner and Mendelssohn's Wedding March for the recessional. Vows were exchanged to the soft strains of Strauss' "Traumerl."

Miss Melba Bankston attended her sister as maid-of-honor. Her dress of fuchsia crepe was made with tucked bodice. She wore a black picture hat with other black accessories. She carried a nosegay of blue carnations.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her uncle, Harris Mullins, of Winters, wore a dress of aqua crepe made with fitted torso trimmed with bows of the same material studded with gold nail head beads. Her small straw hat with shoulder length veil and other accessories were black. For "something old" she wore a lavalier necklace set with diamonds, which belongs to Miss Grifflie Atkins. She carried a small white Bible belonging to Mrs. Douglas Cox, which she had carried at her wedding, topped with a purple orchid showered with narrow white satin ribbons.

The bridegroom was attended by B. M. Batts, Jr., as best man. Ushers were Johnny Earnshaw and Bob Sykes.

For the reception for relatives and a few close friends in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Morton, the bride's aunt, Mrs. T. C. Root, of Lubbock, was hostess. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Bankston, and by the bridegroom's parents, the bridal couple, and Mr. and Mrs. Harris Mullins of Winters. Mrs. Douglas Cox was at the bride's book.

The lace-laid table was centered with an arrangement of white chrysanthemums and lace fern. The three-tiered all-white decorated cake, which was topped with miniature wedding bells, and the silver coffee service were placed at opposite ends, and crystal candelabra with white tapers were on the buffet. Mrs. Root poured and Mrs. Cal Adair cut the cake. Others assisting were: Meses. Joe Harwell, Bill Williams, Guy Lively, Jr., Charles Pafford; Misses Margaret Ann Morton, Dorothy McMillan, and Billie Howell.

The couple left immediately for a short honeymoon trip. Mrs. Bell was wearing a two-piece chocolate brown all-wool dressmaker suit, with brown accessories and tailored blouse of chartreuse crepe. Her corsage was an orchid.

Mrs. Bell is a graduate of the Ballinger High School, and attended Texas Technological College two years where she was a member of D. F. D. Club. For the past two years she has been employed by the West Texas Utilities Company. Petty Officer Bell, also a graduate of the high school here, attended San Angelo Junior College before going into the United States Navy. He served twenty-eight months in the South Pacific on an aircraft carrier. He is now stationed at Jacksonville, Florida, where he is an instructor in a gunnery school.

Mrs. Tigner Triple-Four Hostess
Mrs. L. R. Tigner was hostess to the Tigner four contract club Friday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Living rooms were still festive in holiday decorations, and a lovely arrangement of red carnations centered the lace-laid dining table. Mrs. Harry Lynn was winner of high score award. Mrs.

Long, Long Trail to Russia



More than 4,380,440 tons of war implements and goods from America's factories to Russia, have been shipped through the Persian Corridor. The goods are sent by rail and truck across some of the most varied and difficult terrain in the world. This is the only theater where the Russians, British and Americans are fighting together.

Lucy Minor Duncan, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, binged and also received the guest prize.

Mrs. Fred Vetterlein assisted the hostess in serving a salad plate with fruit cake and coffee. Others present were: Meses. Gordon McGiffin of Brookville, Pa., C. L. Baker, Troy Simpson, Alex McGregor, J. A. Schnable, E. W. Stansley, Ross Murchison, Claude Stone, Tom Agnew, Delbert Vancle and R. W. Earnshaw.

Surprise Shower for Mrs. Douglas Cox

Miss Norma Gene Bankston and Miss Margaret Ann Morton were assisted by their mothers, Mrs. Ruth Bankston and Mrs. Clarence Morton when they entertained with a surprise gift shower for Mrs. Douglas Cox Friday evening in the Bankston home on Tenth Street.

Living rooms were decorated with arrangements of Christmas flowers where a tray of gifts were presented the honoree.

Fruit cake was served with coffee to: Meses. Cox, W. L. Byler, Joe Harwell, Bill Williams, Mary Jo Jaros, Fred McClanahan, Guy Lively, Jr., Marvin Winnifred of Lubbock, T. C. Root of Lubbock; Meses. Dorothy McMillan, Billie Howell, Helen Speer, and Melba Bankston.

First Christian W. M. S. Meets

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church met Monday afternoon in the church parlors with Mrs. O. P. Dorsey, president, directing the business period. Mrs. Horace Murphy was elected delegate to attend the Missionary State Board, which meets in Fort Worth on January 17th and 18th, and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh was elected alternate. Mrs. Charles Bailey will also attend the meeting and will give the devotional on the program. Six missionary books were reported read.

Mrs. Bailey was program leader for the afternoon and gave the devotional "Quiet Time with

Him." Mrs. Stobaugh discussed "Clouds Over China."

Others present were: Meses. M. A. Foy, J. R. Lusk, Oscar Pearson, and Miss Lula McElroy.

Ballinger Civic-Garden Club to Meet January 9

Mr. J. M. Williams will bring an educational program on pruning of trees and shrubs to members of the Ballinger Civic-Garden Club next Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in City Hall auditorium.



Think on These Things
by Richard Robbins Minister Eighth Street Church of Christ

In I Kings 20: we read of a prisoner who was put in charge of another for safe keeping, but the keeper let the prisoner get away. His explanation was, "As thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone." The king said to the man, "Because thou hast let go out of thy hand a man whom I appointed to utter destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life." This is the trouble with most people. They are busy here and there with trifles and let the important things of life escape them. Paul says, "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard lest at any time we should let them slip." Heb. 2:1. If we do not have a firm grip on the things God has delivered unto us, we let them get away from us. If a man is not interested in a thing, he does not hold it with a firm grip. He gets busy here and there and lets it get away from him. And he does not realize the importance of it till it is gone. The word of God is the main thing in the life of a man, but he often lets the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke it out, so that he becomes unfruitful.

W. M. Davis

Repatriates to Tell Story of Japanese To Grace Baptists

Dr. and Mrs. Fred Donnellson and their daughter, Lois, who were held for seven months in a Jap prison outside Shanghai, will be at the Grace Baptist Church Sunday to tell their story. They will speak first at the 11 o'clock hour and a special service for the benefit of all churches will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and again in the evening at 8 o'clock.

During the Sunday school hour and at the young people's service, 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., Miss Lois Donnellson, 18-year-old high school girl, will give her marvelous testimony.

mony of trial in the hands of the Jap tyrants.

Dr. Donnellson will reveal all the horrors of the Japs and will discuss on such subjects as "Are the Japanese Atrocities Stories True?" and "My Marvelous Delivery from the Hands of the Japs."

This missionary family was in the field in China for some twelve years. They did a great work in the Far East and expect to return after the war ends.

Members of the Grace Baptist Church invite the general public to attend these services and hear this family in their stirring messages.

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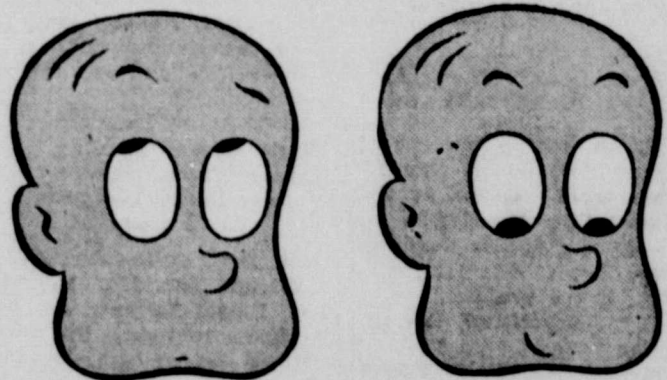
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2—Energize your body with RICH, RED BLOOD!

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SSS. TONIC helps build STURDY HEALTH

The high cost of living



The low price of electricity

Look at the cost of living—up 25.4% since 1939. Or would you rather not? Then look at the cost of electricity—down 3.2% during the same period. Feel better?

Of course, the reduction is a nation-wide average, and partly due to increased usage, which earns lower rates. But it continues a long-time trend. In fact, the average American family gets about twice as much electricity for its money today as it did 15 years ago!

(So why isn't your bill cut in half? Because you have more electric servants now. Kilowatt-hours are much cheaper—but you're using a lot more of 'em!)

Will you pardon us a moment while we point with pride to our wartime record? Production up—price down—no rationing—no shortages.

Thanks to far-sighted business management, every war plant making weapons has had plenty of electric power. And so will every peacetime factory making jobs!

*Both figures from U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Hear Nelson Eddy every Sunday afternoon in the brilliant new musical show, "The Electric Hour," with Robert Armstrong's Orchestra, 3:30 CWT, CBS.

West Texas Utilities Company

Fourth Greer Garson-Pidgeon Production is 'Mrs. Parkinson'

"Mrs. Parkinson," new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture booked at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 6, 7, 8, 9, is in the fine tradition of all the previous Greer Garson-Walter Pidgeon productions this company has given us: "Blossoms in the Dust," "Mrs. Miniver," and "Madame Curie."

These two, and an outstanding supporting cast, bring the best-selling Louis Bromfield novel to cinematic life with zest and great vigor. As the dynamic Mrs. Parkinson, Miss Garson makes a complete change from the studious and conservative women she portrayed in these previous successes. In "Mrs. Parkinson" she is dashing and dominating, a worldly woman with the world at her feet.

Pidgeon, in this film, is a reckless, ambitious and flamboyant man, a far cry from his Mr. Miniver or Pierre Curie. Together, they prove—if further proof were needed—that they are at once one of the greatest, if not the versatile film starring team in many years.

An outstanding supporting cast, head by Edward Arnold, Agnes Moorehead and Cecil Kellaway, and including Gladys Cooper, Tom Drake, Frances Rafferty and Peter

Lawford, among others, is seen in support of the stars.

Faye Emerson Given Top Role in Thriller Film 'Crime by Night'

Not just one but two of the loveliest villains ever presented by Hollywood have featured roles in "Crime by Night," Warner Bros. mystery drama to be shown at the Texas Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, January 10, 11.

Faye Emerson, a striking brunet, who has been getting increasingly important parts in Warner Bros. pictures recently, is the villainess-in-chief. As the head of a spy and saboteur ring, the comely Miss Emerson plays a wily game of hide-and-seek with the law, as represented by Jerome Cowan and his smart secretary, Jane Wyman. Just as lovely is Eleanor Parker, who is presented here as a tool of the enemy agents.

Beauty in such roles has a startling effect that tends to intensify the dramatic quality of "Crime by Night," adapted from the novel by Geoffrey Homes.

Take Nazis in Greenland



On an isolated stretch of northeast Greenland, U. S. coastguardsmen surprised and captured a German radio-weather station, last enemy outpost in Greenland. A 183-foot Nazi trawler and its crew was also captured in nearby waters. Above shows coastguardsmen moving captured radio supplies.

'And Now Tomorrow' Stars Alan Ladd, Loretta Young

Immediately upon Alan Ladd's release from the army on a medical discharge, Paramount producers started the cameras grinding on the screen version of the Rachel Field best-seller, "And Now Tomorrow."

In this romantic drama by the author of "All This and Heaven, Too," Ladd co-stars with Loretta Young in what is said to be one of the most beautiful love stories to reach the screen. Ladd's characterization is a departure from his famous "killer" roles. He plays the part of a medico who falls in love with his patient, Loretta, who is engaged to another.

The film, which is to be shown at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 7, 8, 9, features Barry Sullivan as Miss Young's fiance and Susan Hayward as her younger sister, Laurel and Hardy comedy and Gene Autry western release. Several short subjects also are on the same bill.

The country, it would seem, is divided into two distinct classes of people—Laurel and Hardy fans, and those poor souls who are unlucky enough to have a cast-off mop for a funnybone.

With whom Barry falls in love, Ladd accidentally learns of the situation but is professionally restrained from telling Loretta, and speaking of his own love.

Loretta's sympathetic role, as the girl whose life depends upon her health being restored, is acutely contrasted to the restrained characterizations played by the other three, none of whom feels justified in telling her the truth.

Laurel and Hardy Comedy and Gene Autry Western at Texas Theatre Tomorrow

The double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, consists of a To the former, the news that the screen's two zaniest comedians have come through with a new picture which is being acclaimed as their most hilarious hit, will come as a five-star event.

The film, "The Big Noise," which stars Laurel and Hardy and features glamorous Doris Merrick, Arthur Space and Veda Ann Borg. Gene Autry and Oliver appear as two shivery Sherlocks (with nobody "Holmes" upstairs) who are assigned to guard a secret explosive in the home of its inventor. When a gang of desperados plan to steal the valuable device and sell it to the enemy, Stan and Oliver's inevitable troubles begin, involving Doris Merrick's romance with the inventor, Arthur Space, and a mad land, sea and air dash to Washington, ending in the most hilarious climax.

Oliver Announces Procedure to Speed Ration Board Work

Dee Oliver, chairman of the local war price and rationing board, in an endeavor to permit more prompt mailing of rations to the public has installed a new streamlined rationing procedure designed to cut down the present heavy board workload.

Under the new plan, all applications are to be mailed or presented in person to the board office in order that they may go before the proper panels to be acted upon, Mr. Oliver explained. All panels of the Rannels county ration board have certain times to meet and all applications will be given consideration at the regular meetings.

Calling attention to the fact that board members are all volunteers and not only receive no pay for their services but have businesses of their own to operate, Mr. Oliver urged that no applications be taken to a board member by a consumer. Such action will only tend to delay issuance besides taking up the valuable time of the board member.

Under the new arrangement in effect, all approved rations will be mailed out, and the only rations which will be issued over the counter in the future will be those where hardship would result or in the cases of emergencies or furlough rations for service men.

To prevent possible inconveniences, clerks at the local office here suggest that applicants try to anticipate their needs and file their applications for gasoline and the other commodities a few days in advance of the time actually needed.

Pick on Someone Your Size!



An interesting sidelight of the New York Poultry show was this would-be "battle" between a White Plymouth Rock cockerel and a White Rose Comb bantam. Even though the cock has his leg raised in a threatening gesture, he thought better of his action in picking on his tiny bantam opponent.

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'Red Ryder' Western and 'Boston Blackie' Mystery Tale at Palace Starting Tomorrow

A "Red Ryder" cartoon western and a "Boston Blackie" murder mystery make up the program at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, January 5, 6, 7.

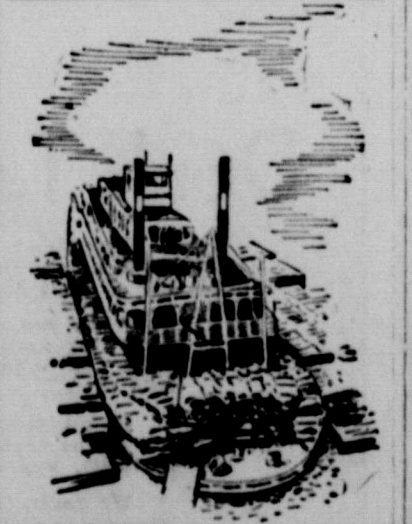
Republic upholds its reputation for producing the best in action-packed western pictures with the latest "Wild Bill" Elliott starrer, "Tucson Raiders," the exciting "horse opera" being based on the famous "Red Ryder" cartoon strip

with Elliott playing the role of the daring, hard-riding, fast-thinking Ryder who can out-wit, out-fight and out-shoot the most spectacular villains. In the cast are George "Gabby" Hayes, pretty Peggy Stewart, Alice Fleming, ten-year-old Bobby Blake, John Whitney, LeRoy Mason, Ruth Lee, Ed Cassidy, Tom Steele and Marshall Reed.

With one thrill after another, a \$500,000 diamond in the palm of his hand, a one-in-a-million beauty on his neck, the cops on his heels, "Boston Blackie" returns to the screen in one of his super-sensational adventures, "One Mysterious Night."

Besides Chester Morris in the role of "Blackie," and George E. Stone as his ever-present companion, the cast includes the glamorous, blonde Janis Carter, William Wright, Richard Lane and Robert Williams.

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BUSY COTTON BARGE
Cotton, coal, steel and marble have contributed greatly for the past 60 years to the growth and prosperity of Alabama. Busy barges groaned but kept going under heavier cargoes just as they had plied the rivers for decades when life was more colorful and a continual struggle. The real upturn in Alabama's affairs started in 1880 and has continued. It has brought better working and living conditions. The war brought added calls for cotton, added loads for the barges. Men on the fighting fronts need cotton and more War Bonds must be purchased to pay for it. Cotton, barges, War Bonds... all needed to win the war.

Sam Dunlap, of Dallas, and Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap, of Grand Falls, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap, during the holidays.

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Women's Society and Club News

Music Club in Giesecke Home
The January meeting of the Ballinger Music Club was held Tuesday evening in the home of Mrs. Arthur Giesecke on Broadway.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, president, directed the business period. Mrs. C. R. Stephens, membership chairman, announced the resignations of Mrs. E. C. Caskey and Mrs. Fred McClanahan, and presented Miss Cleo Lane as a new member. Mrs. Alex McGregor made a war activities report, in which \$16 was sent to McCloskey Hospital from the club, to help buy a victrola for the patients. Mrs. R. T. Williams gave the treasurer's report. Mrs. Stobaugh announced that a district board meeting of the clubs would be held in Ballinger in April.

Liszt and Tchaikowsky symphonies provided the program theme with Miss Maggie Underwood giving the lesson, and Miss Sarah Ann Stowe and Mrs. Sim Cottelle gave biographical sketches of Artur Rodzinski, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Symphony, and Mrs. R. V. Pinson gave a musical current event.

Others present were: Mmes. F. M. Pearce, Horace Murphy, John Currie, O. R. Lasater, E. Sheppard, J. Y. Pearce, Misses Carmen Demmer, Lola Eubank, Cleo Lane. Guests were Mrs. George Vaughn of San Angelo, and Mrs. Elma Mann.

First Baptist W. M. S. Has Regular Monthly Program

Mrs. James Wear presided for the regular monthly business and missionary program of the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street. Reports of all officers, standing committees and circle chairmen were given and the attendance banner was awarded Circle No. 1, of which Mrs. E. P. Talbott is chairman. Mrs. A. O. Bartlett announced that over \$1,400 had been contributed for bonds, which were bought in the last drive, the majority of these bonds having been endowed to Howard Payne College and other Baptist schools. A Christmas gift was sent to Miss Elizabeth Truly, a missionary in Africa.

Mrs. H. C. Daniel gave the opening prayer after the song, "Forward Baptist Comrades," was sung in unison, with Mrs. Elmer Sheppard directing and Mrs. Clarence A. Morton at the piano. Mrs. Sheppard gave the story of the song, "Lead on, O King Eternal," and it was sung in unison. Mrs. C. J. Lynn gave the closing prayer.

Others present were: Mmes. W. E. James, Mattie Holliday, W. H. Doherty, Carl Black, A. F. Brock, George Holliday, O. L. Parish, R. P. Canady, O. T. Toney, Minnie Maud Alexander, W. A. Porgey, B. C. Kirk, A. M. King, R. D. Jackson, E. L. DeWitt, W. E. Harvey, Fred Holliday, Earl Cope, Marvin Justice, Ted Whitehead, W. J.

Funeral of 'The Powerful One'



Killed by mortar fire in the town square of Florence shortly after the Allies entered the city, the body of "Il Forte" (The Powerful One), leader of the Arno division of the Garibaldi patriots, is being borne through the city while townspeople salute from the sidewalks. Entry of Allies was signal for outbreak against Fascists.

Hembree, J. W. Blasdell, O. L. Britton, Mark Davis, E. F. Lawless, Misses Emma and Alice Thomas.

First Presbyterian College Students Entertained

The annual party for the First Presbyterian young people's department last Friday evening, honoring college students, was held in the church parlors on Broadway, with Mrs. W. B. Woody, Christian education secretary, directing the entertainment.

Long tables were centered with potted azaleas, where the three-course menu was served. Rev. Gary Hoffius, church pastor, was master of ceremonies and introduced the honor guests, who were Misses Clara Beth Lynn, Earlene Webb, Ann Creasy, and Francis Pearce.

Mrs. Bruce Creasy, social activities secretary, and other social committee members, Mmes. Alex Saunders, George Holman, Estes Lynn, and R. G. Erwin, assisted in serving.

Teachers present were: Messrs. and Mmes. Oscar Batts, F. M. Pearce, Estes Lynn, and Miss Cordelia Johnson. Others present were: Misses Mary Lynn, Mary Ann Morgan, June Wright, Ellen Jo Early, Marjorie McGregor, Mary Brian Woody, Martha Saunders, Arlene Miller, Charlotte Miller, Peggy McGregor, Cynthia Tucker, Nancy Mauldin of Alpine, Virginia Hennigar, Bob Northington, Wellington Pearce, Bill and C. B. Bogges, Charles Miller, Bob Richards, and Bob Sykes.

Spaghetti Supper in Woody Apartment

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody entertained with a chicken spaghetti supper in their apartment, following the Joy Gift program at the First Presbyterian Church, at Christmas. They included the high school students

who presented the program: Peggy McGregor, Charlotte Miller, Martha Saunders, Mary Brian Woody, Bob Northington, Charles Miller and Wellington Pearce. A theatre party followed the supper.

Baker-Pape Nuptials Performed at Talpa

Miss Pearl LaVierne Pape, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Pape of Ballinger, became the bride of Albert Porter Baker, son of Mrs. R. E. Bridwell, of Crews, at 8:00 o'clock Friday evening, December 22, 1944, in the Methodist parsonage at Talpa. The Rev. Ramsey, pastor of the Crews Methodist Church, read the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue suit of light weight wool. Her small black hat was veiled. Her other accessories were black. She wore a gold locket, a gift from the groom.

Mrs. Baker graduated from Ballinger High School in 1944. Mr. Baker attended high school at Crews.

The groom's mother, Mrs. Bridwell, was hostess at a wedding dinner and a shower in her home last Sunday, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker left last Wednesday, December 27, for Berger, where they are both employed by the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company.

Health and Safety Program for Fannie Stephens Club

Health and Safety was the program theme presented for the Fannie Stephens Study Club in its meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff directed the program. Mrs. W. E. Elkins discussed "Recent Discoveries in the Field of Medicine," and Mrs. Margaret Tucker, high school economics teacher, gave an interesting talk on "Food for the Home Plate," and displayed posters on war-

time food. First aid measures were given in answer to roll call. At the short business session, presided over by Mrs. W. O. Irby, the club voted to contribute a certain sum of money to aid the Youth Center which will be at the Army and Navy Club. Mrs. Drury Hathaway was welcomed as a new member.

Others present were: Mmes. H. G. Agnew, J. H. Endacott, J. A. Killough, J. Dexter Eoff, LeRoy McAulay, M. E. McClenney, R. D. Midgley, George Newby, Dee Saylor, Alton Underwood and Allen Davis.

Tabus Have Christmas Party

Virginia Baker was hostess to Tabu members when she entertained with a Christmas holiday party Thursday evening, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker.

Living rooms were decorated with the traditional red and green, in both emblem and flower arrangements. Exchange gifts were distributed from the large decorated tree.

Following a short business meeting, Pat Richards and Natilynne Williams assisted the hostess in serving fruit cake with coffee. Other members present were: Gwen Morgan, Virginia Routh, June Wright, Charlotte Miller, Carolyn Cheatham, Anna Sue Hembree, Martha Saunders, Elizabeth Wear, Nancy Guynes, Mary Brian Woody, Jean Underwood, Lillian Keithley, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Louise Kinney, Pauline Witter was a visitor.

Lo-Ki-Ho Brownies Meet

Lo-Ki-Ho Brownies met with their leader, Mrs. Joe Harwell, Jr., at the elementary school building Wednesday afternoon for their regular meeting. A report was made by members of the "Christmas cheer" they had given.

Officers were elected as follows: president, Barbara Ann Stuart; vice-president, Ruth Ann Erwin; secretary-reporter, Mary Jo Forman; treasurer, Betty Don Davis; game chairman for the week, Vicki Hill.

The study of birds was the program theme for the afternoon.

Others present were: Margaret Ann Hampton, Peggy Warren, Theresa Elkins, Patsy Burk, Mildred Wade, Freddie Sue Underwood, Frances Peterson, Martha Thomas, Rosalee Nichols, and Meredith Malone.

Thomas-Drennan Wedding Vows Read

Mrs. N. D. Hoover has announced the marriage of her daughter, Doris Drennan, to Corporal Paul R. Thomas, of Pittsburgh, Pa. The wedding was performed at the Hoover home on Seventh Street Saturday evening, December 23, with Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiating at the single ring service.

The bride wore a dusty pink dress of wool crepe, with brown accessories. She wore white pom-pom chrysanthemums.

Mrs. Thomas is a graduate of Ballinger High School, and was employed by the Magnolia Oil Co. before her marriage.

The couple left for Brownwood following the Christmas holidays where they will live until Corporal Thomas is given overseas assignment.

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Mrs. Joe Pokorny
Mrs. Joe Pokorny, 70, died Wednesday night at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital after illness of two weeks.

Decedent was born in Czechoslovakia in 1875 and came to this country at an early age. She moved to the Rowena section in 1889 and has made her home there since that time. She was a member of the Presbyterian church.

Survivors include her husband, Joe Pokorny, Rowena; two daughters, Mrs. Emalia Barina, Rowena; Miss Millie Pokorny, Rowena; four sons, Louis Pokorny, Veribest; Pfc. Joe M. Pokorny, Sheppard Field; Willie and Victor Pokorny, Rowena; one brother, Joe Reta, Oklahoma; and one sister, Mrs. Tracy Kroppa, Bartlett.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at three o'clock at the Newby-Davis chapel and interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

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SHERIFF MORELAND CLOSES ALL POOL HALLS IN COUNTY

Sheriff J. L. Moreland this week ordered all pool halls operating in Runnels county to close at once and notified operators that criminal action would be filed against any who had not closed today.

Sheriff Moreland declared that "men who frequent such places hamper war efforts when labor is so scarce." In company with a Texas Ranger he visited pool halls at Ballinger, Winters, Rowena and Miles Wednesday and gave the operators notification to close the next day. The officers stated that they found the halls crowded with patrons.

Operations of pool halls is a violation of a state law in Texas and Sheriff Moreland stated that the action would be relentless unless the law was changed by the state legislature.

All managers in Runnels county gave assurance that tables would be covered and cues stacked Thursday morning.

FIREMEN HOLD MEETING: RECEIVE TWO DONATIONS

The Ballinger Fire Department received checks for \$25 each last week from F. M. Pearce and R. G. Erwin of the First National Bank.

At the meeting last week the department presented D. G. Posey with a gift of appreciation for his sixteen years of service as secretary of the department. Oscar Batts has been named secretary to take the place made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Posey.

Chester Cape has been elected as driver of fire truck No. 1 to take the place of R. E. Harris who recently resigned the place.

Elected to the Firemen's Retirement and Pension Board was Jim Hash for a three year term, Malcolm Morgan for a two year term and E. E. Avey for a one year term. This board is composed of Mayor C. P. Shepherd and City Secretary K. V. Northington and three active firemen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Moody and two sons, of Pyote, were here the past week-end for a visit with relatives and friends.

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SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY AFTER XMAS HOLIDAYS; BASKETBALLERS PRACTICE

Ballinger schools opened Monday morning at 9:30 following the Christmas holidays and all the teachers were on duty. The 9:30 a. m. opening hour will be maintained until later in the term when days are longer and it is light enough for bus-traveling pupils to start earlier.

Coaches met the basketball teams this week. The junior high quintet played the Eden five here Tuesday night in the first regular scheduled game of the season,

losing to the Bulldogs by a close margin.

Coach Leo Varner is whipping his junior high crew in shape for a heavy schedule against class B teams of this district and one or two games a week will be played.

Coach Buck Elkins is working with the senior high school team and has a large number of boys trying for places. More than 30 have been reporting for workouts and the coach is trying to get starters in condition for a game in the near future.

New boxed stationery at Ledger office.

Automobiles

1937-41 Buick sedan; radio, heater, 2 new tires

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Colorado District Scouts Hold Annual Meeting Here

Boy Scouts of the Colorado River district held their annual meeting in the district court room of the court house here Tuesday night. Reports of committees and on activities of the past year were heard, revealing excellent work and progress in scouting all over the district in 1944.

Attending the meeting were: H. C. Grafa, president of the Concho valley council; C. F. White, executive; Jack Hodges, executive, San Angelo; Messrs. Ivy, Good, and Adams, Robert Lee, H. A. Springer, Bronte; E. C. Grindstaff, O. L. Parish, J. A. Schnable, J. A. Killough, C. E. Maedgen, George Newby, and Alton Underwood, Ballinger.

The following officers and committee chairmen were elected for 1945: C. E. Maedgen, district commissioner; E. C. Grindstaff, district chairman; P. W. Williams, Paint Rock, vice-chairman; C. R. Stone, member of council executive board; Frank Pearce, finance chairman; Ernest Caskey, leadership and training program; O. L. Parish, advancement; Hill Hampton, camping and activities committee; F. T. Wright and W. E. Elkins, assistants on activities committee; H. A. Springer, Bronte, health and safety; H. H. Wagner, Rowena, organization and extension; Tom Agnew, district executive committeeman, member-at-large.

The finance committee for 1944 made the following report, showing the amount of money raised

in each town represented in the district:

Ballinger, \$1,347.50
Bronte, \$161.25
Miles, \$87.66
Paint Rock, \$65.50
Rowena, \$101.00

The total was \$1,762.01, against a quota set for the district of \$1,500, or \$262.91 in excess.

A summary on the membership showed a large growth during the past three-year period and also a big increase in advancement. In 1943 there were only 171 scouts in the district, while at the end of last year the number had grown to 283. There were no Cubs in 1943 and 45 at the close of 1944. There were 305 advancements in 1944, which was the greatest number in history. During the past twelve months six boys were raised to eagle Scouts, the highest rank possible.

The organizations and extension report disclosed the greatest need that of scoutmasters. One new troop with a membership of 30 was formed at Robert Lee during the year. The Bronte troop has been inactive lately because of the lack of a scoutmaster. The scoutmaster at Lowake has moved and has not been replaced. The Rowena troop also is not active at the present. The Eola troop has not been very active recently since the scoutmaster moved away.

Other troops in the district were doing fairly well at the end of the year and activities were being

Marriage Licenses Issued to 22 Couples Here in Past Month

During December the office of County Clerk John B. Rayburn issued a total of 21 marriage licenses. Most of these were issued near the Christmas holiday period and just before January 1.

Those obtaining the permits last month are as follows:

J. A. Nichols and Miss Katherine Sinclair.
George Wilfred Sanders and Miss Ivy Zoe Wood
L. A. Pointer and Mrs. Vera Payne
Halley Chester Schwartz and Miss Essie Pumphrey
M. C. Manuel and Miss Etta Whitley
Claude A. West and Miss Ruth Andrews
Will Pool and Miss Lucille Cabe
Joan Calsoda and Miss Celestina Ramirez
Albert Porter Baker and Miss Pearl LaVerne Pape
Weldon Otto Buxkemper and Miss Edleen Agnes Pfluger
Duke Edward Jimerson and Mrs. Janie Barnett
Jarrett Matthews Giles and Miss Maurine Offill
Paul Thomas and Miss Doris Drennon
Jack Howard Pritchard and Miss Lucille Albright
Rowland W. Dailey and Miss Wanda Lee Blackwell
Mark Erwin Kiser and Miss Martha Ellen Clendenen
Charley Hardick and Miss Gertrude Simpson
Leo Paul Schwertner and Miss Loucille Frances Willberg
Alvin E. Bell and Miss Norma Gene Bankston
J. W. King and Mrs. Annie Halfmann
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Charter No. 3533 Reserve District No. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

of Ballinger, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 30, 1944, published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes.

ASSETS

1. Loans and discounts (including \$748.37 overdrafts) and guaranteed	\$ 514,934.02
2. United States Government obligations, direct	892,500.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	123,316.50
4. Corporate stocks (including \$4,950.00 stock of Federal Reserve Bank)	4,950.00
5. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	1,514,881.28
6. Bank premises owned \$24,000.00, furniture and fixtures \$1,000.00 (Bank premises owned are subject to \$ None liens not assumed by bank)	25,000.00
7. Other assets	100.00
8. Total Assets	\$3,075,681.80

LIABILITIES

9. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$2,456,365.07
10. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	340,149.82
11. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	24,540.51
12. Deposits of banks	68,704.13
13. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	5,000.00
14. Total Deposits	\$2,894,759.53
15. Other liabilities	4,420.72
16. Total Liabilities	2,899,180.25

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

17. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
18. Surplus	67,000.00
19. Undivided profits	9,501.55
20. Total Capital Accounts	176,501.55
21. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	3,075,681.80

MEMORANDA

31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities 455,000.00

(e) Total 455,000.00

32. Secured liabilities:
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law 337,807.25

(d) Total 337,807.25

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Runnels, ss:

I, Harry Lynn, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

HARRY LYNN, Cashier.

(SEAL) Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of January, 1945.

Edna Mae Lowry, Notary Public.

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

RECAPITULATION

Resources	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 406,897.55
Overdrafts	748.37
Banking House	24,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	4,950.00
War Savings Stamps	100.00
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 892,500.00
Bonds and Warrants	123,316.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	71,349.30
Bills of Exchange	35,938.80
CASH and EXCHANGE	1,514,881.28
	2,637,985.88
	\$3,075,681.80

Liabilities

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	76,501.55
Reserved for 1944 Income Tax	3,332.67
Reserved for F.D.I.C. Assessment	1,088.05
Dividend No. 106	5,000.00
DEPOSITS	2,899,759.53
	\$3,075,681.80

Many New Angles To Rationing Cause Consumer Worries

Citizens are getting their ration books in shape since the recent changes invalidating many coupons, and the OPA asked that these stamps be taken from books and destroyed. With the invalidation of all these stamps and with point values changed on some items it will be difficult for a while for both grocer and consumer to keep things straight. The OPA has asked that all grocers display prominently the new January point value chart (table No. 21).

Some of the main changes which are bringing many questions are answered in publicity given out this week. Creamery butter is now up to 24 points a pound, but country butter will still be sold at 12 points per pound.

The return of corn, snap beans, peas and asparagus to the ration list means that the housewife who has these articles for sale must collect points for them. A special point value of 20 points per quart is set for these vegetables. Gasoline coupons B-4 and C-4 will not be good after January 1. A-14 coupons are now good and must last until expiration date, March 15.

CIVIL SERVICE WORKERS NEEDED IN WASHINGTON; INDUCEMENTS OFFERED

Representative of the 10th U. S. civil service region were in Ballinger Wednesday seeking workers to go to Washington, D. C. They did not get any interviews here but it was thought this was because no publicity had been given their visit.

They will be in San Angelo Friday and Saturday and stated that clerks, typists and stenographers were urgently needed for the army service forces in Washington. Women who want to work for victory and not just wait for it are urged to contact the civil service representatives at the United States employment service office, North Chadbourne Street, San Angelo, this week-end. The men here Wednesday stated that transportation would be paid, housing guaranteed, and excellent salaries are offered. Special benefits offered include paid vacations, sick leave, employees' counseling, and organized recreational activities. All hiring is done in accordance with war manpower commission regulations.

Mrs. J. F. Owen visited her parents at Turkey during the holidays.

carried on at regular meetings.

Summer camps in this area were attending by 40 Scouts and seven scouters. A successful jamboree was held at the Ballinger Country Club last spring.

The 1945 financial campaign has been concluded in most of the district and everything points to a good year with extension and troop growth two of the main projects.



RURAL NEWS

NORTON

Mrs. Ira B. West came in Saturday from the West Coast, where she had been with her husband, Lt. West, who has now gone overseas. Mrs. West will be here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Setser, for an indefinite time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Douglas and children, of Dallas, spent the week-end in the D. W. Turner home.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Griggs, of San Angelo, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crockett.

Mrs. L. C. Underwood is seriously ill in the Winters hospital.

Mrs. Kellet, mother of Mrs. Janie Hull, is at home after spending some time in the Bailey Clinic and the Shannon Hospital.

Miss Clem Parker is spending the week with Mrs. Kellet and Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Taylor, mother of Ben Taylor, is ill at the Ben Taylor home.

Mr. and Mrs. House, of Big Spring, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Gene Morrison.

Miss Nina Lee Mackey, who is taking cadet nurse training at the Methodist Hospital, Fort Worth, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mackey, this week.

Bobby Jack Priddy and Waylen Martin left Tuesday for Dallas to take a physical for the navy.

Miss Jean Mitchell, who teaches at McCamey, is spending a few days here with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Mitchell.

HERRING

We have cloudy weather following a week of disagreeable, threatening weather with 1 1/2 inches of rain last week.

There was no Sunday school Sunday due to muddy roads and sickness. As is usual there are lots of bad colds, and some cases of flu.

Sgt. S. J. Brevard, who had been attending a thirty-day furlough with home folks, was carried to a hospital at Goodfellow Field Sunday afternoon in an army ambulance. We are hoping his condition is greatly improved by now and he is able to return home soon.

The Christmas holidays passed very quietly here. A few families

were lucky to spend their holidays in the usual way as in pre-war days, but some of the homes were saddened by that vacant chair or chairs.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller have received letters from their son, T-5 Ewing A. Fuller, saying he had arrived safely in England.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard have not heard from their son, Lawton, a radio technician in the marines, in several weeks. We hope they hear soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Watkins and daughter, of Crane, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Avent.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Allcorn visited on Thursday afternoon of last week with Mrs. Martha Schwartz, who is ill in her home near Crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McCafferty and daughters, Joyce and Patsy, spent the week-end with relatives at Goldsboro.

We are hoping next Sunday is a pretty day and we have good attendance at all church services.

Rev. Allen has resigned as our pastor. He will assist Rev. J. R. Hickerson in his work as missionary in the 16th district. Bro. Allen will be with us three more Sundays if the weather permits.

CREWS

Bro. J. D. Ramsey filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday. Crowds at services were small due to bad weather and very muddy roads. Everyone is happy to see the lovely sunshine this week.

Mrs. J. H. Hallford underwent major surgery at the Winters hospital Thursday of the previous week. She is doing splendidly and is expected home soon. Her mother, Mrs. Baker, of Zephyr, spent several days at her bedside.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey, accompanied by Mrs. Clifton Pumphrey and son, Ronnie, of Monahans, spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Sgt. Leon Pumphrey and family in San Antonio.

Miss Marguerite Mathis, teacher in the Norton school, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis.

Miss Geraldine Hambright, teacher in the Hatchel school,

spent the holidays with her

parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hambright.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Crim and family spent Christmas in Waco, visiting his sister, Mrs. Jim Sutton, and family. C. M. and Willie Dean Sutton returned home with their uncle for a visit.

W. J. (Uncle Joe) Young is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin and son, Jerry, of Kermit, spent Sunday and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth. They all visited relatives at Abilene Sunday evening.

Billy John Henderson, of New Central, is spending the week with his grandmother, Mrs. Edgar Jayroe, and Mr. Jayroe.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Schwartz, of Tahoka, and Mrs. John Rosford, of Granbury, were recent visitors in the home of their mother, Mrs. Martha Schwartz.

Mrs. Erma Glasscock and son, Jackie, of Winters, spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. M. L. Hambright and family.

Mrs. W. T. Howard, teacher in the Blanton school, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvon Phipps returned from Dallas Wednesday of the previous week, where she had been for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Jayroe and Carol, of Pecos, spent the previous week visiting relatives here and at Winters.

Among other visitors in the community recently were: Edwin Young, of San Saba; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young and daughters, of San Antonio; Mrs. Hattie Cade, of Houston; Cpl. and Mrs. Mance King, of Wichita Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wood, of Monahans; Nealon Stovall, of the navy, who is stationed at San Diego; Bro. and Mrs. R. G. McLeod, of Hasse; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White, LaVerne, and Mr. Hargrove, of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Oneal and Troyce Lee, of Ballinger.

Bradley Pape, in the air corps, is visiting his sister, Mrs. N. L. Faubion, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Phipps have returned home after spending ten months in California.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Lucas have moved into the Crews community from Wilmeth.

Bro. J. H. Hallford, Mrs. J. A. Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Howard and Miss Leola Young attended the fifth Sunday meeting at the Byrd church near Miles Saturday.

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: (a) Maria Hoyt, Marie Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C. Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt, Lillian A. Hoyt, and Oliver Hoyt; and

(b) The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of the following named persons, who are all

deceased, to-wit: Maria Hoyt, Marie Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C. Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt, Lillian A. Hoyt, and Oliver Hoyt;

GREETING: You are hereby commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of the issuance of this citation, the same being Monday the 19th day of February, A. D. 1945, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, Texas, at the Court House in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas. Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1945, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. The number of said suit is No. 5042. The names of the parties to and in said suit are: W. W. Norris is plaintiff, and the defendants are the persons to whom this writ is addressed and hereinabove named in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this citation. The nature of said suit is substantially as follows: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiff W. W. Norris against said defendants to recover the title to and possession of 144 acres of land, located partly in Runnels County, Texas, and partly in Coleman County, Texas, in the S. P. R. Co. Survey No. 13, patented to W. J. Hutchins, Assignee of S. P. R. Co., by Patent No. 430, Vol. 6, dated April 23rd, 1873; which said 144 acre tract of land is the same land conveyed to W. W. Norris by deed executed by J. W. Ellis and wife, Vera Ellis, dated September 4th, 1937, and recorded in Volume 170, Page 566 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and also recorded in Volume 217, Page 491, of the Deed Records of Coleman County, Texas, to which reference is here made for all purposes; and plaintiff asserts and pleads title to said land to be in himself under the five, ten and twenty-five year statutes of limitations. The style of said suit is W. W. Norris vs. Maria Hoyt et al. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this 4th day of January, A. D. 1945.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on this the 4th day of January, A. D. 1945.

(Seal) MRS. WINONA PARKER, District Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 4-41

Mrs. Lucy Minor Duncan, of Tulsa, Okla., spent the Christmas holidays here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn accompanied her to Abilene Sunday where she took a plane to Tulsa.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY

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

USE V-MAIL

The office of war information in a memorandum at the beginning of 1945 says civilians in writing to service men overseas must step up the use of V-mail. The reason is to conserve critically needed transports which have been forced to give much space to carrying the mails. High ranking army officers point out that the ever-increasing number of men in foreign service naturally increases the volume of mail. The need is great for the maximum utilization of cargo space of all kinds, especially in air transport. Supply lines are extended as the war progresses in both theatres of war and the steady flow of mail is recognized as important. V-mail letters take up very little space and during the past year the larger number of air-mail letters have been a burden on air transportation. All who write men overseas are asked to remember these facts. Hereafter V-mail will get first priority and probably will be much faster than any other kind of mail.

January is the final month in which to pay state, county, city

and school taxes before they become delinquent. Local collecting offices will be open the entire month. After that date the lists will be turned over to special collectors. Advance payments have been good here and indications at this time are for one of the best years in history for the collection of taxes. Heavy payments were reported in October, November and December.

Those who predicted that the European war would be over in 1944 have another guess coming as 1945 has found plenty of war raging on every front. Americans are generally on top of a mountain or in a deep valley. When we are winning battles they think the show is about over and when reverses come they believe we are losing a war. It is time to realize that the war has just started, that more and more Americans are being thrown into action, that costly battles must be fought before victory and that people back home must be ready to take the bad news along with the good.

ESSENTIAL WAR PLANTS NEED MORE WORKERS; U. S. AGENT TO BE HERE

J. P. Taylor, of the U. S. employment office, San Angelo, will be at the local welfare office Saturday to discuss war work with eligible men in this county. He will be here to represent the L. O. Stocker Co. and any who need permanent jobs or who can work for even a few months between farm seasons interviews will be granted. All jobs open are at some city in West Texas for making highest test gasoline for the armed forces. These jobs carry a high priority, call for a 60-hour work week and time and a half above 40 hours. The U. S. agent will be here Saturday from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m. and any who would like to talk to him on this subject will find him at the welfare office on the court house lawn. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman and children, of Ventura, Calif., were holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry and other relatives and friends. Buy bonds every pay period.

How to Win Friends and Prevent Future Wars



American troops in all corners of the globe have won the admiration of the youngsters of every nation. Many of the war orphans have been adopted by individuals and units of the U. S. armed forces. Congressional leaders in war zones have reported that the American soldier and sailor are doing more to prevent future wars, by their cooperation with children, than any act of congress.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Rising Star received one of the best Christmas gifts of any town in West Texas. A city park, a memorial for Colquitt Williams, was made definite when Higginbotham Bros. & Co. gave the land and made a cash contribution of \$5,000. The city has accepted the offer and work on the recreation place will be started at once.

A bill recently passed by congress has authorized a total of \$1,560,000 to be used in work at Lake Brownwood. The considerable improvements at the lake and park are expected to get underway soon. Funds are to be appropriated by the next session of congress.

The Brady co-op has started the turkey egg shipping season and expects the biggest volume of its history. Members have 30,000 laying hens and their output has already been contracted by the manager. Last week more than 5,000 eggs were turned in for shipment and the movement is due to increase sharply.

Winters football fans sent the entire Blizzard squad to Dallas on New Year's day to witness the Cotton Bowl game. The Blizzards finished second in district 9-A and as a reward for the fine season fans made possible the trip to see the biggest game in Texas this season. More than 30 boys saw the game.

The Hord's Creek water project near Coleman has been authorized by the president but federal funds for the work will not be available until after the war. Some time ago army engineers surveyed the damsite and watershed and gave the project approval. Coleman authorities had been seeking some means to augment the city's water supply, which for the past two years has been critically low.

Bank deposits and postal receipts at Stephenville reached all time highs when business closed for the year-end holidays. Total deposits were more than \$5,000,000 and postal receipts for the year passed \$63,000. A summary of business in

the area indicates general prosperity in 1944.

The tenth annual Comanche Junior livestock show is to be held on January 25 and 26. The 1945 show will include exhibits of all kinds of livestock and it is believed more animals will be entered than ever before. In previous years the show has been a one-day affair but due to the large number of entries and general interest it was decided to have it two days this year.

S. Sgt. Clayton D. Cornelius, of Bronte, has informed relatives he has been awarded the croix de guerre, medal for distinguished service, by the French government. The occasion for receiving the medal occurred in France on December 1 while in action with the American forces. Sgt. Cornelius is attached to the fifth infantry division, third army. He also holds the purple heart for wounds sustained in France last August.

A tabulation of building permits issued in Sweetwater during 1944 discloses a total of \$248,855 for new construction. The program for training girl pilots by the army at Avenger Field ended recently but last week it was disclosed that the field would be converted into an army air base and a group of fighter planes will be sent there for tactical training.

Fl. Stockton business faces a good year in 1945 with the range in excellent condition and prices favorable for livestock, and oil activities at a new peak. The past year saw much residential and business construction and bank deposits set a record.

Mrs. E. E. King has returned to her home after a stay in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital for some time, suffering from injuries sustained in a car wreck during the holidays. Her condition is considerably improved.

Miss Lavinia Faubion left Tuesday to resume her work at North Texas State Teachers' College at Denton after spending the holidays here with her parents.



EDWARD JAMIESON
Edward Jamieson is one of the country's leading correspondents included in the tour of Texas being planned November 13 to 19. He represents the Houston Chronicle, the Dallas Times Herald, the Fort Worth Star Telegram, the Wichita Falls and the Amarillo News Globe in Texas, as well as several other important papers in other parts of the country. Jamieson is in the Bascom Timmons bureau in Washington as chief correspondent. Sponsoring the trip, with the theme being industrialization of the south, are The General Tire & Rubber company, the Ford Motor company, U. S. Steel corporation, Humble Oil company and Dow Chemical company.

Rowena 4-H Club Boys Complete Projects in 1944

St. Joseph's 4-H club of Rowena held its last meeting of the year 1944 last week. Members of this club plan to have 56 hogs, 30 sheep and 11 calves in the spring livestock show to be held in Ballinger this year.

The four insect inspectors, Frank Gully, Floyd Holder, Floyd Frerich and Arnold Frerich, were presented with certificates from A. & M. College for their excellent work during the past season.

County Agent John A. Barton showed the boys a piece of leather full of holes and emphasized the damage done to hides by cattle grubs. He also exhibited an unhusked cocoon which had been sent him by S-Sgt. Roman A. Multer from Hawaii.

During 1944 32 Rowena boys completed demonstrations in club work. They are: David Beach, Quinton Halfmann, Arnold, Floyd and Leon Frerich, Maurice Moeller, Kenneth Fuchs, Lee Allen Halfmann, Floyd and David Holder, Johnny Kohutek, Bernhardt Moeller, Maurice Moeller, Jimmie Droll, Hugo Braden, Jr., Hubert Frerich, Cleo Dreyer, Bennie Frenzel, Frank Gully, Jr., Alton Halfmann, Charles and Leonard Hoelscher, Andrew Jones, Lester and

Paul Jansa, Johnny and Albert Kohutek, George Lange, Lawrence and LeRoy Peisel. Some of the above boys completed several demonstrations in the year.

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Local Legionnaires Help Provide Gifts For Bowie Soldiers

The Ballinger American Legion post with the aid of churches in the city had a part in playing Santa Claus to about 1,200 wounded soldiers in Camp Bowie hospitals. Brownwood veterans' organizations called on posts in this area to assist in the Christmas program for hospitalized men and Sam Behringer, local post commander, asked citizens here to provide gifts.

Mrs. Joe Forman, in charge of young people's work at the First Methodist Church, already had a similar program underway and turned in all packages she had collected to the local post. Other church groups cooperated and with the financial support of the Legion a very creditable showing was made.

Commander Behringer has received letters from Brownwood expressing appreciation for the support and it was declared there were enough gifts for every man in the hospitals.

Mr. Behringer said he wished to express his appreciation to all who assisted in collecting, packing and shipping the boxes.

DIERSCHKES HAVE GUESTS FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Dierschke, of Bethel, had as their guests on Christmas day the following: Pfc. Monroe Dierschke, Bryan Field; Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Braden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lange and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dierschke and family, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dierschke and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bruchmiller and girls, Frank Ullrich and August Lange.

All enjoyed a turkey dinner and later the Christmas tree and gifts.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. Bradshaw during the holidays included: Cpl. and Mrs. John D. Bradshaw, of California; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Dorner, of Mason; Mrs. Done Van Wimbie and Charles, of Hillsboro; and Mrs. Orval Ripley and Billy Guy, of Dallas.

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Fighter Pilot is Speaker for Clubs Friday, Tuesday

Capt. Fred C. McClanahan, speaking before the Ballinger Lions Club on Friday and the Rotary Club on Tuesday, told members of the two clubs about the operation of fighter planes in combat areas over Germany. He has just returned to the States after completing his missions with the 8th Air Force, stationed in England.

In both talks, Capt. McClanahan spoke briefly of the operation of fighter groups and then answered questions the remainder of his time. He was questioned in regard to operations preceding and on D-Day and he told of the preparation, the painting of all Allied planes and the briefing two hours before for the big occasion. In his particular work he was flying cover for shipping across the channel to the Normandy beach and he gave a good picture of the operations on water below them.

Questions also dealt with the cover flown for large bomber formations, the most frequent work of the 8th air force. He was asked many questions in regard to strafing and support of ground forces in various kinds of battles.

Other questions sought information in regard to his longest flight, his closest call, the bombed areas and how fast they were rebuilding, and the treatment of civilians in combat areas.

At both meetings and before the Doss Bible Class Sunday, he was asked which of the two planes he flew, the P-38 Lightning and the P-51 Mustang he liked the best. He passed this question with the explanation of what each plane was best suited for and why Mus-

Hero-Mayor at Sea



The above photo of Carl Zeidler, the last taken before he was lost with his ship, when it was sunk off the west coast of South America. It was just sent to Milwaukee where he was elected mayor at the age of 34.

Ike's Driver Weds



WAC Corp. Pearlle Hargrave, Pilager, Minn., chauffeur for General Eisenhower, who recently married Sgt. Michael McKeogh, the commander's orderly. Ike attended the wedding.

WANTED—Rags, clean cotton. Ledger office. It-H

tangs were used for cover of bomber missions. Capt. and Mrs. McClanahan will leave this week for a short visit in Shreveport and from there will go to Miami, Florida, for reassignment.

Considerable Growth Made by REA Lines Since Start in 1938

The Coleman County Electric Co-op, Inc., rendered a total of 2,100 bills on December 20, 1944, revealing the great growth along the lines since the first was built in 1938. S. R. Hale, superintendent, with headquarters in Coleman, disclosed this week the growth of the units during recent years and added that additional extensions had been approved and would be built in the near future.

The first section was organized in November, 1938, with about 125 members. The second section of 168 miles was completed May, 1939, with 220 members. The third was energized in September, 1939, with 175 members and the fourth section of 200 miles started operation in November, 1939, with 264 members. This gave a total membership served by the REA lines in December, 1939, of 784 members. Since then many more patrons have been added until the recent billings of the past December showed the peak of 2,100.

All extension and service rendered members since December, 1942, has been on the animal unit basis as approved by the war production board to the amount of 286 miles and 697 members. In preparation for this all lines must be measured correctly and an estimate work order prepared, then same is presented to WPB for approval. All material of every description must be purchased under priority rating with all "I's" dotted and "U's" crossed. All poles, transformers, meters, conductors, poles, hardware are then checked to the contractor.

In addition to the above summary the co-op has approximately 30 miles with 60 members approved and ready for construction as a continuation of applications on the U-L-C unit basis. The co-op has 800 paid applications for post-war extensions on area coverage basis and expects to serve every un electrified home when material is available.

Officers of the company are asking that every farmer within the bounds of a project who wants electric service to either come to the office and make application or see Mark Davis, Ballinger; Raymond Lloyd, Winters; or H. E. Petty, Maverick. This should be done during this month, February or March.

Barber Business Boycotted



These men of the army, navy and submarine patrol, are more concerned with winning the war than visiting the barber. Upper left, Pfc. Thomas Gilgore, near Hergen, Germany. Upper right, Pvt. James L. Foust. Lower left, TML/c G. H. Boss of underground water patrol, and Coastguardsman Jack P. Smith, lower right, on alert lookout.



First Presbyterian Church
10:00 a. m., Sunday school, Classes for all ages.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.
GARY HOFFTUS, 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, January 7:
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.
6:45 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)
New Year's Sunday, January 7:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. J. Hembree, superintendent.
11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, "The Untrodden Path."
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Miss Glenn Ridings, director.

"New Year's to Easter Crusade" 7:30 p. m. sermon by the pastor, "The Race of Life."

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday:
2:45 p. m., Sunbeam Band.
4:00 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society in circles, Mrs. James Wear, president.
4:45 p. m., Royal Ambassadors, Mmes. James Parrish and Charles Hambrick, sponsors.

Tuesday:
7:30 p. m., regular monthly deacons' and pastor's 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
(608 Sixth Street)
(Telephone 521)

REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS:
Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at 8:30 a. m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays of month at 11:00 a. m.

Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.
Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord for our boys and girls (Catholic and non-Catholic) in the service of our country on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m.

Devotion of the First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 a. m.

Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Before the early mass on Sunday, 7:30 to 8:20 a. m., and before daily mass.

Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially invited to assist at the above services and devotions.
EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor

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, January 7:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
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, 7:15 p. m.
Junior service, 7:15 p. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 7:45 p. m., Wednesday.
Morning prayer service each week day, 10 to 11 a. m.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

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SUNDAY NIGHT,
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As in prior years, interest on consumer's deposit at the rate required by law has been accrued and set aside for payment. Customers, who so desire, may secure payment of such interest upon presenting their receipt at our local office, or if this is not convenient, by mailing their receipt to the Company. Receipt will be returned with remittance for the interest.

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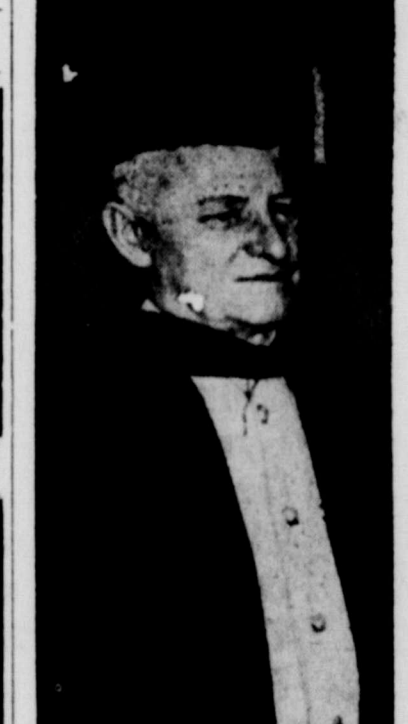
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Statement of
The Farmers & Merchants State Bank
Ballinger, Texas
At Close of Business, December 30, 1944

Assets	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 466,322.62
Banking House	13,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1.00
Other Real Estate	1.00
Cash and due from Banks	\$1,041,038.22
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	801,783.72
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	22,496.00
Bills of Exchange	50,221.69
	1,915,739.63
	\$2,395,064.25
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	54,215.04
Deposits	2,240,849.21
	\$2,395,064.25

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Admiral a Lawyer



The honorary degree of doctor of laws was recently awarded Adm. C. W. Nimitz, USN, by Fordham. The citation read, "modest, patient, brilliant and courageous. He has proved himself an admiral's admiral—and American's American."

How women and girls may get wanted relief from functional periodic pain
Cardui is a liquid medicine which many women may have brought relief from the cramp-like agony and nervous strain of functional periodic distress. Here's how it may help:
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STATEMENT of Condition
THE **FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER**
December 30, 1944

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 406,897.55
Overdrafts	748.37
Banking House	24,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Stock Federal Reserve Bank	4,950.00
War Savings Stamps	100.00
RESERVE:	
U. S. Treasury Obligations	\$ 892,500.00
Bonds and Warrants	123,316.50
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	71,349.30
Bills of Exchange	35,938.80
CASH and EXCHANGE	1,514,881.28
	2,637,985.88
	\$3,075,681.80
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus and Undivided Profits	76,501.55
Reserved for 1944 Income Tax	3,332.67
Reserved for F.D.I.C. Assessment	1,088.06
Dividend No. 106	5,000.00
DEPOSITS	2,889,759.53
	\$3,075,681.80

We carry no state, county nor municipal interest bearing deposits.
We desire to thank our many friends and customers for all business entrusted us, making it possible for our bank to render this most satisfactory statement.
R. G. Erwin, President Harry Lynn, Cashier

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Poultry Feed
Laying Mash
Laying Pellets
Growing Mash
Scratch Grain
Feed Department
MORRISON GIN 13-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments and rooms. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth. 31-1f

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18% Dairy Feed
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FOR RENT—Bedroom with private bath. See Mrs. Sam Behringer or call 259. 9-1f

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

FOR SALE—Kasck pedigree cotton seed. See J. Whit Patterson. 7-1f

FOR SALE—Three residence lots, building 12x22, \$400. E. T. Branham, Security State Bank Bldg. 7-1f

Bundled feed grinding and threshing, at Headstream Gin, open evenings week days 3-30, Saturday 1-30. Ground feed for sale. Aubrey Brunson. 7-1f

FOR SALE OR RENT—Two garage apartments, three rooms and bath, furnished. Two years old, large lots in front. Will sell one or both. For information see A. F. Brock or write Herbert Chabyssek, 1129 W. Pierce, Houston, Texas. 14-1f

CUBE DERRIS (Rotenone) and wettable sulphur, recommended by Extension Service for control and eradication of cattle grubs. Cattle should be treated now. Treatment is easy and inexpensive. See us for instructions for use.
NUTT & WILLIAMS
Box 664, Ballinger 21-3t

Order your Baby chicks NOW! Our hatches come off each Tuesday. Finest quality chicks from Pullorum tested flocks. NUTT & WILLIAMS, Box 664, Ballinger, Texas. 21-1f

FOR RENT—Two furnished apartments. 701 Twelfth Street. Phone 353. 14-1f

FOR RENT—Three room furnished apartment, 206 Eighth St. Call Mrs. George Scruges. 14-3t*

FOR SALE—All-steel two row stalk cutter on wheels ready to go. Patterson Shop. 7-1f

FOR LEASE—118 acres in cultivation and 42 acres in pasture. Ford Tractor and equipment for sale. See R. L. Waggle, 510 Twelfth Street. 28-2t*

LOST—Between Winters and Abilene, one new mattress and other items on December 18. Write Ray W. Evans, Box 754, Hamlin, Texas. Reward. 28-3t*

WANTED—Good used piano. L. A. Droll, Rowena, Texas. 21-3t

FOR SALE—Nortex seed oats, free of Johnson grass, germination test 99%, threshed, not combined, \$1.00 per bushel. Everitt Witter, phone 7705. 28-3t

FOR SALE—200 fryers and broilers, alive or dressed. Roy Brunson, 3/4 mile west of Bruce Field. 4-1t*

FOR RENT—Five room house on Eighth Street. Phone 612. 1t

FOR SALE—182 acres, nice home and barns, 30 acres in irrigated farm, on mail and school bus line, 1 1/2 miles of San Saba River front, 75 acres covered with pecan timber, six miles east of Menard. Priced for quick sale at \$75 per acre. See W. L. Puckett, Menard, Texas. 4-3t

FOR RENT—Three room unfurnished apartment, 208 Sixth St. 1t*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartments. Apply at 811 Seventh St. Mrs. W. W. Chastain. 4-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished garage apartment, also 2-room apartment. Call after 2:00 p. m. 1306 Ninth Street. 4-2t

FOR SALE—One kitchen cabinet, in good condition. 1406 Winters Road. 4-2t*

FOR RENT—Private upstairs apartment, close in, on paved street. Two bedrooms, living room, bath and kitchen. 404 Broadway. 4-1t

WANTED—To buy small house to be moved. P. O. Box 285, San Angelo, Texas. 1t*

FOUND—Old fashioned cameo brooch, near Ritz Theatre. Phone 170 or 598. 4-1t

Next week I will offer for sale about 20 Hereford yearlings, all registered and subject to registration. Can be seen at my place three miles east of Norton, E. Shepperd. 4-1t

LOST—Small female Boston bull terrier. Finder call Mrs. McGregor, 301. 4-1t

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FOR SALE—Two suburban small tracts of land well improved. Two good homes well located to schools and churches. A. F. Brock. 1t

A good saddle horse to loan for keep. See J. G. Tuckey at First National Bank. 1t*

FOR SALE—Nine piece dining room suite, solid walnut. Also one wool rug, 9 by 12. Phone 612. 1t

FOR SALE—Natural gas water heater, good condition. Hubert Herring, Talpa. 4-3t*

FOR RENT—Small residence, modern conveniences and garage. Suitable for couple. E. M. Eubank, 905 Sixth Street. Phone 171. 1t

FOR SALE—483 acres in Mason county, 65 acres in farm, fair house, two wells, Federal Land Bank loan of \$1,500. This place can be bought for \$23 per acre. See W. L. Puckett, Menard, Texas. 4-3t

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Serving Uncle Sam

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his credit. Hoffman received his wings and commission at Foster Field, Victoria. The air medal with four oak leaf clusters was awarded him in July. During his 150 hours of combat flying, Hoffman participated in the first raid over Germany on D-Day, bomber escort, strafing, and dive-bombing missions.

Hoffman is well known throughout Runnels county and surrounding counties for his outstanding club work. He was a gold star member of the 4-H club organization.

Mrs. Margaret Evans received a telegram this week from Charles Evans, stationed at Seneca, Ill., telling that he had a letter from Lt. Phillip Evans, written in England December 24. Lt. Evans had been in Belgium with the 101st airborne division and his mother and friends had been very anxious about him. The letter did not reveal why he was back in England.

Mrs. J. J. Hausen has returned to Ballinger to make her home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Owens, while her husband, Lt. J. J. Hausen, is overseas.

Mrs. W. R. Pearce has received letters from her son, Chief Petty Officer David E. Pearce, informing that he was well and getting lots to eat. He said he had a shore job for a while and had gained up to 180 pounds.

A letter from Pvt. Jack Long, with the 36th division in France, states that he received Christmas packages in good condition and in time for the holidays. Pvt. Long, who has been overseas 20 months, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Long of this city.

Dorman Amarine, seaman 2c, on the U. S. S. Shangri-La, has been at home on a 16-day leave to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Amarine. He will leave Friday to return to his ship.

Sgt. H. K. Dickinson and wife, formerly of Camp Roberts, Calif., spent the Christmas holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. Annie Dickinson. Sgt. Dickinson was en route to Fort Knox, Ky., to report for duty.

Former Ballinger Man Killed
A message from the war department to Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller, of Colorado City, last week informed them that their son, Lt. Bobby C. Miller was killed in Germany on December 10. His last letters were written from Luxembourg and he had been in combat since the drive across France. Before entering the army Miller resided in Ballinger and was an employe of the AAA office for some time. He is a nephew of Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, Mrs. O. R. O'Neill and Luth Williams of Ballinger.

On the same day the death message was received, Mr. and Mrs. Miller were informed by the navy department that another son, Yeoman Floyd Miller, had been captured by the Japs.

Malissa and Joe Fisher have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Nathaniel Fisher, stationed in Belgium in which he writes that he is okay and asks prayers for himself and all the men in the fight.

Lt. Seth B. Caperton, a bomber pilot with the Eighth Air Force in England until recent weeks, arrived home this week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Caperton. He completed his missions in November and arrived in the states on December 21. After

WANT TO BUY—Used gas cook stove and dinette suite. Must be clean and in good condition. Phone 1383. 4-1t*

FOR SALE—Furniture crating, suitable for fence palings, chicken house. Mann, 26 Harman Park. 4-1t*

FOR RENT—My apartment, 1907 Broadway. Rent very reasonable. Mike Boyd. 4-3t*

FOR RENT—Bedroom with private bath, 302 Fifth Street. Telephone 5. 1t

RAISE YOUR OWN MEAT; BOOK BABY CHICKS NOW
Announcements have been made by the government that chickens will be scarce in the coming year, that practically all meat will be rationed and this will mean the tightening of menus on the home front. Announcement was made today that meat would likely be 15 per cent less during 1945.

One way of beating this shortage will be the raising of broilers in the back yard. Book your baby chicks now to have them ready for feed and care early. Many chicks are selling now and you, too, can have plenty of meat in your back yard with a very little effort.

See us for booking delivery of baby chicks at any time you want them. Help solve the 1945 food problem that is bound to come.

NUTT & WILLIAMS 4-1t

his leave here, he will report to Santa Ana, California, on January 21 for reassignment.

The city office received a cablegram this week from Troy Smith, serving overseas with the armed forces, in which Christmas and New Year greetings were expressed for all his Ballinger friends. The origin of the message was not given.

Home for the Christmas holidays were Pfc. Gilbert Loika, who has been in the army for the past two years; Cadet Nurse Mabel Loika, taking training at John Sealy Hospital, Galveston; and Pvt. Eugene Loika, stationed at Camp Robinson, near Little Rock, Arkansas.

Visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Block and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Loika during the Christmas holidays were Lt. and Mrs. Andrew W. Block. Lt. Block is stationed at the Enid, Oklahoma, army air base.

Capt. Don Gibbs has been given the silver star for heroic action in France with the American third army. This information was contained in a letter to his wife, who is a member of the high school faculty, business administration department. The letter did not tell what kind of action Capt. Gibbs was in to be awarded the high ranking medal.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations. Ballinger Printing Co.

Be wise—advertise.

Notice of Budget Hearing
Notice is hereby given to all City taxpayers of the City of Ballinger, Texas, that a hearing will be held at the City Hall January 18th, at 3 p. m., for the purpose of examining the proposed budget for the City of Ballinger covering the fiscal year February 1st, 1945, to January 31st, 1946.

All taxpayers of the City of Ballinger are urged to be present. By Order of the City Commission,

C. P. SHEPHERD, Mayor
K. V. NORTHINGTON, City Secretary. 28-2t

Jap Balloon Lands in Montana



Army officers and an agent of the FBI are shown here with parts of the Japanese balloon found recently in Montana. Its explosives failed to go off. Another mysterious balloon was reported drifting inland from the ocean over Santa Monica, Calif.

WEATHER RECORDER IS FOUND NEAR HERE

A weather recorder, broadcaster was found this week by J. S. Hardaway on the Bond Jeffries ranch 15 miles northeast of Ballinger. Seeing the small white box float to the ground supported by a red silk parachute, Mr. Hardaway notified Sheriff J. L. Moreland, who with others went to the scene and picked up the enclosed machine, returning it this afternoon to the U. S. weather bureau.

The small cardboard box housing the weather recorder is carried to a height of about twelve miles by a small balloon. At that height the balloon bursts and releases the box which has a small parachute attached.

On the box are instructions to the finder, asking that he take it to the nearest post office, hand it to his mail carrier, or return it to the weather bureau in the place shown on the address card attached.

Runnels countians are asked to watch for these boxes and to mail them back as soon as possible after found.

To the victory will belong the soil. Let's keep ours—buy war bonds!

LOIKAS HAVE DINNER FOR CHILDREN SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Loika honored their children with a Christmas dinner Sunday at their home in the Bethel community. Children at home were Pvt. Eugene Loika, Camp Robinson, Ark.; Pfc. Gilbert Loika, Concho Field, San Angelo; Cadet Nurse Mabel Loika, Galveston; and Lt. and Mrs. Andrew W. Block, Enid, Okla. Mrs. Block was the former Carmen Loika.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Block, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Loika, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Stevens, S-Sgt. Morris Harris, S-Sgt. John Wagner, S-Sgt. Robert Petrek, Sgt. Lester Horvet, all of Concho Field; Miss Mary Ruth Duke, Frances Block, James Block, and the host and hostess.

Gifts were exchanged from a tree and a musical program was enjoyed.

Manila folders. Ballinger Printing Co.

They keep fighting— You keep buying WAR BONDS

HOSPITAL NOTES

Waldo McGuffin, of Paint Rock, a medical patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital, is reported to be improving and will be able to return home this week.

Dr. W. B. Halley is still improving and has been able to be out in a car for a few short rides.

Mrs. J. E. Reese, who recently fractured a leg, is reported to be improving satisfactorily this week.

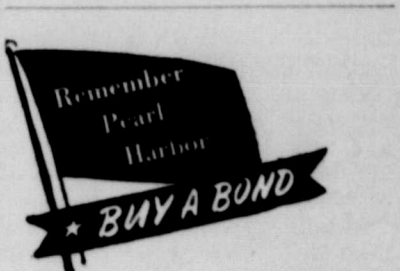
J. A. Waide, of Paint Rock, a medical patient in the Bailey clinic, is improving slowly.

Mrs. J. M. Skinner is still showing no signs of improvement and is in a serious condition.

Mrs. C. D. Mills underwent major surgery at the Bailey hospital Tuesday morning and is doing nicely.

Clyde Goss, burns victim, of Maverick is still a patient in the Bailey clinic but his condition is some better.

Mrs. A. J. Thorp underwent minor surgery at the Bailey hospital this morning and is doing satisfactorily.



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Income Tax Returns

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EDWARDS Coffee
DISCOVER the PERFECTION IN.....

Does Coffee "MAKE THE DAY" for you?

—Check These Values—

Canterbury Tea	10-Lb. Pkg.	23¢
Beets	Standard Sliced No. 2 Can	11¢
Corn	Nation's Pride (20 Points) 12-Oz. Can	14¢
Tomato Soup	Heinz 11-Oz. Can	11¢
Pickles	Heinz Fresh Cucumber 24-Oz. Jar	29¢
Karo Syrup	Blue Label No. 11 3-Lb. Pkg.	15¢

EDWARDS —In Vacuum Packed. Reusable Glass Jars... Rich, Delicious Flavor.
Regular or Drip Grind **2-Lb. Jar 54¢**

Nob Hill	Fresh Roasted Full Strength 1-Lb. Pkg.	23¢
Airway	Fresh Roasted Mellow Flavor 2 1-Lb. Pkg.	41¢
Sorghum Syrup	Harry's No. 10 No. 10 Can	79¢
Dressing	Duchess Salad 16-Oz. Jar	19¢
Mayonnaise	No. Made 32-Oz. Jar	39¢
Dinner	Luxury Macaroni (1/2 Point Per Pkg.) 6-Oz. Pkg.	5¢
Tomatoes	Standard (20 Points) No. 2 Can	11¢
Pure Honey	Beaville Strained 16-Oz. Jar	25¢

Morning Glory OATS —A NATURAL SOURCE OF VITAMIN B AND IRON
Quick or Regular 3-Lb. Pkg. 12¢

Safeway Quality Meats

Grade AA & A Beef Shoulder	Grade AA & A Beef Sirloin
ROAST	STEAK
Lb. 26¢	Lb. 39¢

3 Points Per Pound 11 Points Per Pound

Liver Loaf	Lb. 29¢
Short Ribs	11 Points Lb. 17¢
Salami	Sliced or by Piece Lb. 29¢
Frankfurts	Large Size (12 Points) Lb. 33¢
Lunch Meat	Assorted Loaves Lb. 29¢
Fish	White Lb. 21¢
Oysters	Eastern Select Lb. 85¢

Fresh Ground Meats

Ground Beef	(4 Points) Lb. 24¢
Cheese	Longhorn 12 Points Lb. 37¢

Pure Pork SAUSAGE
Lb. 35¢
2 Points per Pound

Farm Fresh Produce

Oranges	California Naval 5 Lb. 47¢
Onions	Colorado Yellow Spanish 3 Lb. 10¢
Apples	Winesap, Delicious, Jonathan 2 Lb. 23¢
Celery	California Crisp Tender Lb. 14¢
Oranges	Texas Early Lb. 7¢
Sweet Potatoes	Lb. 9¢
New Potatoes	Fresh Texas Lb. 7¢
Potatoes	Idaho Russets 5 Lb. 23¢
Rutabaga Turnips	Lb. 5c
Carrots	Fancy California 2 Bus. 15¢
Lettuce	Arizona Crisp Firm Lb. 12¢

Ken Pork LUNCHEON MEAT
or Lead's **CHOPPED HAM**
12-Oz. Can 27¢
3 Points Per Can

Texas Seedless GRAPEFRUIT
REGULAR POSTER PINK
Lb. 5¢ Lb. 7¢

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