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Annual B.C.D. Banquet Scheduled Friday Night

The advance sale of tickets for the annual banquet of the Ballinger Board of Community Development has been sufficient to insure a capacity house tomorrow (Friday) night at the high school lunch room. The affair will start promptly at 8:00 o'clock and a good meal and a good program have been arranged.

Joe Forman, secretary-manager, stated Monday that a canvass had covered the town but a number were missed on the trip. Tickets will remain on sale at drug stores until tonight but none will be available tomorrow because a definite number of plates must be ordered after the check-up this evening.

Tom Caudle, banquet toastmaster, will present the numbers on the program. Drury P. Hathaway, retiring president, will give a brief report of the activities of the B. C. D. for the past year and announce new members of the directory board and officers for the ensuing year.

Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor of the First Methodist Church, will deliver the principal address of the evening. An excellent speaker and civic minded in every particular, his message will emphasize local problems now and in the post-war period. Musical numbers will be arranged by Miss Sarah Ann Stowe, teacher of public school music in the high school.

Tickets for the annual banquet are \$1.25 each.

Former Ballingerite Prisoner

Lt. Harold Todd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Todd, formerly of Ballinger, was reported missing in action over Germany on December 6. Since then indirect word has come to relatives here that he is a prisoner of the nazis. A fighter pilot, Lt. Todd was lost near the Baltic Sea and comrades have written that he was taken prisoner, although no official word to this effect has come from the war department.

March of Dimes Raises \$590.88 in This County

A preliminary check-up of receipts from the March of Dimes for the infantile paralysis foundation this week disclosed a total of \$590.88 already turned in with no reports from Winters, Miles or Rowena to date.

In addition to the amount given above the Ballinger Band played a concert for the support of the Gonzales Hot Springs Foundation, taking in \$206.00, which has been sent to the state department of education and will be turned over to the Texas institution. All high school bands in the state are aiding in this drive and a large amount is expected to be raised during the school year. In addition to the support given the Gonzales institution the Ballinger schools raised \$79.34 for the national foundation.

Funds on hand will be held

City Favors Some New Legislation And Opposes Some

The Ballinger city commission in session Tuesday afternoon sent letters to Senator Penrose Metcalfe and Representative W. H. Ramsey favoring some bills and opposing others due for consideration by the legislature in the near future.

The city officials favored S. B. 31 in which cities would share in the automobile license fees. In commenting the city set forth the amount of paving in Ballinger used daily by motor vehicles and declared the city is entitled to a share of the amount paid by car owners in license fees.

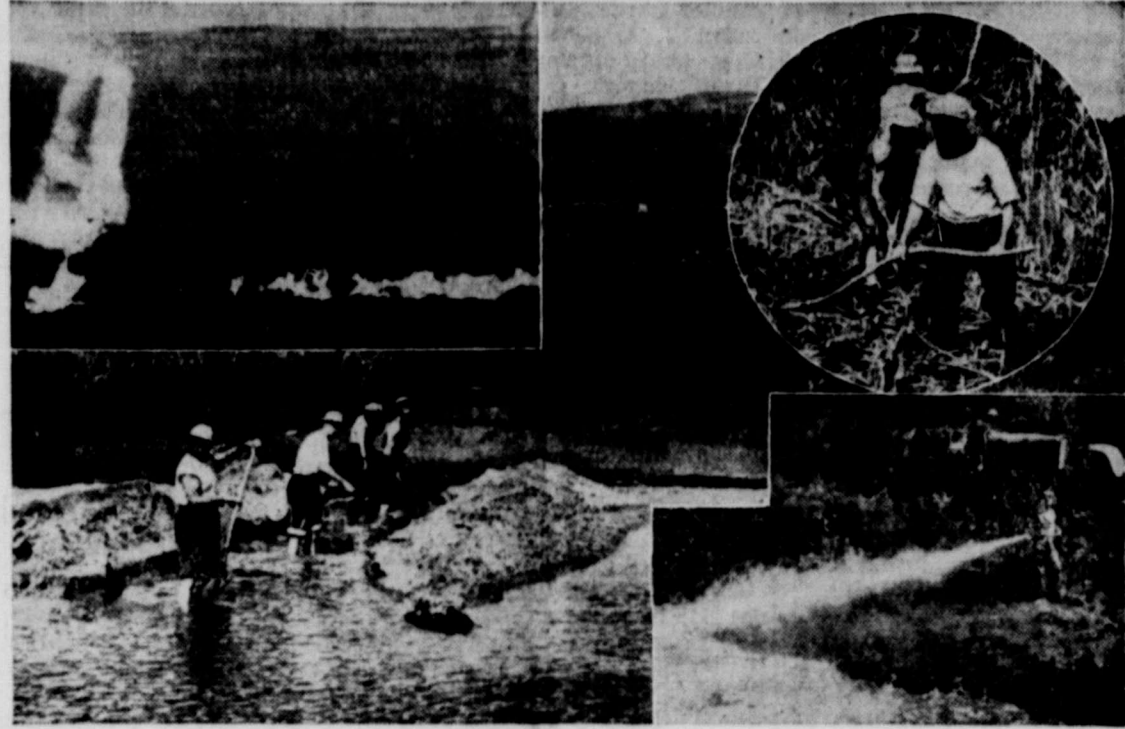
The commissioners favored H. B. 15 requiring proof of payment of ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles to obtain licenses. The reason this legislation is needed, it was pointed out, is that many people escape these taxes on their motor vehicles.

Also favored was H. B. 114 authorizing the summary sale of property for delinquent taxes by cities or other taxing units. It is believed here that this legislation would expedite collections of delinquent tax accounts and cut the expense of same.

Definitely opposed was H. J. R. 9, which would exempt homesteads of less than \$3,000 in value for cities and school districts. The commissioners think towns of this size would be out of business if this law were passed.

A report on delinquent tax collections was heard and the commission congratulated J. Whit Patterson, delinquent tax collector, on his excellent work during the past year. A special letter was sent Mr. Patterson expressing appreciation of the commission for his work and report, and promising full support for the program for another year.

Army Malaria Control Program Proves Effective



Lower left, American soldiers spraying sides of streams and checking for isolated pools that might breed the deadly malaria mosquito in Corsica. Upper left, this A-20 bomber is laying a dust of Paris Green over the swampland territory near 13th air force fields on the island. Upper right, Corsican marshes are cleared by native laborers to eliminate the breeding place of the "Spotted Wing" mosquito.

Husband of Local Woman Succumbs To Battle Wounds

Mrs. LaVerne Postlewaite received a message from the war department on January 27 informing that her husband, Technician 5th Grade Don Bruce Postlewaite died on January 11.

He sustained an abdominal wound in Germany on December 27 and was moved from the front to a hospital in Liege, Belgium, where he died.

Decedent was born October 29, 1917, in Illinois, and graduated from high school there at the age of 18. He enlisted in the army March 22, 1942, and was first stationed at Camp Hulen, Texas. His next move was to Camp Barkeley, where he met his wife, Miss LaVerne Peterson, of Winters. They were married on November 15 in a military wedding at Camp Barkeley.

From Camp Barkeley he was sent to Camp Hyden, Arizona, where he received eight months' desert training. His next move was to Fort Bragg, N. C., where he stayed only a short time and from there was sent to Atlantic Beach, Fla., on post patrol. His next transfer was to an armored school at Fort Riley, Kansas. Graduating there he was sent to Camp Gordon, Ga. He left there on September 29, 1944, for a port of embarkation, New York, and landed in England the middle of October.

Sgt. James Beard Missing in Action Over Yugoslavia

T-Sgt. James P. Beard, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beard, was reported missing over Yugoslavia since January 15. The message informing the parents was received here Sunday.

A radio operator and gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber, Sgt. Beard was based in Italy with the 15th air force. The message gave no other details but stated that a letter would follow and that the parents would be advised of any new information obtained by the war department.

Graduating from the Ballinger high school in 1942, young Beard was a member of the Bearcat Band. After graduation here he attended A. & M. College and later entered the air corps, received his training and was presented his gunner's wings on June 24, 1944, at Yuma, Arizona.

His group has received three presidential citations for extraordinary achievement. The most recent was early in January following an attack on the Bratislava oil refineries.

The last letters received from Sgt. Alfred R. Koenig were dated January 16. He was somewhere in Belgium at that time and was getting along OK.

Serving Uncle Sam

Ballinger Man Wounded

Mrs. Louis James received a message from the war department this week advising that her husband, Pfc. William L. James, was slightly wounded on January 17 in France. The message gave no other information but said a change in address would be received directly from the hospital where he was sent within a few days and that a letter to follow would give more information and a report on his condition.

Before entering the army James was employed by the city and has been away from here more than a year.

Local Soldier Marries in England

Mrs. C. E. Lowry announces the marriage of her son, Cpl. Milton L. Lowry, to Miss Audrey Joyce Howard at King Lynn, Norfolk, England, on November 18, 1944. Cpl. Lowry is stationed with the American air forces in England. The couple was married at St. Margaret's Church.



Pfc. Ernest D. Simpson Marine Pfc. Ernest D. Simpson is pictured here receiving the purple heart in a ceremony somewhere in the Pacific. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Downey Simpson of Ballinger, Pfc. Simpson was wounded in action during the Guam engagement. He is 22 years old, graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1942, and was employed here by the Weeks Drug Store.

Mrs. Sid Houston received a letter this week from her brother, Pvt. Elmer C. Bradley, better known as Tobe Bradley, who is now stationed in Italy. He stated he was well but pretty homesick. Pvt. Bradley has been serving overseas the past 32 months.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. L. Moreland received a message Tuesday from their son, Lt. Wilburn Moreland, informing he had arrived safely

overseas. The cablegram gave no indication as to where he was stationed, but his postoffice is New York and it is believed he has joined the 9th air force in France. Lt. Moreland is a pilot on a medium bomber.

Lt. Seth B. Caperton, Jr., who recently returned to the States after completing his bomber missions from a base in England, telegraphed his parents from Santa Ana, California, Wednesday that he had been assigned to the San Angelo bombardier field and would arrive there this week-end to begin his new duty. Lt. Caperton was here a few weeks ago for a visit with his parents before reporting at Santa Ana for a check-up and reassignment.

Lt. David Batts, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, is at home this week after receiving his wings and commission as a second lieutenant at Moore Field, Mission, last week. After his leave he will return there for assignment.

Mrs. Nina Davis, of Ballinger, has two sons serving with the armed forces. Cpl. Donald Davis is on Long Island, New York, where he is photographing V-mail letters for overseas transmission. M-Sgt. Alva Z. Davis was at Ft. Richardson, Alaska, when last heard from but was on his way out. He said the boat ride made him sick and that he would stick to a buggy and horse after the war when he was back home.

In a letter dated January 21 and received this week from Pfc. Josh T. Mounce, he told relatives he was fine, in the best of health, and had received his Christmas packages. He did not reveal where he was located but said the weather was cold and the ground covered with snow. He told of seeing Curtis Jones, Alvin Bilbey, Jimmie Russell, Guy Jones and one of the Middleton boys, and that they all looked good. Pfc. Mounce is still with the military police and enclosed a photo of himself driving a truck loaded with German prisoners. He has been in France since D-Day.

Mrs. Wylie Stobaugh, chief petty officer in the WAVES, spent the past week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams. She returned to her base at Corpus Christi.

A letter from J. L. Henderson, AOMC, stated he was at a rest area in the Pacific and told his parents to get his blue uniforms cleaned and ready for wear. He gave no idea as to where he was located but said he had received no Christmas packages. The letter was dated February 1.

Sgt. Martin A. Walker, who is now on duty at the prisoner of war camp near Brady, returned Tuesday afternoon after spending a 20-day furlough here with his wife, relatives and friends. He was to be given a new assignment upon his return to Brady.

Parents and wife received letters this week from Herman Hallmark, who is at San Diego, Calif. He stated he was OK and said to give regards to local friends.

Red Cross Funds Drive Workers, Quotas Named

Pacific Marine Veteran Returns Home for Visit

Pfc. Chester D. Williams, marine corps, came in this morning from the Pacific war zone and is to be at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Williams, on a 35-day leave. Pfc. Williams has seen plenty of action against the Japs, being in nearly all the invasions since New Georgia up to the time he was wounded severely on Guam in July of last year. Since then he has been in four hospitals in the South Pacific and on a number of hospital ships.

Before the action on Guam he sustained a cracked shin bone, broken ribs and other injuries. In the Guam invasion the concussion of a shell knocked him down and before he could rise a Jap stuck a bayonet through his stomach, pinning him down. He called for help and Sgt. Frank Hill, a former Ballinger boy, came to his rescue, killed the Jap, and carried Williams back a hundred yards to safety. Sgt. Hill was wounded a few seconds later when he tried to get back to his former position.

Pfc. Williams is improved and able to be out of his hospital but probably will not be able to return to active duty.

En route home, Pfc. Williams celebrated two Christmas days. He left an island hospital on Christmas day by air and during the night crossed the international dateline and started another Christmas, spending most of the second holiday in Hawaii, where he remained in a hospital until a short time ago.

The local man wears about all the ribbons and stars that could be awarded in the war against the Japs, including one presidential citation with a star.

Two other sons of Mr. and Mrs. Williams are in the service. Pvt. Curtis W. Williams is with the 96th division, last identified on Leyte. Pfc. Jack W. Williams is back in the United States after serving 14 months overseas, and is now stationed at the Kingsville naval training station.

Aviation Cadet William D. Batts, class 44-K, received his wings and was commissioned a second lieutenant at Moore Field last week. Lt. Batts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, Ballinger Rt. 1.

Pvt. James G. McFarland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harp McFarland of Ballinger, has reported at Keesler Field, Miss., to take examinations to determine his qualifications as a pre-aviation cadet. The tests will decide whether he is to get pilot, navigation or bombardier training.

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Sunday, 11 a. m., Sermon, "THE SUPREME TRAGEDY OF LIFE"
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Sunday Night, 7:30, The People's Gospel Hymn Hour.
Sermon, "THE CRISIS OF A LIFE"
WELCOME AT
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
400 Eighth Street
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CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Red Cross workers are perfecting plans for the annual war fund drive which will commence the latter part of this month with intensive solicitations to be made the first week in March.

Runnels county's quota has been set at \$17,100 and this has been divided, the northern portion of the county to contribute \$5,900, and Winters leaders to be responsible for all communities in the area. The southern portion of the county has a quota of \$11,115, and Ballinger leaders are to supervise the organization of each community.

Sam Behringer, county chairman, has contacted practically all community chairmen for the 1945 campaign. The chairman at Winters will direct the organization in the north end of the county.

Mr. Behringer is planning a county-wide meeting to be held the latter part of February to which all workers will be invited. If possible a national Red Cross worker who has served in foreign countries will be invited to speak here on this occasion.

The following quotas and chairmen are announced for the southern half of the county: Ballinger, \$6,000, Rev. Gary Hof-

Rowena, \$650, F. A. Haverland Norton, \$500, Ray V. Stark Humble Pump Station, \$200, Jim Guynes

Offen, \$350, Willie Halfmann Brookshier, \$100, T. G. Gieghorn Kristoff, \$100, Weldon Bux-

Greenwald, \$250, C. J. Behrend Spring Hill, \$150, Morris Wheelless Blanton, \$250, Mrs. D. L. Bre-

Miller, \$150, Everett Witter Benoit, \$300, J. Milton Clayton Dry Ridge, \$150, Carl McAden

Maverick, \$200, H. Ellis Petty Hagan-Barnett, \$250, John Duke Runnels, \$200, Hugh Campbell

Bethel, \$250, I. V. Pearson Miles, \$650, Mrs. R. A. Perry and Mrs. M. B. Parmer

Air Field, \$250, Jim Flynt, Jr. Cross Roads, \$100, R. L. Beach Sweet Home, \$150, C. A. Mate-

Supplies for the drive have been received and will be handed out to each community chairman at the county-wide meeting here.

With millions of American boys overseas and the fine reports on the Red Cross received from them in recent months, especially from prisoners of war, it is believed the campaign will only require a short time.

Pvt. W. L. Weeks, son of Mrs. J. F. Owens, who had been in the Philippines, is now in a military hospital in New Guinea suffering with rheumatism.

Removal Notice

I have moved my plumbing shop from its former location at the corner of Eighth Street and Strong Avenue to my home, the former Jack Douglas place in South Ballinger. It is located on the highway and signs will make it easy to locate.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Miss Billie Howell is Bride of Lt. H. W. Ketchum in Church Ceremony

Miss Billie Weldon Howell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis Howell, became the bride of Lt. Herbert Winborn Ketchum, son of Mrs. W. L. Ketchum of Little Rock, Arkansas, in a candlelight service Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock with the Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, officiating for the double ring ceremony read before a large assembly of relatives and friends of the bridal couple.

The bride's chosen colors of yellow and white were featured in the lovely floral decoration. Tall baskets of white gladioli with graceful sprays of acacia and eleven-point floor candelabra in inverted V-shape holding tall white cathedral tapers stood before a white lattice entwined with lace fern and studded with single gladiolus blossoms and acacia clusters.

Mrs. Charles Hambrick was at the organ console for the nuptial music. Preceding the ceremony she played "Clare de Lune" by Debussy and Mendelssohn's "Nocturne" and accompanied Miss U'Nita Rogers of San Angelo, a classmate of the bride's at Hardin-Simmons University, who sang "Because" by d'Hardelot and "One Alone" from the Desert Song. She used the traditional Lohengrin and Mendelssohn marches.

Ann Kathryn McDonald, small cousin of the bride, in a dainty frock of yellow dotted swiss, and Julius Killough carried the rings in white calla lily blooms.

Miss Helen Speer was maid of honor. She wore a two-piece frock of powder blue wool jersey with all brown accessories and carried a bouquet of white gardenias and stephanotis. Lt. David Cernesek, of Waco, was best man.

The bride, who entered on the arm of her father, and was given in marriage by him, wore a two-piece dress of brown alpaca. The fitted torso bodice was studded with gold nail heads and a floral design of these trimmed the round neck, elbow-length sleeves and bottom edges. Her small veiled hat of brown straw was trimmed with roses of gold velvet and other accessories were brown lizard. For something old she wore an heirloom hat pin of old gold, and for something borrowed, diamond earrings belonging to Miss Rogers. Her colonial bouquet was fashioned of a single white orchid encircled with talisman rosebuds and showered with single stephanotis blossoms in knotted satin ribbons.

J. Frank Nance and Bobby Bartlett were ushers. Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kemp, uncle and aunt of the bride, were hosts for the informal reception in their home on Ninth Street with the bride's parents, the bridal couple and other members of the bridal party assisting in receiving in rooms adorned with yellow and

white flowers. A reflected arrangement of white gladioli and acacia flanked by tall white candles in single silver holders centered the lace-laid table and a floral plaque formed the buffet centerpiece. Miss Gladys Kemp presided at the silver service and Miss Betty Jean Harper cut the three-tiered all-white cake, which was decorated with lilies of the valley and topped with a miniature bride and soldier groom. Mrs. Duke Jimerson, Misses Melba Bankston, Tommye Mansell, Dorothy McMillan, and Virginia Nance assisted in serving. Others in the houseparty were Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harper, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McDonald, and Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Nutt. Mrs. J. G. Harwell, Jr., was at the Bride's Book.

Mrs. Ketchum is a graduate of the Ballinger High School. She attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene two years and was employed at the Harman Training Center at Bruce Field. Lt. Ketchum was employed by White Bros. Cotton Co. in Little Rock after his graduation from High School there before he entered the armed forces. He received his primary training at Bruce Field and received his wings with Class 43K at the Blackland Army Air Base at Waco and transition in B24 at Colorado Springs. He flew his combat missions in Italy where he received the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters and five stars for major campaigns on his theatre ribbon. On his return to the States he was based at Laredo Army Air Base. After a wedding trip to visit the bridegroom's relatives in Little Rock, the couple will be at home in Laredo.

For traveling, the bride wore a suit of gold wool with fuchsia jabot blouse. Her small brown felt hat was trimmed with gold feathers. Other accessories were brown, and her corsage was an orchid. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Laura Howell, the bride's grandmother, and Mr. and Mrs. Pat Sawyer and Charles of Winters, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Rogers of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Howell and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sutton and Becky of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harding and T. W. of Norton.

San Angelo is Guest Speaker for Shakespeare Club

Arrangements of jasmine blossoms and flowering honeysuckle were used to decorate the Shakespeare Club room last Thursday afternoon when Fannie Stephens Study Club members were included as added guests to hear Dr. Claire Peterson, vice-president of the San Angelo Woman's Club. Dr. Peterson was a member of the Marfa History Club and chairman of the Eighth District Junior Clubs before moving to San Angelo a few years ago. She is now on the Ways and Means Committee of

the City Federation. Mrs. Dorsey Read introduced Dr. Peterson, whose topic was "Post-War Global Transportation and Ship and Rail Futurama." She gave a comprehensive talk concerning the several methods of both cargo and passenger transportation, telling why travel by air, water, and land would all continue. She discussed the coordination of car designs and highways, the improvement of performance and ability of railroads, and the factors involved in the rapid development of air travel.

Mrs. J. W. Guynes, Shakespeare Club president, read a letter from the Sixth District legislative chairman concerning current issues pending in Austin. One bill will increase salaries for teachers and the other provides for an institution for delinquent negro girls.

Mrs. Frank W. Keichline, president of the San Angelo City Federation, who accompanied Dr. Peterson to Ballinger, was also introduced. Others present were: Mmes. Ford Taylor, H. Ravellette, J. Y. Pearce, J. B. Striplin, C. R. Stephens, T. J. McCaughan, A. B. Stobaugh, LeRoy McAulay, Dee Saylor, J. Dexter Eoff, Carl Black, A. J. McDaniel, J. M. Williams, J. F. Currie, George Newby, Estes Lynn, Bruce Creasy, Alex Saunders, R. T. Williams, Lela McAdams, W. O. Irby, Alton Underwood, and Sim Cottle.

Mrs. Tom Agnew is Club Hostess

Mrs. Tom Agnew was hostess last Friday afternoon in her Wilke Terrace home to Triple-

Four contract club members and a few added friends who played substitute hands.

The valentine theme and colors were featured in room decorations, table and game appointments and in the salad course served with coffee and heart candies at the tea hour.

Mrs. J. A. Schnable won high score award and Mrs. Delbert Vancil bingoo. Others included: Mmes. R. W. Earnshaw, Ross Murchison, E. W. Stasney, Harry Lynn, L. R. Tigner, Claude Stone, E. C. Baskin, Alex McGregor, K. V. Northington, Fred McClanahan, and Troy Simpson.

Progressive Dinner for Know Your Neighbors

A progressive dinner was an enjoyable affair for Know Your Neighbors members Friday evening with festivities beginning in the Ninth Street home of Mrs. J. H. Endacott. Pink carnations were combined with candytuft to center the lace-laid dining table where fruit cocktails were served with hors d'oeuvres.

Orchid chrysanthemums about the living room and Picardy gladioli with sprays of acacia on the dining table gave floral decoration to the home of Mrs. Malcolm Morgan on Sixth Street. Red and white candles centered four-some tables where valentines marked places for the chicken salad course served with potato chips, rolls, olives and coffee.

The home of Mrs. LeRoy McAulay on Eighth Street was the scene of the dessert course where gold calendulas with candytuft formed the table centerpiece.

Pecan pie was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Royal Bishop, Joe Flynt, John Castor, George Davis, Bill Clark, Dee Saylor, Cecil Jones, L. C. Adair, and John Barton.

Three Are Hostesses to First Baptist Ruth Class

Mmes. Bill Duncan, Bernis Camp, and W. R. Murphy, Jr. were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class last Thursday evening, entertaining in the Murphy home on Seventh Street.

After the opening prayer by the teacher, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and the devotional by Mrs. Harold Routh, the new president, Mrs. Ruth Estus directed the business period with routine reports being made by Mrs. Jack Jobe, secretary, other officers and committee chairmen.

A sandwich plate was served with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Paul Kirk, A. W. Brunson, Dick Ayres, Fred Moncrief, W. E. Curtiss, Barnett Frank, and Melvin Patton.

Pvt. Earl Halfmann Honored at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Halfmann honored their son, Pvt. Earl Halfmann, with a dinner Sunday. He is stationed at Camp Hood, Texas.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wanorek, Henry Stock, F. F. Hoelscher, A. W. Hoelscher, Victor Wanorek, Ed Glass, Joe Haechten, Mrs. Josephine Stock, Laura, Nadine and Lester Glass, Elsie Flora, David, and Georgia Ann Halfmann, El Doris, Raygene, Wilbert and Frank Hoelscher, Jr. Marvin Haechten, Vollie Gene and

Joyce Ann Wanorek, and the host and hostess.

Pvt. Halfmann has finished his training at Camp Hood and is spending his furlough with relatives and friends before receiving an assignment.

First Baptist W. M. S. Meets

The First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society held its regular business and inspirational meeting Monday afternoon in the church on Eighth Street with Mrs. E. P. Talbot presiding.

After the unison singing of the Woman's Hymn, with Mrs. Earl Cope at the piano and prayer by Mrs. B. C. Kirk, monthly reports of officers, committee, and circle chairmen were made and the attendance banner was awarded Circle One of which Mrs. Talbot

is chairman. Plans were announced for the annual sweetheart banquet, and Mrs. James Wear's resignation as president was accepted.

Mrs. A. O. Bartlett brought the inspirational message on "Soul-Winning" and prayers were led by Mrs. A. S. Love and Mrs. R. P. Canady. Others in attendance were Mmes. Carl Black, H. W. Doherty, Elmer Shepperd, O. L. Parish, M. M. Alexander, T. J. McCaughan, J. H. Endacott, C. J. Lynn, R. E. White, Jim Golden, J. H. Parrish, H. C. Daniel, W. J. Hembrée, O. L. Britton, E. L. DeWitt, C. W. Jennings, Malcolm Morgan, Ed Lengefeld, Ted Whitehead, Mark Davis, Fred Moncrief, Taylor Henley, Clarence Morton, Misses Alice and Emma Thomas.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Miss Mary Lou Davis is Bride of Lt. E. M. Leonard in Ft. Worth Church Ceremony

In a beautiful twilight service read in the chapel of Polytechnic Methodist Church in Ft. Worth last Saturday evening at eight o'clock, Miss Mary Lou Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lemmie Davis, became the bride of Lt. E. M. Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leonard of Newport News, Virginia. Dr. J. Frank Turner, Methodist evangelist and a former pastor of the First Methodist Church here, performed the double ring ceremony before relatives and close friends.

Ferns and palms in graduated heights formed the background for the lovely altar decoration of pink and white carnations and Picardy gladioli in tall white floor baskets. Floor candelabra designed in the shape of a large inverted V held forty tall white candles.

Miss Helen Ketchum of Ft. Worth, a former college roommate of the bride's sister, was at the piano for a group of pre-nuptial love songs and for the traditional Lohengrin procession and the Mendelssohn recessional. Miss Dorothy Mitchell of Ft. Worth, lighted the candles.

Miss Ruth Davis attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a floor-length dress of ice blue faille taffeta made with gathered skirt on a fitted hip-length bodice with sweetheart neckline and draped elbow-length sleeves. Her corsage and hair ornament were carnations.

Flight Officer Roger Harris of Long Island, New York, attended the bridegroom as best man.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a formal wedding gown of white bridal satin made with fitted hip-length bodice fashioned with sweetheart neck-

line and long tapering sleeves edged in lace. The full skirt was gathered from a plain front panel around the back. Her fingertip veil of illusion was caught to a tiara of crystal beads and silver nail heads. For something old, she carried a handkerchief of point lace belonging to Mrs. A. B. Legate and carried at her wedding forty years ago and by two of the bride's sisters, Mrs. John Tate and Mrs. John Herrington. Her only ornament was a single strand of pearls, the bridegroom's gift. She carried a white Bible, a gift from the Methodist young people's department, which was topped with a lavender orchid and fluffs of tulle showered with narrow satin ribbons.

Mrs. Leonard is a graduate of the Ballinger High School and has been employed by the L. R. Tigner Jewelry Co. Lt. Leonard graduated from high school and attended college at Newport News before entering the armed forces. He received primary training at Bruce Field and his pilot's wings and commission with class 44K at the Lubbock Army Air Field. He is now based at the Tarrant Army Air Field in B24 transition. The couple will be at home at 3422 Avenue G, Ft. Worth.

Wedding guests, besides the bride's parents, included her brother, Staff Sergeant Corbett Davis of Fairmont Army Air Base, Geneva, Nebraska; her sisters, Mrs. Tate and Herrington of Ft. Worth, and Bonnie Davis; Messrs. Tate and Herrington and the former Ballinger residents, Mrs. Turner and Betty June, the Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Currie and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hood. Mrs. Davis was maid of honor at Mrs. Hood's wedding 34 years ago.

Mr. Shillingburg to be Speaker at Garden Club Meeting

An educational program will be given for the February meeting of the Civic-Garden Club to be held next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock in City Hall auditorium. Mr. F. C. Shillingburg, vocational agriculture teacher, will be the guest speaker. There will also be the annual installation of officers.

World Day of Prayer Observance February 16

The Eighth Street Presbyterian Church will be the meeting place for the annual observance of World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in Lent, February 16, at 4:00 p. m. Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh will direct the program theme "That ye should show forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

City Federation of Church Women Organized

A city-wide federation of church women was organized Monday afternoon at the First Presbyterian Church. Officers elected by the nucleus group were Mrs. C. R. Stephens, president; Mrs. M. A. Foy, vice-president; and Mrs. Paul Petty, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. J. G. Douglass was appointed program chairman. Other members are Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd.

It is the purpose of this organization to promote special inter-

denominational services and to hold regular fifth Monday inspirational services. The first of these will be World Day of Prayer observance Friday, February 16.

Music Club in Shepperd Home

Mrs. Elmer Shepperd was hostess to the Ballinger Music Club Tuesday evening, entertaining in her home on Eighth Street. Formal arrangements of gladioli, narcissus and jasmine blossoms, and low bowls of pansies decorated spacious rooms where Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh presided for the business session. It was decided to assist in the Music for Hospitals movement by placing mite boxes at downtown points and for members to make donations at regular meetings. Members were urged to write letters of appreciation to sponsors of current classical musical programs.

Miss Olga Schawe directed the program and gave the assignment from Masters of the Symphony on Dvorak. Mrs. H. Ravellette gave a biographical sketch of the conductor, Leopold Stokowski, and Mrs. Troy Simpson reviewed an article on "Music Therapy" from the Musical Quarterly. Miss Maggie Underwood played piano excerpts from the "Largo" from the New World Symphony and "Humoresque."

Others present were: Mmes. Simeon Cottle, Arthur Giesecke, Horace Murphy, F. M. Pearce, C. R. Stephens, R. T. Williams, John Currie, Levy Lee, J. Y. Pearce, L. R. Tigner; Misses Lola Eubank, Carmen Demmer, and Cleo Lane.

First Presbyterian Auxiliary Has All-Day Mission Study

An all-day study of the text, "West of the Dateline," which included lessons on the Islands of the Pacific and parts of the Asiatic mainland was held by the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary Monday in the church parlors on Broadway. Mrs. C. R. Stephens introduced the program which had been planned by Mrs. Estes Lynn.

Topics were "Let's See" and "They Braved the Pacific" by Mrs. F. M. Pearce; "Peoples of Island

India" and "Here the United States Took Responsibility" by Mrs. M. E. Boggess; "France in Southeast Asia" and "Thailand Under Test" by Mrs. Victor Miller; "Down the Malaysian Bridge," "The Land of the Golden Book," and "Today and Tomorrow" by Mrs. Lynn; "Into the New World" by Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. George Holman, and Mrs. Paul Trimmer; and "Christ, the Hope of the World" by Mrs. Alex Saunders. Mrs. Alex McGregor concluded the program with the devotional.

At the noon hour a no-hostess luncheon of sandwiches and salads was served with tea.

Junior B. T. Us Have Valentine Party

The Junior Baptist Training Union was entertained with a Valentine party last Tuesday evening in the parlors of the First Baptist Church. After games and fortune telling the juniors gathered around a lovely decorated table for refreshments of sandwiches, cookies, candy hearts, and punch. During this time Mrs. T. Whitehead told the story of St. Valentine to the group of youngsters.

After refreshments were served Dora Jean Lawless and Julius Killough were honored with farewell gifts.

Present were: Theresa Elkins, Eva Jo Flynt, Frances Thomas, Virginia Weathers, Bobbie Pearce, Dora Jean Lawless, Julius Killough, William James, Billie John Whitehead, Jackie Rudder, Norma Pearl Wallace, LeRue Lett, James and Maurine Marshall, Arabella Toney, Weldon and Joyce Brookshire, Miss Mary Lou Ridings, leader; and Mrs. T. Whitehead, sponsor.

Mrs. Stobaugh Leads Program for First Christian Society

Mrs. O. P. Dorsey presided for the regular monthly meeting of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Broadway. Routine reports were heard and three missionary books were reported read.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh was pro-

gram leader and discussed the topic "The Christian University in the Post-War World." Other subjects were "A Chaplain Visits Bilaspur" by Mrs. W. F. Atwell; "American Chaplains in China," by Mrs. M. A. Foy; and the devotional "From Everlasting to Everlasting," by Mrs. J. R. Lusk. Others present were: Mmes. Ben Allen, W. V. Connelly, Ray Vineyard, J. T. Simmons, Dick Ueckert, Misses Lula McElroy and Agnes Globler.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

JOE HOPEWELL SUCCUMBS AT HOME IN CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Jess Schneider received a message Monday telling of the death of her father, Joe Hopewell, at Ontario, California. He had been ill for about a week at the time of his death.

On account of illness, Mrs. Schneider was unable to go to her father's bedside or to attend the funeral, which was held Wednesday at Ontario. Mr. Hopewell, 77, was a pioneer

citizen of Runnels county. He came to this county from England when a young man. His wife preceded him in death two years ago.

Survivors include a son, Walter Hopewell, Ontario; two daughters, Mrs. Julian Schonert, Ontario; and Mrs. Schneider, Ballinger; and a brother, Arthur Hopewell, San Angelo.

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Think on These Things

by Richard Robbins, Minister, Eighth Street Church of Christ

I wonder why America prays to God for victory, freedom to worship, and spiritual blessings, then does not worship God, nor live according to His Word? It seems very inconsistent to me. It is like this: "I will live as I please, disregard the word of God, satisfy the lust of the flesh, make my own standard of right and wrong, but Lord, you should bless me with a land where I can enjoy freedom, where I can have every material opportunity, and then when I die, you should save me along with the righteous who have done thy will." I fear that a lot of people are going to be disappointed. Christ said, "Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of Heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in Heaven." Solomon said, "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." In the long ago God permitted His people the Israelites to be carried into captivity because of their sins. The wicked were punished by the most wicked. The wickedness of our enemies does not justify us in our sins.

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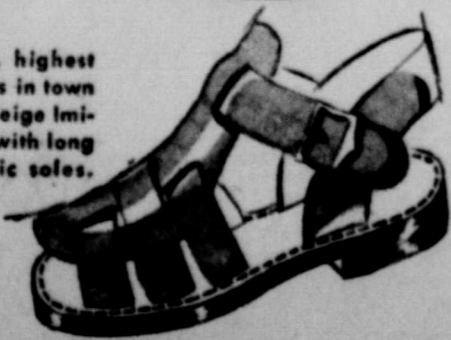
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GIBBS' SHOE DEPARTMENT

Boy Scout Father-and-Son Meeting to be Held Saturday

Boy Scouts and their fathers of the Colorado River district, will be here Saturday afternoon and evening for the first general meeting of 1945. Plans are for the group to assemble in city park for a supper and from there go to the youth center, where the program will be presented.

The camping committee, composed of Hill Hampton, F. T. Wright and W. E. Ekkins, is in charge of the affair and cards have been received from the three Ballinger troops, Bronte, Robert Lee, Miles and Rowena, indicating that approximately 200 Scouts and their dads will attend. Paint Rock and Eola troops are yet to be heard from and probably will be represented.

Mr. Hampton said supper would be served late in the afternoon so that all present would have time to get from the park to the youth center for the beginning of the program. Concho Valley council field workers will assist in the program.

A good gain in membership has been registered in the Colorado district during the past year and the affair here Saturday is the conclusion of National Boy Scout Week activities. C. F. White, field workers of San Angelo, will come here this week-end to assist in planning the meeting and other officials of the district will help.

The three Ballinger troops are now at practically full strength. Leaders point out, however, that there is still room for additional troops, and as the Cubs, now organized, become of Scout age, the work here will be expanded. Nearly 150 local boys belong to Cub organizations and many of

these will soon be old enough for scouting.

GAS SUPPLY IS AMPLE AND COMPANY REVEALS PLANS TO AID NEW INDUSTRIES

Plans to assist industries in locating in this section of the state are being developed by Lone Star Gas Co., officials of the company have disclosed.

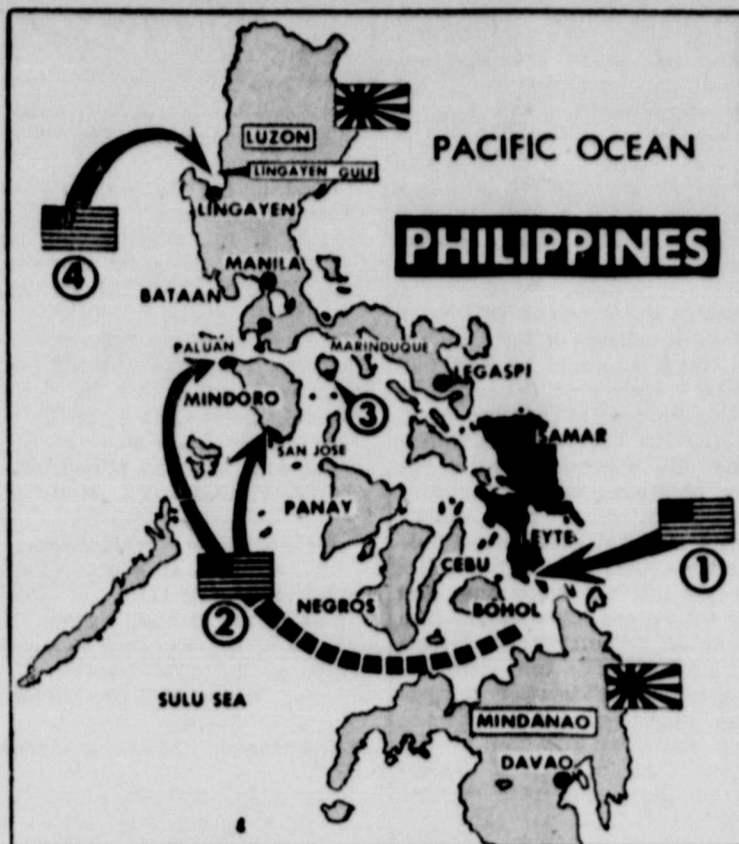
The company's industrial department, which aids prospective industries, is to be expanded to encourage building of factories in the territory it serves. It was said that plans are based on long range anticipation of adequate gas supplies for several generations to come.

More than 2,000 industrial accounts now depend for fuel on Lone Star Gas Co., its records disclose. This indicates an abundance of resources near the company's lines. For many years the company's industrial department has been accumulating information from experience with these industries and expects to turn this knowledge and skill to the benefit of new industries.

"Our organization is girding itself for a greater Southwest," explained D. A. Hulcy, Dallas, president of Lone Star. "We feel certain this territory is on the threshold of a marvelous growth and we are going to do our share in bringing a substantial portion of desired industries to this section. Reports of our geologists and engineers show that industries can confidently rely on our gas reserves for all their fuel requirements over a period that projects itself far into the future."

"We know, of course, that in most cases fuel cost does not exceed five per cent of overall operating costs. This is the very reason that we plan to invite industries to our territory because we are certain all factors necessary for successful manufacturing will be here when peace returns. For 35 years our company has been developing gas supplies and facilities adequate to meet present and anticipated demands. We were ready when war ends and we can turn our united energies to development of this unequaled territory."

'I Shall Return' Pledge Kept



Landings on Philippines, (1) at Leyte, (2) Mindoro, (3) Marinduque, and (4) Luzon, most important of all the islands. Just two years, eight months and four days after the fall of Corregidor, American troops are back to retake the entire island.

New License Plate Numbers Must be Shown in 2 Places

It was stated this week by the Runnels county war price and rationing board that the new number, or license plate on automobiles, will only have to be shown in two places so far as gasoline rationing is concerned. Information from the district OPA office at Fort Worth was that it will not be necessary to write the new number on each gas ration coupon. All that is necessary is to cross out the old license number and write in the new number on the face of the ration cover or holder and on the mileage rationing record, form R-534.

A deluge of inquiries about how to show the new motor vehicle license numbers on gasoline ration coupons already bearing the old license numbers has been swamping the Runnels county OPA office, the chief clerk said today. A great many people seem to have the idea that it is necessary to scratch out the old number and write in the new number on each coupon. This is not necessary—the new number is only required on the holder and against the mileage record.

New license plates are now being issued by the county tax collector.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Sugarless baking was discussed at the meeting of the Bethel home demonstration club in the home of Mrs. Charles Dankworth last Thursday. Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, was unable to attend.

Members exchanged sugarless recipes and all members received new year books for the ensuing year. All members turned in their monthly reports.

Cocoa and cookies were served the ten members who attended the meeting.

TWO MEMBERS OF LOCAL SCHOOL FACULTY RESIGN

Two resignations from the local school faculty were reported the past week-end and one of the places has been filled.

Miss Helior Harral, mathematics teacher in junior high school, resigned to accept a place in the Carlsbad, New Mexico, schools.

Miss Ora Ellis, English teacher in senior high, resigned to join the WAC. Miss Inez Franz, of Quanah, has been employed and arrived here today to take over the position.

Efforts are being made to employ a math teacher for junior high.

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Firemen's Regional Convention Slated At Eden Tuesday

The February meeting of the Hill Country Firemen's Association will be held at Eden on Tuesday of next week and the heaviest attendance in several years is expected. Eden firemen are acting as hosts for the convention and have arranged a very attractive program for the day and night.

Chester Cherry, Ballinger chief, said the convention would begin at 10:30 a. m. and be concluded with the banquet in the evening. Principal speakers include Judge Weaver Baker, of Austin; and State Senator Penrose Metcalfe, of San Angelo.

Judge E. C. Grindstaff will respond to the welcome address and Chief Cherry will be toastmaster at the banquet Tuesday evening.

Already signed to attend from Ballinger are: Messrs. and Mmes. E. C. Grindstaff, Chester Cherry, D. G. Posey, R. V. Pinson, Oscar Batts, K. V. Northington and Malcolm Morgan. Other Ballingerites probably will join the local delegation. Messrs. Posey and Pinson are the official delegates for the Ballinger department.

Vet Earns License



Wearing a hat, instead of the hand he lost in the service of his country, Marine Pfc. C. W. Pernot of Wilmington, Del., is shown behind the steering wheel of car in which he qualified for driver's license in Pennsylvania. Ten other amputated vets qualified.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Davies and daughter returned Monday from Dallas, where they had been on business and to visit friends.

E. W. Gray left Monday for Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he will visit a son for some time.

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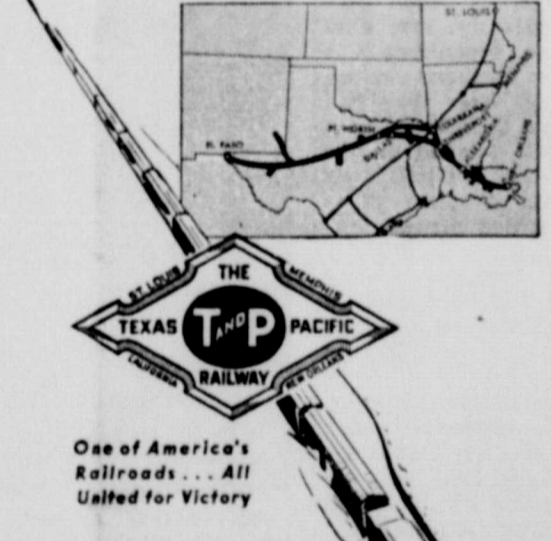
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City, School Tax Collections 93 Per Cent of Rolls Totals

The city and school district tax collecting offices each made reports this week revealing more than 93 per cent payments on the current tax rolls.

A. McGregor, secretary, stated that school tax collections were slightly above 93 per cent, as compared to 91.07 per cent last year. Delinquent tax collections also were good during the year, making total payments above 100 per cent of the current levies.

The total of the current tax rolls of the city of Ballinger was \$40,367.37 and collections at the close of business on January 31 totaled \$37,618.97, or 93.1 per cent. A special program was conducted on delinquent accounts and these collections have been especially good.

City collections by months were: October, \$9,290.83; November, \$5,000.91; December, \$6,996.80; January, \$16,330.43.

W. A. Forgy announced that county and state tax collections run 93 per cent of the current rolls and that more than 3,800 people paid poll taxes this year. The tax collection was par and perhaps above past years but poll tax payment were off for this year by about 700.

WEDDINGS

Spence-Fagle

Miss Vera Deilia Fagle became the bride of Cpl. George Arthur Spence on Tuesday evening, February 6, at Sabinial, F. J. Berry, minister of the Church of Christ, officiating for the ceremony.

The bride was reared at Ballinger and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Fagle. She wore an ensemble of powder blue with brown accessories and a corsage of white gladioli.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beal Spence, of Sabinial. He is a graduate of the Sabinial high school and is now stationed at the Hondo army air field.

Heck-Wood

Miss Jean Wood and Flight Officer Charles Heck were married in Altus, Oklahoma, on February 3. Immediately after the ceremony they left for Boonville, Indiana, for a visit with the groom's family.

Upon their return Flight Officer Heck will be stationed at Sherman, Texas.

LOCAL F. F. A. BOYS PLACE IN HOUSTON STOCK SHOW

Runnals county boys made a good showing in the Houston stock show this week, a number placing in the various events.

Calvin Reese placed 13th in the heavyweight Hereford class. Clyde Reese took 6th in the lightweight Angus class. Ben Sims Parrish was 11th in the Angus lightweight class, and Billy Wheelless, 4-H club boy, was 6th and 19th in the wool sheep division.

The boys are due home today and it was thought here that their animals were sold Wednesday afternoon in the auction at Houston.

Attention is again called to the livestock show to be held here on March 1 when both F. F. A. and 4-H club boys will exhibit their calves, sheep, swine and capons.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Campbell, grandson of Hugh Campbell, placed first in the Houston show in the Angus division and was expected to take other honors before the end of the show.

Rural School Aid Bill To Help This County More Than \$18,000

The amendment to the rural school aid bill, recently passed by the legislature and signed by the governor, will bring a considerable amount of money into Runnels county during the current school year.

The amendment authorizes a bonus of \$300 to all teachers who receive their salaries from rural aid funds and a \$30 increase in pay. It also provides \$4 for help on bus transportation for each pupil.

County Superintendent Ernest Caskey stated today that the \$300 bonus would apply to 44 teachers in this county and would mean a total of \$13,200 in salary aid to these teachers. The \$30 in increased pay will bring in \$1,320 additional for the same teachers.

He estimated that at present about 1,000 students in the county are being transported in buses and the \$4 each allowed in the act means \$4,000 more in benefits. All this will bring \$18,520 into the county for rural schools.

The only teachers not affected by the increased pay amendment are vocational agriculture and home economics instructors, these being partly paid by the federal government.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Jack McGregor suffered a broken hip Sunday at her home and is a patient in the Bailey Hospital-Clinic this week. Her condition today was believed to be slightly improved.

Mary Brian Woody is still improving this week at the Bailey hospital following two major operations recently.

Leslie Thomasson was operated on Monday and is improving satisfactorily today.

Mrs. A. J. Thorp continues to improve and will be able to go home tomorrow.

Mrs. J. S. Reese, suffering with a broken hip, is some better this week.

Lannie Brunson, injured by a car Saturday afternoon, is resting better after receiving treatment for five days.

Clyde Goss, of Maverick, burns victim, continues to improve this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Watson are entertaining a daughter, born Monday at the local clinic. The father is in the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wood are parents of a daughter, born Sunday morning. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Morton Sanford are parents of a daughter, born Monday at the local clinic. Mrs. Sanford and baby are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Joiner are parents of a son, Jay Neil, born week before last. Mrs. Joiner and baby are doing nicely and have been dismissed from the clinic.

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Serving Uncle Sam (Continued from Page 1)

Cpl. Lonnie M. Cooper, former graduate of the Ballinger high school, now with the 8th air force in England as a supply clerk, has been given the good conduct medal. Stationed at a P-51 fighter base, he handles clothing and other gear for the unit.

Mrs. Charles Pafford last week went to Mississippi, where she saw her husband for only fifteen minutes before he was sent to Seattle, Washington. Mrs. Pafford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thorp, also has gone to Seattle, where she will be employed in a war plant.

Leo Nunez Ramos, seaman first-class, who served in the Pacific war zone for the past 14 months, is here for a visit with his mother and other relatives and friends. Ramos enlisted on September 15, 1943, and is here on a 25-day leave.

Sheriff and Mrs. J. L. Moreland received a card from the war department Wednesday giving a new address for their son, Capt. J. L. Moreland. His new address is in care of the New York postmaster, indicating that he has left for a European war zone. Capt. Moreland had been stationed in California in recent weeks.

T-Sgt. Charles Johnson, 22 months overseas with an infantry regiment, has arrived in the States on a rotation furlough and is expected here soon to visit relatives and friends. Sgt. Johnson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Johnson.

Lt. John Y. Pearce left Tuesday to report at a general hospital in North Carolina. He visited here the past week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pearce. Lt. Pearce recently was with headquarters of the first service command, Boston.

Forrest Routh, of the marine corps, is here from a hospital in Florida where he has been for some time following injuries sustained in the Pacific area. Routh served for 13 months in combat against the Japs and was wounded in an eye while invading a Pacific island. After a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Routh, he will return to the hospital.

Two brothers are Lt. Ralph Routh, pilot of a B-29, in Alabama, and Albert Routh, with the marines in the Pacific.

Technician 4th Grade Davy W. Crockett, of Norton, has completed 30 months of service overseas with an aviation engineers battalion.

Just four days after embarking for foreign service members of the unit landed in the British Isles and began making history. They built the large landing strips for the first B-17s that ever bombed Germany. After finishing there bigger things were ahead and they acted as a secondary line of defense in North Africa and landed near Oran on D-Day, occupying a nearby airfield three days later. They quickly pit fields into condition and built others. This performance won them a D-Day entrance into Sicily, where they constructed an airfield on the beach in 18 hours.

The Italian campaign found them building fields again just behind the infantry. Five days after the Anzio beachhead was established one company landed there. Four days later they had an air strip in operation. As a reward they were allowed to join the break-through which took them far north of Rome where they again built new airfields.

Pfc. Harlan Thomas, stationed at Kelly Field, was here for a week-end visit with relatives and friends.

A letter from Cpl. Ralph M. Mackey gives a new address and states that he and Joe Paxton are together and doing fine. Both are in a military police battalion and on one of the Hawaiian islands.

News has been received by relatives that Pvt. Weldon Gotcher

has been slightly wounded while in combat in Belgium. His parents formerly resided in Ballinger.

Pfc. Olin L. Curbo, of the 361st regiment, 91st ("Powder River") division, has been awarded the infantry combat badge for actual participation in combat against the enemy. Standards for the badge are high and it is only awarded to the soldier who has proved his ability in combat. Pfc. Curbo's wife, Mrs. Bunna Curbo, resides in Ballinger.

A letter was received this week from C. L. Castor, C.S.F. Co. A, 195th N.C.B. Leo said he had just received a Ledger of December 21 and had enjoyed every word of it, especially the "Serving Uncle Sam" column. He suggested that the names of regiments and divisions be used as much as possible, pointing out that quite often Ballinger boys were only a few miles apart yet did not know this and never got to see each other; also that quite a number of letters might be written if full addresses were given. The December 21 issue of the Ledger announced that the county was over the top in the 6th war loan drive and Castor extended his compliments on this accomplishment.

Mrs. B. B. Campbell received letters last week from her son, Pfc. L. W. Dewees, who is in Stalag IIB in Germany. The letters were dated November 12 and 26, and he said he had been in a hospital with frozen feet but was better and able to be out when the last letter was written. He asked his mother not to worry and stated that he had a very good doctor. Two other sons are in the service. Warren G. Dewees is in the air corps and Luther T. Dewees in the medical corps in Germany. The latter had been in a hospital but is back on duty and feeling fine.

Letters were received this week from Cpl. Samuel D. Wood, son of Robert H. Wood, now in the Pacific theatre. He states he was okay and told of going aboard a ship to have dinner with some of his friends and getting a chicken dinner served in china plates. He also stated he had not received any mail in some time.

Lt.-Com. William O. (Bill) Green is at home on a 30-day leave to visit here, San Angelo and Abilene. Mrs. Green and Elaine are making home at San Angelo for the present. Lt.-Com. Green has participated in three major battles in the South Pacific.

Lt. Wilmer Boozer, a student officer at Bruce Field with class 43-K and well known in Ballinger, was killed at Warner Robbins Field, Macon, Ga., on December 3. He was a test pilot there and had flown practically all types of American planes. A plane crash brought sudden death to the young man, whose home was in Alabama.



First Presbyterian Church Sunday: 10:00 a. m., Sunday school. Classes for all ages. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 7:30 p. m., evening worship. GARY HOFFIUS, 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, February 11: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 5:00 p. m., vesper service. 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) Sunday, February 11: 9:45 a. m., a standard Sunday school. 11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, "The Supreme Tragedy of Life." 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. 7:30 p. m., the people's gospel hymn hour. Sermon by the pastor, "The Crises of Life." ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK: Monday: 2:45 p. m., Sunbeam Band. 4:00 p. m., the Woman's Missionary Society in Circles. Tuesday: 4:45 p. m., Royal Ambassadors. 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 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

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena Church school, 10:15 a. m. Divine worship, 11:30 a. m. FRANK W. LAMMERT, 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. and prayer service. Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service. All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once. CARL POOL, 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. Church of the Nazarene "The Friendly Church" (Ninth and Harris) Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Junior N. Y. P. S., 5:30 p. m. N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. E. M. WALKER, 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

First Methodist Church Sunday, February 11: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.

Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. H. B. LOYD, Pastor

Church of God (519 Strong Avenue) Sunday: 10 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., preaching. 7 p. m., Junior young people. 7 p. m., Senior young people. 7:45 p. m., evening service.

Wednesday: 7:45 p. m., mid-week prayer meeting. Each Morning: 10 a. m., prayer service. T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

Five-Star Insignia

Pictured above is the five-star insignia to be worn on the shoulders of Generals Marshall, Arnold, Eisenhower and MacArthur, denoting their rank of "General of the army." Below, the five-star flag of Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King.

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All hands on the rescue boat are at their posts, ready for a new Jap attack, as they stand near the flaming LST. Cargo, tanks, trucks, jeeps and other material are now a mass of flames, but the invasion fleet moves in as General MacArthur's men spread out to retake the Philippines from the Japanese invaders.

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SOCIETY

Mrs. Henderson Gives Birthday Party for Daughter

Mrs. C. C. Henderson complimented her daughter, Jessie Mae, with a birthday party last Saturday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

After games, the pretty decorated birthday cake was cut and served with coca colas and heart-shaped candies. Valentines were favors.

Included were: Virginia Grace Cape, Mary Ruth Pape, Patsy Crawford, Peggy Ann Floyd, Janet McShan, Clara Bell Hill, Norma Holland, June Graham, Patty Morrison, Joyce Lee, Joyce Sanders, Maezell Caswell, Mary Sue Looney, Mary Jean Bell, Nancy and Peggy Lewis of San Angelo, Harley Cuniff, Wayne McDorman, Jimmy Endacott, Jimmy Davenport, Paul Herral, Donald Parr, Jimmy Lee Vaughan, Sonny Boy Chiles, and Tommy Lou Curry.

Program on Federation for Fannie Stephens Study Club

Miss W. O. Irby presided for the meeting of the Fannie Stephens Club Wednesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club.

Minute reports of officials were made and the resignations of Mrs. W. H. James and Mrs. J. A. Killough were accepted. Constructive club criticisms were given in answer to roll call and Mrs. H. G. Agnew conducted a parliamentary drill. Mrs. Alton Underwood discussed "Federation History Highlights," and Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff's topic was "Meeting Today's Problems Through Federation."

BIRTHS

Lt. and Mrs. W. L. Morlen are parents of a daughter, born Thursday morning, February 1, at St. John's Hospital, San Angelo. The young lady has been named Terry Lynn and she and her mother, the former Miss Pat Lawrence, are doing nicely. Lt. Morlen is stationed at Moore Field, Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wood are the parents of a 9-pound daughter, born Sunday morning at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. The young lady has been named Nelda Irene.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The regular February meeting of the South Ballinger home demonstration club was held Tuesday in the home of Mrs. Harold Routh. Due to illness, Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, was unable to be present.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed. Hand work was done by the members while some exchanged ideas on their home work. Shadows were revealed and new names were drawn.

Refreshments were served to the following: Mes. George McMillan, C. D. Harris, Fred Moncrief, Ed Farley, V. L. McShan, B. M. Batts, Roy Halstead, Douglas Barnett, Joe Thomas, Jack Fry, Willie Stevens, Clarence Routh and Newman Smith.

The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Newman Smith.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. E. W. Gray. The expressions of sympathy, the neighborly deeds and the beautiful floral offering were all comforting to us in this sorrow. May God bless each of you.

E. W. Gray
Frank Holliday
Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Smith
and family.

Thirteen Runnels Countians Accepted By Armed Services

The Runnels county draft board stated Wednesday that thirteen local men had been inducted into the armed services after completing physical examinations. Those reported by the board were:

- Army**
- Oran Gall Aycock
- Joseph Franklin Grisham
- Kenneth Irvin Sharpes
- Ruben L. Gann
- Clifton Riley Curry
- Eugene Edward Machann
- James Dolan Wheat
- Elwood Edwin Brown, Jr.
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Those who follow the war closely are now getting their money's worth daily with battles raging in many parts of the world and a general feeling that anything is likely to happen any minute. With the Russians near Berlin, the Americans almost through the Siegfried line, Manila again in our hands, the Big Three meeting, etc., any broadcast or any newspaper may bring news that is truly startling. Probably the most thrilling bit of news lately was the rescue of prisoners of war from behind the Jap lines. This brought joy to a number of homes and a ray of hope to others who still have relatives imprisoned by the Nips and possibly in the Philippines.

With the closing of Bruce Field many expected a slump in rentals and business here. Such has not been in the case and except for apartments most rental property in Ballinger is still in demand, especially houses. Property is selling fast and stores are doing about all the business they can with limited stocks of merchandise. This goes to prove that Ballinger was a good town before the air school came and remains a good town after its closing.

Local tax offices concluded their rush of current tax payments last week and each will have a report equal to that of any previous year. In most instances payments total 90 per cent or more and excellent collections are reported of delinquent accounts. After the final payment of income taxes on March 15 citizens will have a breathing spell which they will enjoy.

Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, is here for a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Troy Simpson.

LABOR-SAVING EQUIPMENT ON FARM IS ENCOURAGED TO ALLAY MANPOWER LACK

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 7.—Technical advice and encouragement will be given Texas farmers this year to build homemade labor-saving devices as a means of relieving the indicated labor shortage. According to Caesar Hohn, state farm labor supervisor, this will be an expansion of the extension service regular farm labor program, with the Texas agricultural experiment station and several agencies working with agriculture cooperating.

Initial steps toward an educational program with this objective were taken at a joint meeting of the A. & M. College extension service, the experiment station, the agricultural adjustment agency, the soil conservation service, and vocational educational service on the college campus recently.

It was the opinion of the group that the most economical means of acquainting farmers with equipment they could build on or near their farms would be a series of seasonal demonstrations at the 18 substations of the experiment station. Equipment suitable to soil types which the experiment station had developed would be given action demonstrations, and where possible these demonstrations would be taken to the farms subsequently. Farmers would be invited to bring in for demonstration labor-saving equipment they had originated and built.

M. R. Bentley, extension service agricultural engineer, and H. P. Smith, of the experiment station engineering division, were requested to select proved types of inexpensive labor-saving agricultural equipment for demonstration. Labor-saving devices which could readily be made on the farm were plentiful, said C. H. McDowell, acting director of the Texas agricultural experiment station, but farmers were not familiar with many of them. Some 500 shops operated over the state under the direction of the vocational agricultural department together with the services of teachers in each would be available to assist farmers in building equipment.

Hohn said that with 260,000 fewer persons on Texas farms than in 1940, utilization of all adaptable labor-saving equipment was imperative. Its use would increase the efficiency of older men and youths.

Rev. H. B. Loyd left Monday for Dallas, where he will attend a series of lectures at Southern Methodist University for four days this week.

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Regular Diary of the Life of a Girl's Dog



"Beau," the 8-month-old Welsh Terrier playmate of little Mary Frances Matthias of Woodside, L. L. N. Y., starts the day with a kiss. Lower left, Beau is furnished with a babushka. Upper right, time for tea, and Mary does the honors. Lower right, after a hard day at play the two pals retire for the night. Mary does not care for dolls, finds that she has more enjoyment with her faithful pal, Beau.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

A lunch room is to be opened soon for Coleman school children and school officials met the past week-end to determine the plan of operation. A lunch room has not been operated in the Coleman schools heretofore but there has been a strong demand for hot noon meals from many of the students and space has been provided for serving a considerable number.

The Winters Future Farmers of America has set February 17 as the date for its annual livestock show. Thirteen of the F.F.A. boys also will exhibit calves at the Fort Worth stock show later in the spring. The Winters show will be held on the softball grounds. Many of the Winters pupils have participated in the feeder program during the past several months.

Paint Rock Boy Scouts and 4-H club boys gathered a total of 16,000 pounds of waste paper last week and the drive is to be continued. The paper is being sold to a Brady firm and the two groups share in the proceeds.

The war production board has approved construction of a frozen food locker plant at Miles and material is expected arrive there soon. C. A. Pippin, secretary of the Miles Chamber of Commerce, who was informed last week that approval had been granted, said a large number of people in the area had signed up for lockers.

An oil leasing flurry has been underway in McCulloch county for several weeks and last week scouts for three companies made locations for seven rigs to be moved in. Tests will be made of the Ellenberger strata in several sections of the county.

The 10th annual Comanche county livestock show, held on January 25 and 26, brought forth one of the biggest exhibits in the history of the association. In the

junior division, which was especially large, Bill Lane had the champion calf of the entire show. Poultry also was included in the exhibit and sale which followed the two-day affair.

Work has started on the recreational building for the Menard Episcopal church and it is expected to be finished in a short time. A dwelling was purchased and moved to the church lots and is being converted for this purpose.

Three German prisoners of war who had escaped from the stockade at Camp Hood were recaptured in Brownwood Tuesday of last week. A Lone Star Gas Company employee reported to the police that he had seen three men who acted suspiciously and a short time later officers arrested the POWs. Camp Hood officers were in Brownwood the next day to take the Germans back to the camp.

Memorial services were held at Zoar Evangelical Church, Rowena, Sunday for Lt. Harley B. Goetz, killed in a bomber crash in Italy. Rev. Frank Lammert, pastor of the church, officiated.

Shipments of material arrived at Melvin last week for the construction of a frozen food locker plant. Approval was given for the plant some time ago and orders for necessary material were placed at that time. A building has been made ready and no time will be lost in putting the plant into operation.

The annual Eastland county livestock show will be held at Cisco on February 24. Specialists in animal husbandry will judge the entries, many of which have already been listed. Cash and ribbons will be given all winners.

The committee in charge of the infantile paralysis finances drive at Rising Star reported that a total of \$137.00 had been donated. E. M. Howard, committee chairman, expressed appreciation for the generous response.

The Graham Street Church of Christ at Stephenville has launched a drive for \$50,000, with which to construct a modern church at the end of the war. Cash donations totaling \$12,000 have already been received.

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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 5th day of March, 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 18th day of January, A. D. 1945, at 10 o'clock a. m. The file number of said suit is No. 5053. The names of the parties to and in said suit are: Lum J. Gray 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 plaintiff's suit is substantially as follows: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiff Lum J. Gray against said defendants to recover title to and possession of 131 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, in the S. P. R. R. Co. Survey No. 13, Abstract No. 978, more fully described in plaintiff's said petition; 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 Lum J. Gray 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 18th day of January, 1945.
 (Seal)
 Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on this 18th day of January, 1945.
 MRS. WINONA PARKER
 District Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 18-4t

A card from C. R. Stone, in Jacksonville, Fla., stated he and his wife were enjoying their trip and had found their son, C. R. Stone, Jr., in the navy, in fine spirits. Claude R. is finishing his training at Jacksonville and will receive a new assignment soon.

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Rotary Institute Dates Postponed For Three Weeks

James A. Wear, president of the Ballinger Rotary Club, was notified Monday that the dates for the International Institute of Understanding had been postponed and would be presented in Ballinger later in the spring.

Publicity last week said the first speaker would be here February 27, but the opening date of the series is now scheduled on March 13, and other appearances are slated March 20, April 17 and April 24.

Speakers this year will talk on islands of the Pacific as well as Australia, China, North America and Russia. Each speaker was born in the country he is to discuss and has been prominent in the affairs of that nation.

Again this year the institute will be presented free to the people of Ballinger. Arrangements have been made for appearances before the high school students in the afternoon and at night in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be issued by club members to all who wish to attend.

The schedule since revision is: Tuesday, March 13—"Australia,

New Zealand and the Islands of the Pacific," Canon William J. Edwards, Canberra, A. C. T., Australia
 Tuesday, March 20—"The New China in the New Pacific," Cheng Pao-nan, Chicago
 Tuesday, April 17—"The Role of the North American Continent," Maor H. G. Scott, Ottawa, Ont., Canada
 Tuesday, April 24—"Russia's Position—East and West," Albert Parry, Chicago.

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Management-Labor Committee Pleased With Pledge Report

The management-labor committee recently set up here by the war manpower commission has accomplished its first assignment with noteworthy success. This committee presented each business manager in Ballinger with a form to sign pledging they would hire no one who had been working in war plants and would also not cause workers to change jobs during the war.

A check-up the first of the week revealed that practically every business head in Ballinger had signed this pledge, each posting one in his store and sending another back to the chairman of

the management-labor committee. The county committee is composed of E. C. Grindstaff, chairman, Troy Simpson and O. C. Sykes. Judge Grindstaff stated Wednesday that a few business managers who have not signed this pledge were not furnished with forms and that another supply would be received shortly and at that time each would be provided with a set.

A report from the district office at Abilene disclosed 537 workers accepted war manpower approved positions during January and were sent to plants in the Amarillo and El Paso areas. It is believed that 1,000 workers will be recruited in this district.

Read the grocery ads and save.

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Old Story in Warring Belgium



Carrying their few belongings, Belgian civilians trudge wearily along a road from the path of an advancing German army (left), and return (right), after the American armies have repelled the attack of the Nazis. Thousands of Belgians are without homes and many are in serious condition from privations.

Violations of Law Must be Stopped, Says Police Chief

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt stated Wednesday that a number of law violations were being practiced in Ballinger which would have to be stopped at once.

Chief McNutt said motorists were parking too close to fire hydrants and that in all cases of this kind tickets would be issued for them to appear in city court. The law declares nothing may be parked closer than ten feet of a fire hydrant. Drivers also are parking cars so they block entrances to sidewalks at intersections. This will be watched closer by the police and tickets issued for violations.

In recent weeks a large amount of poison has been distributed in Ballinger, the police chief said. It is presumed this was done to kill dogs but the officer warned that it is unlawful to put out poison anywhere but on one's own premises and anyone caught putting out poison baits on another's property would be arrested and charges filed against him.

A number of drivers have been stopped recently who were without drivers' licenses, the officer said. This is a law violation and those who drive cars should see the state highway commission representative here each Monday and obtain licenses from him. The state man will be at the district court room next Monday and will be glad to assist in making applications for drivers' licenses, the chief stated.

Put every dollar above the necessities of life into War Bonds. Payroll Savings is the best means of doing your best in helping your sons and friends on the fighting fronts. Figure it out yourself.

SWEETHEART BANQUET TO BE HELD AT 1ST BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people of the First Baptist Church will have their annual sweetheart banquet in the dining room of the church next Tuesday evening. It was announced today by the pastor, Rev. Clarence A. Morton.

The speaker for the occasion



Dr. Z. T. Huff

will be Dr. Z. T. Huff dean of Howard Payne College, Brownwood. Music for the occasion will be rendered by a duo from Howard Payne and the Ballinger high school choral club, under the direction of Miss Sarah Ann Stowe.

Guests of honor will be members of the graduating class of the high school and members of the choral club.

The banquet will be served jointly by Mrs. Carl Black, educational chairman of the Woman's Missionary Society; Mrs. R. T. Williams, church social chairman; and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, young people's social director.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

Basketball Tournament

The basketball girls and boys went to Crews Friday, January 26, to a tournament. The girls played the first game at 12:00 Friday with Eula. The girls played hard but the Eula girls played harder. The score was 47-18 in their favor. The boys then played Eula and showed a good game but the score was 23-16 also in Eula's favor. The boys then played Mozele late Friday afternoon and also were defeated. Saturday afternoon the girls played Crews and at the half we were ahead three points. But at the end of the game the score was 29-19 in Crews' favor. Saturday night at the end of the games the awards were given for all tournament teams and outstanding players and high points. One of the Norton girls, Bonnie Wayne Lee, received a medal as the best sport of all the girls. All the students are very proud of her.

Annual Pictures

The photographer came to take the annual pictures week before last and everyone has been looking for the pictures for two weeks. The pictures came in Monday and everyone was glad to get them. The pictures are ready to put in the annual and the staff is working hard to get the annual ready to be sent out.

Basketball Tournament

The district basketball tournament will be held Saturday, February 10, 1945, in the Norton gym. The games will start at 10:30 and the last game will be played at 8:00 Saturday night. The schools that will attend are: Crews basketball girls and boys, Bronte basketball boys and volleyball girls, Robert Lee basketball boys and volleyball girls, and Norton's basketball girls and boys and volleyball girls. Everyone is invited to attend the games.

Basketball and Volley Ball Games

Bronte basketball boys and volleyball girls came to play us last Thursday, February 1. The Norton boys and girls won the games. Then we returned their visit

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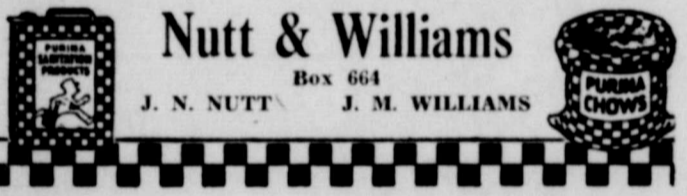
Make sure that your chicks get the right start by starting 'em out on Purina Chick Startena... Many successful poultrymen get 95% livability (or better) and grow their chicks to 1 lb. weights on about 2 lbs. of Startena fed on the Purina Plan. Every thimbleful of Startena is a completely balanced and nourishing feed for a baby chick—vitamins, minerals, proteins and other food materials needed for high livability and fast growth. You can almost see the difference Purina Startena makes!

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A New Birth of Freedom

Lincoln will always be outstanding in history, because of his integrity and his faith in the common people. He also typified a new country where even the most lowly could rise to the highest position within the power of the people to bestow.

Liberty was left to us by others who have gone before. Today we are engaged in a great war to preserve it. At home, as well as on the battlefields, the fight must be carried on. In the words of Lincoln, "Let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

Lincoln loved liberty. Buy extra War Bonds this month in honor of his birth.



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This Bank Will be Closed Monday, February 12th, in Observance of Lincoln's Birthday.

REV. WILSON WILL PREACH HERE SEVERAL MORE WEEKS

Rev. Raymond C. Wilson, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, received his commission as chaplain in the army and was sworn in last week. His call to active duty was postponed until March 16, thus giving the pastor several more Sundays with his members.

Rev. Wilson will speak at all services of the church Sunday and the public is invited to hear him.

B. T. U. work was organized last Sunday with Mrs. Bernice Horton as director. The next several weeks will be devoted to organization and building up of the Sunday school and training union.

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

Buy more War Bonds now for Future security, too!

Back the attack by upping your payroll savings your very next payday. Measure your savings by your new higher income.

Ballinger Banks to Observe Holiday Monday

Ballinger banks will not be open for business Monday, February 12, Lincoln's Birthday. Customers are asked to take notice of this closing and attend to banking business at some previous date.

First National Bank
Farmers & Merchants State Bank 8-11

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Bob Crosby Essays Top Role In Gay 'My Gal Loves Music'

A delightful comedy-with-music, "My Gal Loves Music," is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 11, 12, 13, with Bob Crosby in the starring role, supported by Grace McDonald, Walter Catlett, Betty Kean, Freddie Mercer, Alan Mowbray, and special performers, Chinita and Trixie.

This picture is Bob Crosby's swan song for the duration, as the actor-singer, upon completion of it, joined the marine corps. "My Gal Loves Music" tells the amusing story of two girls in a sister act, who are stranded with

their medicine faker uncle, Dr. Bilbo, in a small town.

The girls, Grace McDonald and Betty Kean, together with their uncle, played by Walter Catlett, disguise themselves so that Grace may enter a local radio contest as a fourteen-year-old child prodigy.

Bob Crosby, promoter of the radio contest, is attracted to Grace, and vice versa. It all works itself out pretty hilariously when Grace faces some competition from another kid prodigy, Freddie Mercer.

There is some very tuneful music throughout the picture.

Exciting Story of Texas Border Patrol And Mystery Chiller Coming to Palace

Against the background of that colorful chapter of American history when Texas was admitted into the Union, Republic has woven an exciting story of the southwest border patrol, and its fight against the transportation of contraband materials across the boundary, in "Bordertown Trail," billed at one Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, February 9, 10, 11, as one of the two feature-length offerings.

Heavyweight comedian "Smiley" Burnette is starred in another of his hilarious roles as "Frog." Sunset Carson, Texas' champion cowboy, is featured, while Weldon Heyburn, Addison Richards, Jack Kirk, John James, Francis McDonald, Jack B. Luden, Rex Lease, Ellen Lowe and Merlyn Nelson are seen in supporting roles.

The story concerns the attempt on the part of an organized gang to send ammunition and gold across the loosely patrolled border to support the opposition to the proposal for the annexation of Texas.

A new psychological mystery chiller, Columbia's "The Soul of a Monster," with Rose Hobart, George Macready, Jim Bannon, Jeanne Bates and Erik Rolf, is the other half of the feature program.

"The Soul of a Monster" is the tale of a sinister woman from nowhere who gives new life to a dying man.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lawless and Dora Jean are moving to Abilene where Mr. Lawless will operate a company station for the Humble Oil Co. on the Bankhead highway near the Abilene high school.

FAMILY ASSEMBLES HERE TO GREET OVERSEAS VET

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Leach, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Jones and son, Childress; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, Lampasas, visited here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. U. Jones the past week-end. Pvt. Frank Jones, until recently in the South Pacific, was at home for the occasion. Mrs. Jim MacWright was the only child absent and she is in California with her husband, who is in the navy.

LUTHERAN SERVICES AT BETHEL SUNDAY

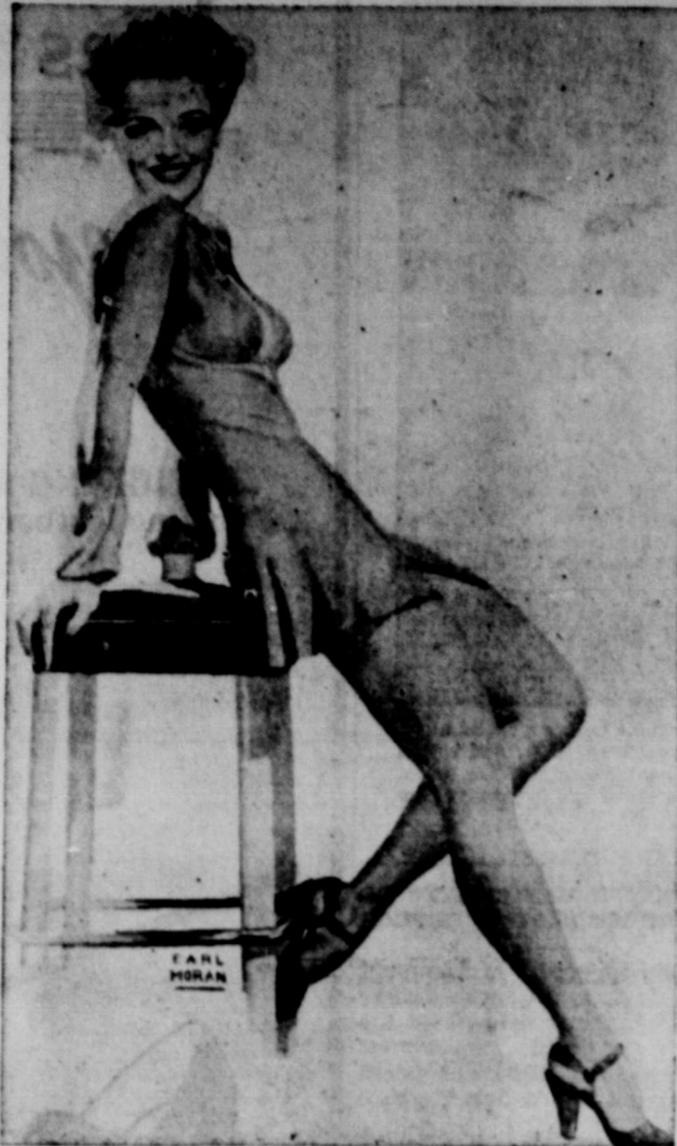
Rev. R. Weiser, Lutheran minister of Eola, will conduct services at Bethel Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. His subject will be "We Cannot Lord, Thy Purpose See, but All is Well That's Done by Thee." The instruction class will meet at 2:15 p. m. The public is invited to attend.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our friends for the deeds of kindness and expressions of sympathy extended to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. Frances Long. Especially do we wish to thank all those who sat up, the Newby-Davis Funeral Home, and those who sent flowers. Children of Mrs. Frances Long 8-11

Thin, thick, and heavy typewriter paper. Ballinger Printing Co.

'Something for the Boys'



Scene from "Something for the Boys" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Miranda, O'Shea and Blaine In 'Something for the Boys'

Something for the eyes... something for the ears... something for the heart! That's the way Hollywood critics sum up "Something for the Boys," 20th Century-Fox technicolor filmization of the dance-dazzling, tune-terrid stage hit that rocked Broadway, and now comes to the screen of the Texas Theatre on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 11, 12, 13, with Carmen Miranda, Michael O'Shea, Vivian Blaine ("the cherry blonde") and a brilliant featured cast.

"Something for the Boys" concerns itself with telling the riotous story of three cousins who find themselves the joint heirs of Magnolia Manor, a decrepit plantation near an army camp, and of the hilarious (as well as musical and romantic) path their effort to "do something for the boys" takes.

Vivian Blaine, "the cherry blonde," was awarded co-starring with Miss Miranda and O'Shea. With her new star-status, the vivacious singing and dancing discovery is well on her way to an Alice Faye-Betty Grable niche in 20th Century-Fox's roster of outstanding box-office attractions.

For Carmen Miranda, the role calls for a switch from outright slapstick to the most seductive and difficult type of singing-dancing performance. Advance notice proclaims a new, even more "mirandemonic" Miranda than ever before.

Michael O'Shea appears as Sgt. Rocky Fulton, soldier-band leader, whose immediate military objective is Vivian Blaine.

The brilliant featured cast headed by Phil Silvers includes sveite, sice-eyed Sheila Ryan; the radio, night-club and recording singing sensation, Perry Como; and Frank Langan.

Light Comedy, "When Strangers Marry," and Drama, "Master Race," on Same Program

A comedy, featuring Dean Jagger and Kim Hunter, "When Strangers Marry," and the dramatization of Germany's secret plotting, "The Master Race," are the two feature-length films at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. A Fox News and other shorts are on the same bill.

The surrender of Germany to the United Nations will not mean the advent of world peace and brotherly love, unless the Allies have made careful plans in advance to check the German imperialism and dream of world

MRS. MARY O BLAGG WITH E. M. LYNN & CO.

Mrs. Mary O. Blagg has accepted a position with E. M. Lynn & Co. and will be employed in the abstract department. For a number of years with the Standard Abstract Co. of Brownwood, Mrs. Blagg at one time was deputy county clerk here under O. L. Parish.

Mrs. Blagg has two sons, both in the service. One has completed missions overseas and is back in the United States, the other is on foreign duty at this time. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wilmet of this city.

Be wise—advertise.

Poignant Drama Of Child and Dog Soon at the Texas

Business vs. home life from a child's view is the unique theme of "My Pal, Wolf," with 7-year-old Sharyn Moffett in the lead, while "Grey Shadow," grandson of "Strongheart," has an important part in the timely film, to be shown at the Texas Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, February 14 and 15.

With only a trio of shiftless servants on the extensive Virginia estate and a nearby Norwegian family for company, little Gretchen Anstey leads a lonely life, for her parents are too immersed in their Washington careers to see her frequently.

The arrival of a stern governess complicates the child's discovery of a runaway police dog with whom she has made friends. These two factors motivate the dramatic conflict, which is climaxed when the governess orders the child to return the dog to a nearby army camp where the pet has been trained for service duty.

Gretchen's rebellion results in the reporting the dog's whereabouts to the army authorities. The child is desperate at the loss of her pet. In miniature she is forced to work out the problem which faces women everywhere when a loved one has gone into the army.

Jill Esmond, Una O'Connor, George Cleveland, Claire Carleton and others have important roles in this RKO Radio feature.

BALLINGER PEOPLE ATTEND ABILENE CHURCH MEETING

A large group of Ballingerites attended the Fundamental Baptist Fellowship meeting at the Anson Avenue Church in Abilene Tuesday. Included in the local delegation were: Rev. and Mrs. Paul Donnelson and little Sharon, Mr. and Mrs. Top Davis, Mrs. Ray Hash, Mrs. Carl Moore and Mr. Killingsworth. They enjoyed good preaching and singing and a fine dinner served to the entire congregation.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this method to express our gratitude and love to our friends and neighbors for their many expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one, Mrs. L. C. Underwood. Especially do we want to thank the nurses for their patient watch and care. We appreciate the food served at the home by the good women of the community and the beautiful cards and flowers that were received. May God's blessings be with you is our prayer.

L. C. Underwood and sons Dave Campton and family Ray V. Stark and family 8-11

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Would appreciate your listings on farm and ranch lands or city property. If you want to invest in something, I will find it for you. Will handle your tractor, car or live-stock on commission basis, or we might get prices adjusted just right and I will buy it myself.

Anytime you are in town and need a place to write a letter or transact business, come to my office. I may be out trying to mooch a cup of coffee, but just make yourself at home.

Although I have a few homes listed, I need some more, as I have several clients who will buy in the near future.

I will appreciate very much any consideration shown me.

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Two Basketball Tourneys Billed Here 2 Week-Ends

Ballinger will have basketball tournaments the next two Saturdays, the district 8A tournament being scheduled for February 17, and a junior high tournament to be held Saturday of this week. In the play this week will be two junior teams from Abilene, one from San Angelo, and the Ballinger juniors taking part.

The junior tourney will begin in the morning and continue into the afternoon, while the regular 8A schedule calls for morning, afternoon and night games. Supt. Nat Williams stated that 15 cents would be charged for witnessing each of the morning and afternoon periods Saturday, while the admission to each of the three 8A periods will be 25 cents.

The games slated for Saturday are as follows:

- 10:30 a. m.—Ballinger vs. Abilene Southside Juniors
- 11:30 a. m.—San Angelo Juniors vs. Abilene Northside Juniors
- 1:30 p. m.—Losers of the morning games
- 3:00 p. m.—Winners of the morning games to decide championship.
- Games bracketed for Saturday, February 17, in the 8A tournament are:
- 10:00 a. m.—Ballinger vs. Winters
- 11:00 a. m.—San Saba vs. Lake View
- 12 noon—Mozelle vs. Cross Plains
- 3:00 p. m.—Winners of the 10 and 11 a. m. games
- 4:00 p. m.—Brady plays winner of noon game.
- 7:00 p. m.—Losers of afternoon game
- 8:00 p. m.—Winners of afternoon game for championship.

Seven teams will take part in the tournament to decide the district championship and some of these teams are making quite a record this year. All games are to be played in the high school gymnasium.

Marriage Licenses Issued to Sixteen Couples in January

Sixteen marriage licenses were issued from the office of John B. Rayburn, county clerk, during the past month. One couple asked that their names not be published and the others are as follows:

- Lloyd Berlon Grun and Miss Melba Rosetta McAdams
- Sidney Wyatt and Mrs. Carrie Chase (col.)
- Walter Vivian McGown and Mrs. Mamie Coleman (col.)
- Elves W. Cook and Miss Sigrid Mae Hamilton
- Frank Gomez and Miss Matilda Flores
- Paul W. Prince and Miss Lena Mae Evans
- W. T. Smith and Mrs. Rosie Jane Adams
- Wilbert G. Eggemeyer and Mrs. Jane Isabel Huddlestone
- Albert Edgar Sheldon and Miss Thelma Faye Brunson
- David George Buchanan and Mrs. Bobbie Parker McWright
- Milburn Sanders and Lillie Smith (col.)
- Leon Marsh and Miss Maxine Morgan
- Walter A. Thomasson and Miss Eva Pearl Cook
- Raymond E. Fowler and Miss Jean Young
- E. L. Wagoner and Mrs. Vera Mitchell.

BETTER INSECTICIDES PROMISED GARDENERS FOR CURRENT SEASON

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 7.—Texas gardeners will be able to wage a more successful fight upon destructive insects in 1945 because no restrictions will be placed upon the permissible rotenone content of insecticides for the coming agricultural season.

Removal of restrictions, which were in effect last year, is intended to enable manufacturers to offer finished insecticides having a rotenone content which they find necessary to obtain adequate crop protection, says Paul Gregg, entomologist for the A. & M. College extension service.

Last year manufacturers were prohibited from making a garden dust containing more than five-tenths of one per cent of rotenone. Experiment station records show, Gregg says, that rotenone garden dusts should contain at least seventy-five one-hundredths of one per cent of this insect-killing agent to give satisfactory control. These records show further that the addition of an activator to the rotenone dust does not increase its effectiveness in controlling garden insects.

It is pointed out by the war production board and the war food administrator which acted jointly, that removal of the restrictions in no way implies that greater quantities of rotenone-

Not Going Anywhere



Recently arrived from Europe at port of Boston, these German officers are being given back their personal belongings. They are being assigned to permanent prisoner of war camps in the United States for the duration.

containing material will be available for agricultural use this year. Owing to heavy insect infestation late in the 1944 growing season, inventories in the hands of distributors and dealers are low as compared with those at the corresponding period in 1943, WPB says.

Victory gardeners are cautioned to read carefully the label on the container and select, if possible, a garden dust which contains at least seventy-five one-hundredths of one per cent (.75%) rotenone for best control of garden insects. Gregg suggests that buying the rotenone garden dust early will permit manufacturers to do a better job of distributing their insecticides and also economize storage or space to take care of needs later in the season.

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TO: (a) Oliver Hoyt, Maria Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C. Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt, and Lillian A. Hoyt; and

(b) The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of the following named persons, who are all deceased, to-wit: Oliver Hoyt, Maria Hoyt, Edward C. Hoyt, C. Ida Hoyt, Theodore R. Hoyt, George S. Hoyt, Walter S. Hoyt and Lillian A. Hoyt; GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to appear and answer the plaintiffs' 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 12th day of March, 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 plaintiffs' petition was filed on the 24th day of January, A. D. 1945, at 9:43 a. m. The file number of said suit is No. 5055. The names of the parties to and in said suit are: Minnie Ella Clayton, joined by her husband, Earl E. Clayton, are plaintiffs; and the defendants are the persons to whom this writ is addressed and hereinabove named

Issued this 24th day of January, 1945.

(Seal)

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, on this 24th day of January, 1945.

MRS. WINONA PARKER, District Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 25-41

in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this citation. The nature of plaintiffs' suit is substantially as follows: Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiffs against said defendants to recover as the separate property of plaintiff Minnie Ella Clayton the title to and possession of 110 acres of land, located partly in Runnels County, Texas, and partly in Coleman County, Texas, in the S. P. R. R. Co. Survey No. 13, known as the North Central tract of said survey, Coleman County Abstract No. 629 and Runnels County Abstract No. 978; and plaintiffs plead title to said land to be in plaintiff Minnie Ella Clayton under the five, ten and twenty-five year statutes of limitations. The style of said suit is Minnie Ella Clayton et vir vs. Oliver Hoyt et al. If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

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Ledger want ads pay.

FARM WOMEN USE OWN SUGAR TO MAKE GOODIES FOR VETS

COLLEGE STATION, Feb. 7.—Members of the Montgomery Springs home demonstration club agreed several months ago to apply for sugar with which to prepare Christmas sweets for McCloskey General Hospital. After the application had been refused by the district OPA office, the women volunteered to squeeze

enough sugar from their own supply to prepare the box, anyway. About 30 pounds of homemade cookies, candy and pecans were sent.

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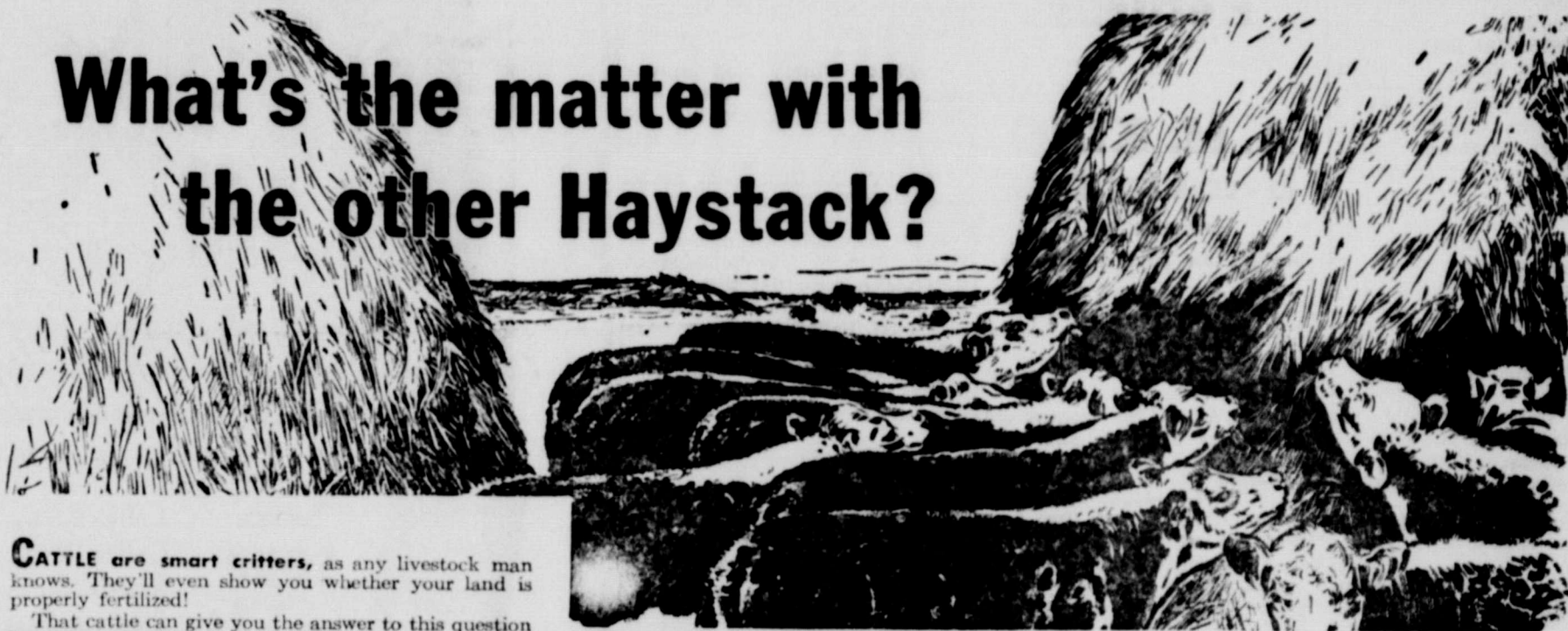
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That cattle can give you the answer to this question has been proved by an experiment reported by Dr. Wm. A. Albrecht of the University of Missouri, which is illustrated here. The cattle were turned loose in a field in which there were two stacks of hay. The grasses were the same species; the curing was the same; they looked and smelled the same. But the cattle ate one stack and never touched the other.

The hay from the stacks was analyzed in a laboratory. Then it was discovered that the stack the cattle liked contained much more calcium and phosphorus—two minerals cattle must have for good health. The good hay came from soil that had been treated with lime and phosphate... the poor hay from untreated land.

Minerals essential to both human and animal health come from the soil, are absorbed into plants and so get into the bodies of grazing animals. Human beings, of course, get their supply of minerals from plant foods like fruits, vegetables and cereals, and from foods of animal origin like meats, fish and eggs.

Better soil produces better food, better livestock and healthier people.

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Cleanliness is the first rule of profitable hog raising. Dirt breeds disease and parasites, so it pays to move young pigs to clean pastures and to keep them away from old pens and yards. Old dry bedding has been known to start dust-pneumonia. Cholera and erysipelas can be prevented by early vaccination, and transfer of diseases from newly purchased hogs can be controlled by a period of isolation.

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Oliver Kinzie, Cushing, Oklahoma, 19-year-old president of the Future Farmers of America with his friend and instructor, Dick Fisher (left).

WHAT DO YOU KNOW!

1. Corn is grown in how many states in the United States?
36 12 48 29
2. Two of the thousands of domestic animals originated in the Americas. Which two?
Beef Cattle Turkeys Llamas Thoroughbred Horses
3. What is the average distance meat must be transported to get it from producer to consumer?
530 3000 1050 250 miles

Martha Logan's recipe for GEORGE WASHINGTON CHERRY PIE

Make pastry using Swift's Bland Lard for shortening to insure flakiness. Roll out and line one-inch-deep pie pan.

The filling is made as follows: 3 cups canned cherries; 1 cup sugar; 2 tbs. flour or corn starch; 1 tbs. butter. Combine cherries and dry ingredients and fill pie pan level. Cover with pastry—full crust or lattice of strips. Bake at 425°F. for 10 minutes, then at 350°F. for 35 minutes longer.

"What Do You Know" answers:

- 1) 48; 2) turkeys and llamas; 3) 1050 miles.

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THE EDITOR'S COLUMN

So many important things are happening in the livestock and meat business that it is difficult for an editor to decide which to write about and which to leave out.



Few people realize how much beef, pork, lamb and veal must be set aside by meat packers operating under federal inspection for the armed forces and Lend-Lease. As of January 7, 1945, 50% of all utility steers, heifers, and cows are set aside for the government canning program. The government will continue to call for 60% of the choice, good, and commercial steer and heifer beef carcasses, excepting extremely light weights; also 80% of the cutter and canner beef. Of the total pork meat produced, excluding lard, approximately 50% has to be set aside. Government priorities on "Good" and "Choice" lambs have averaged from 40 to 50% of the suitable lambs. Priority orders also apply to approximately 50% of the "Choice," "Good," and "Commercial" veal produced within specifications.

Of course, such regulations are necessary in order to insure the proper conduct and winning of the war. Nevertheless, producers and consumers should know of these regulations as a partial explanation of why they are having difficulty in getting the supplies of beef, lamb, pork and veal which they want.

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