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## AAA Committees Elected For Runnels County Area

Runnels county farmers elected their county and community committees for 1946 during the week of December 3 through December 8. A total of 795 voted in the election. The following were elected for the county committee:

Chairman, Meade W. McShan  
Vice-Chairman, Pete M. Davis  
Regular Member, Fred A. Salling  
First Alternate, George P. Gordon  
Second Alternate, John G. Onken

The following were elected for their respective communities:

**Miles (District A)**  
John H. Schovajsa  
George P. Gordon  
Edward J. Glass  
Otto C. Kriegel, first alternate  
Jacob L. Roach, second alternate

**Rowena (District B)**  
Joe Holubec  
Otto H. Goetz  
Hugo A. Braden  
Frank J. Gully, first alternate  
Walter W. Schwertner, second alternate

**Oifen (District C)**  
Louis W. Rohmfeld  
Leo Multer  
Carl W. McAden  
Walter Lange, first alternate  
John G. Gerngess, second alternate

**Oak Creek, Marie, Maverick and Brookshire (District D)**  
John H. Pruitt  
Charlie L. Barron  
Alfred C. McAnlay  
Freddie A. Tidmore, first alternate  
John E. Slaughter, second alternate

**Norton (District E)**  
Roy L. Roper  
James S. Hambricht  
Osborn G. Barrett  
Tom A. Crockett, first alternate  
Curtis W. Barrett, second alternate

**Wilmeth-Wingate (District F)**  
John F. Brown  
Ollie F. Turner  
David F. Bryan  
Willie W. White, first alternate  
Ewell J. Bishop, second alternate

**Pumphrey-Cochran (District G)**  
Bill Harman  
Tilma O. Puckett  
James T. Sprinkle  
George B. Mills, first alternate  
William S. Robinson, second alternate

**Winters-Baldwin (District H)**  
John G. Onken  
Wilma C. Davis  
James C. Cooper  
Bernice T. Gardner, first alternate

**Victory-Dale-Harmony (District I)**  
Neuhard M. Stoecker  
Ira W. Rogers  
Bryant Bishop  
Loss A. Williams, first alternate  
Ernest Marks, second alternate

**Content-Crews (District J)**  
Marion L. Wood  
Clayton M. Brevard  
Noble L. Faubion  
Caleb S. Brown, first alternate  
Sam Mathis, second alternate

**Hatchel-Blanton-Hagan (District K)**  
Play W. Brevard  
Wesley Wood  
Doc C. Camp  
Garland Y. Nunn, first alternate  
Albert B. Davis, second alternate

**Benoit-Bethel (District L)**  
William M. Hays  
Claude R. Simmons  
Samuel C. Routh, first alternate  
Claude Thompson, second alternate

Mr. McShan, chairman of the county AAA committee, reported that \$169,048 had been allotted to this county to be used as assistance to farmers in carrying out needed conservation practices during the 1946 program year. The practices selected by the committee included the following:

1. Construction of standard and spreader terraces for which proper outlets are provided.
2. Construction of diversion terraces.
7. Construction of earthen dams or reservoirs.
9. Drilling or digging wells.
12. Strip cropping on the contour.
13. Field strip cropping not on the contour.
17. Contour farming intertilled crops.
18. Seeding drilled crops on the contour.
25. Seeding adapted pasture grasses, pasture legumes or mixtures of grasses and legumes.
26. Sodding Bermuda, buffalo, or Dallas grass.
32. Growing green manure or cover crops.
42. Control of destructive plants on non-crop pasture and range land.

Each farmer is expected to secure a prior approval for each practice for which he is expected to receive assistance. In addition to this the farmer will be expected to report to the county committee at the AAA office within a certain date that practice has been completed and the extent to which the practice has been carried out. It is very important that each farmer understand the specifications to be met in carrying out each practice as payment cannot be made for any practice that does not meet the specifications outlined in the program handbook. A prior approval must be approved by the county committee before any practice is started. Contour farming must be approved before planting time, or the practice cannot be approved.

**SEVEN RUNNELS COUNTIANS ARE ACCEPTED BY ARMY**

Runnels county is still supplying men for the armed forces and the local draft board announces the induction and final acceptance of the following by the army:

Everett Loyd Abbott  
Horace Weldon Huntsman  
Alfredo Guana Ortega  
Walter Henry Schwartz, Jr.  
Harold Walter Mueller  
Elvin Wayne Hazelwood  
Cyriaco Vlarreal Barron

Allen Davis spent Christmas at Brownwood, attending a meeting of the Fourteen Club. This club of 14 friends was organized 14 years ago, and this year's meeting was attended by twelve of the members. One member had died and another was unable to be present.

## New Chief of Staff



General of the Army Dwight D. Eisenhower, while attending the American Legion convention in Chicago, was nominated by President Truman to succeed General Marshall as chief of staff of the army. He started on his duties immediately.

## Undeclared Civil War of China Area



Shantung province seaport of Tsingtao took a place in the forefront of undeclared civil war in China when Chiang's troops were ousted from American transports. Occupied since October 11 by U. S. marines, the responsibility of involvement in clashes has been heightened by fact that Chinese Communist forces ring the port by land.

## SERVING UNCLE SAM

**MANILA, P. I.**—Technician Fifth Grade Willard L. Patterson, whose wife, Kathryn, and two children, Willard and Leslie, reside at 208 Fifth Street, Ballinger, is serving with the 157th ordnance tire repair company in this city as a boilerman.

Cpl. Patterson entered the army at Camp Wolters on April 19, 1944, and has been overseas since January 1, 1945. A brother, T-Sgt. Eulian Patterson, is with the U. S. air forces in Germany.

Before entering the army Cpl. Patterson was a tire repairman, employed by the Bandy Tire Co. of Cleburne. He attended the Meridian high school.

He is authorized to wear the Asiatic-Pacific theatre ribbon, good conduct medal, World War II victory award, and the meritorious service award.

David Caudle recently was promoted to the rank of sergeant in the army air forces. Stationed on Okinawa, he writes that he is busy and expects to be heading home early in 1946. Sgt. Caudle has flown over Japan several times but has been on Okinawa since going overseas.

H. L. Mills, with the seabees in the Pacific for the past 20 months, telegraphed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mills, informing that he arrived at San Francisco on December 22 and would be home in 12 to 15 days.

8th Army Headquarters, Yokohama, Japan—Capt. Ernest Goile, Ballinger, Texas, an officer in the 8th army's famed 1st cavalry division, has been awarded the silver star medal for gallantry in action at Manila.

"Entering Manila at dark February 3 with the 'Flying Squadron,' Capt. Goile came at once under heavy rifle, machine gun, 20 mm. and mortar fire," the citation reads. "He helped reorganize the formation and to destroy a Jap truck that attempted to ram the command car of the column. At great personal risk he engaged in close hand-to-hand street fighting and helped guide the column to its objective, the Santo Tomas internment camp. In the camp grounds he assisted in the organization of defenses under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from the Jap garrison barricaded in the upper floor of the nearby Education building.

"Capt. Goile's brave personal leadership and complete disregard for danger contributed markedly to the liberation of thirty-seven hundred Allied internees and to the capture of Manila."

His wife, Mrs. Omaloy Goile, lives in Ballinger.

Christmas cards were received this week by a number of local friends from Brooks Rudder, U. S. navy. The cards were Chinese made and were mailed at Shanghai, where he had recently been on duty.

Sgt. Fred Wellhausen, of San Antonio, visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wellhausen, during the holidays. Sgt. Wellhausen, his parents, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harber, of Abilene, spent Christmas day at Gorman, visiting in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Taylor Henley.

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## Directors Preparing For Annual Meeting Of B. C. D. Members

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development held their regular meeting last Thursday night, transacting important business connected with closing the annual program of the organization.

President Harry Lynn appointed O. L. Huddleston, Dick Ayers and J. Whit Patterson to be judges of the election soon to be held to name eleven new directors for the B. C. D.

For the nominating of the 22 names, 11 to be elected, a committee composed of Tom Caudle, Allen Davis and W. O. Wallace, is to make the selections. These names will be submitted to the membership during January and those elected will be installed at the annual meeting in February.

Weldon Howell, chairman of the agriculture and livestock committee, reported on the progress being made on the livestock and show barns to be erected here. He said the committee so far had met with good response in raising the money for the project, but had discontinued solicitations until after the first of the new year.

Bill May, chairman of the aviation committee, told of the organization of the Ballinger chapter of the National Aeronautical Association, and added that the committee was ready to cooperate with the chapter in any undertaking to further aviation here.

Mayor Drury P. Hathaway explained the new zoning ordinance and how it would be enforced. He announced that Paul Trimmler, W. O. Wallace and B. F. Kemp had been named as the zoning committee.

Allen Davis, chairman of the membership and budget committee, stated that plans had been perfected to conduct a drive soon after January 1 and would give all newcomers to Ballinger an opportunity to join the B. C. D.

E. C. Grindstaff discussed the annual membership meeting to be held in January and said efforts were being made now to secure a speaker and other program numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone spent Christmas day at Sherwood, visiting Mrs. Stone's parents.

## Christmas Observed In Quiet Way Here; No Arrests Reported

Christmas was a quiet and happy day in Ballinger. Local peace officers report no arrests were made and that no disturbances of any kind occurred during the holiday to require the calling of officers.

Many families here were united Tuesday for their first real Christmas celebration since the war began. In many of these groups were service men recently discharged and others at home on furloughs. The dinner was the highlight of the day's celebration and late in the afternoon many of the visitors began leaving for their homes.

Ballinger stores were closed only on Tuesday and few people left town on extended visits.

Peace officers who have been on duty here for many years stated that it was one of the quietest holidays they had ever witnessed and no new "boarders" were lodged in the county jail Wednesday morning.

Carolers were out Christmas eve night, serenading friends and shut-ins.

## FAMILY REUNION HELD IN LOCAL HOME SUNDAY

The home of Mrs. H. C. Jones was the scene of a family reunion Sunday when members of the family gathered for a visit, the first for the entire group in thirteen years. A Christmas dinner at noon Sunday was the high spot of the reunion.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith, Big Spring; Mrs. B. C. Beach, Abilene; Henry Jones and family, Lampasas; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wright, Ballinger; Woodrow Jones and family, Ballinger; and Frank Jones, Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stowe, of El Paso, were here Wednesday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Rev. and Mrs. Gary Hoffius spent Christmas at Abilene, visiting Mrs. Hoffius' parents and other relatives.

E. H. Beaton spent the Christmas holidays at Houston, visiting and attending to business.

## Several Building Projects Planned Early Next Year

### Ballinger Business Houses to be Closed For New Year's Day

All Ballinger stores will be closed on New Year's Day, next Tuesday. This action was taken this morning after numerous calls had been received at the office of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, the Runnels County Livestock Association and other local groups.

Part of the money has already been raised, the Ballinger chapter of the Future Farmers of America putting about \$1,200 into the building. A number of other people interested have made sizeable contributions and soon after January 1 the campaign will be taken to the public in order to raise the required amount. It is hoped to start the work in time to get the building finished for the annual spring livestock show.

Weldon Howell, chairman of the B. C. D. committee in charge of the project, stated the past weekend that solicitations so far had met with good response.

A number of other building and remodeling jobs are soon to be commenced. The Currie building on Hutchings Avenue will be remodeled and modernized soon for the Curry Jewelry Co.

A number of business buildings including one automobile agency are planned for the near future, as soon as papers for locations can be perfected and contracts let. A few residences are now under construction and others are planned during the first part of next year.

### Regular Routine Will be Resumed In Schools Monday

Christmas holidays will end for Ballinger students this week and regular classwork will be resumed next Monday. The pupils were given two full weeks' vacation, partly due to influenza, which caused the school authorities to dismiss classes three days early.

Supt. J. D. Wilson expects the entire faculty to be back on duty and indications are that the flu epidemic has subsided and most of the children will be back in their rooms.

The extra days taken during the Christmas holidays will be made up at the end of the school year. No changes in the faculty are expected until the end of the first semester in January when several new teachers will replace those who have resigned.

Basketball practice will get underway at once as well as other extra activities.

The regular schedule of serving more than 400 at the lunch room will be resumed Monday noon.

### GROUP LEAVES ON DEER HUNT

Members of the local school board and Coach Felton Wright, Supt. J. D. Wilson, Joe Forrester, and Nat Williams of Gladewater, left Wednesday for the O. C. Sykes ranch in Kimble county to hunt deer several days. Mr. Williams intends to return here tonight to join his family and they will go on to Gladewater, where he is superintendent of schools.

Mrs. W. J. Byler and children, of Midland, were here Christmas for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler and left Wednesday to visit relatives and friends at Brownwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley were here for a visit with friends during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Motley, secretary of the Uvalde Chamber of Commerce, stated that the airfield there was being converted into a hospital for crippled children.

Rev. and Mrs. Perry King, of Mesquite, and Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fain, of Amarillo, were here for a Christmas visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

One of the first projects contemplated here in 1946 will be the finishing of raising a fund with which to build a livestock barn and show arena here. The project is sponsored by the agriculture and livestock committee of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, the Runnels County Livestock Association and other local groups.

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The new year will begin with no business locations, residences or apartments vacant in Ballinger. New residents are here almost daily looking for locations and a number of returned veterans are also seeking business locations.

## Rev. Hoffius to Preach Last Sermons Sunday For Ballinger Church

Rev. Gary Hoffius will preach his last two sermons for the membership of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger Sunday. He will be heard at the regular 11 o'clock morning worship hour and again in the evening at 7 o'clock.

Rev. and Mrs. Hoffius will leave Monday morning for Oklahoma City, where he has accepted a call to the West Nichols Hills Presbyterian Church, and will begin his pastorate there on January 1. His first sermons to the membership of this church will be on Sunday, January 6.

Rev. Hoffius came here to succeed Rev. J. C. Johnson as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church about two years ago. While here he has made a host of friends, has been active in civic affairs, is a member of the Ballinger Lions Club, an ardent football fan, and has done a great work, not only for his own members but for the entire town. He was recently married to the former Miss Sarah Ann Stowe, a talented musician, who will be a big help in his church work wherever he goes.

The Ballinger church has not announced plans for a new pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Huffman and children, of Ventura, California; Miss Mildred Gentry, recently returned from Manila; and Clark Gentry and family, of Norton; spent Christmas here, visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gentry.

Dan Killum, of Rock Springs, Wyoming, is a house guest of Mrs. Malcolm McGregor.

Miss Lynn McGregor is at home for a visit during the holidays.

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## Stassen Returns to Civilian Life



Capt. Harold Stassen, USNR, receives his final pay from the navy and becomes a civilian. Paymaster is Lt. Com. F. C. Mathis, New Brighton, Pa. (right). Former Governor Stassen stated that he would become active in the 1946 congressional campaign and in a plan to liberalize the Republican party. He refuses to discuss the 1946 presidential campaign, although he is considered a candidate.

**Season's Greetings...**  
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# SOCIETY and CLUBS

**Miss Parish is Fidelis Class Hostess**  
Miss Vhelma Parrish was hostess to the First Baptist Fidelis Class Tuesday evening in her home on Broadway.

Alighted Christmas tree and a mantle arrangement of silvered foliage and berries with red candles in graduated heights decorated rooms where gifts were exchanged and contests enjoyed. A sandwich plate was served with coffee to Misses Rena Walker, Marie Norwood, Lillian Knowles, Anna Walker, Edna Mae Lowry, Anna Belle Hash, and Mrs. Susie Faye Kallina.

**Miss Mary Lou Ridings is Bride of Charles Vernon Webb**

Miss Mary Lou Ridings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ridings, became the bride of Charles Vernon Webb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Webb, Saturday Morning at ten o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

Lovely simplicity marked the altar of tall white baskets filled with white gladioli and fern where the Reverend B. J. Martin, pastor, read the double ring ceremony before relatives and a few close friends of the bridal couple.

Miss Tommye Mansell was at the organ console for "I Love You, Truly" and "Always" played preceding the service, and the traditional Wagner and Mendelssohn Marches.

Mrs. R. Ransom Galloway attended her sister as matron of honor. She wore a two piece dress of white garbardine trimmed with gold nail heads. Her hat and other accessories were brown and her corsage was of pink gladioli. Fred Pater of Temple was best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a two piece suit of Copen blue. The jacket had an all-over trim of silver nailheads and her hat was an off-the-face holo model of silver with black veil. Other accessories

were black and her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. Webb is a graduate of the Talpa High School and for the past three years has been employed at the First National Bank. After graduation from the Bollinger High School and Draughons at Abilene, Mr. Webb was employed by the AAA office here before volunteering for service in the army air forces. He was on his forty first mission as a heavy bomber pilot with the Fifteenth Air Force when he was shot down and taken prisoner by the Germans. After ten months imprisonment he was liberated and returned to the states. He is now on terminal leave and has resumed his position at the AAA.

**Christmas Party for Tabus**  
June Wright was hostess to Tabus on Wednesday evening of last week when she gave a Christmas party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright on Broadway.

A beautiful all-blue lighted Christmas tree, a snow scene with tall red candles on the piano, and berries, holly, and mistletoe at other vantage spots gave a festive air to rooms where a supper salad plate with fruit cake and hot chocolate was served by the hostess assisted by her mother preceding the gift exchange. A box of food and clothing was packed for a needy family. After caroling, a tea party was enjoyed.

Others were: Joanne Glover, Carolyn Cheatham, Charlotte Miller, Virginia Routh, Gwen Morgan of Baylor U., Betty Jean Underwood, Mary Brian Woody, Elizabeth Wear, Anna Sue Hembree, Nancy Guynes, Virginia Baker, Martha Saunders, Dorothy Holliday, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Margaret Ann Wilson, Marilyn Agnew, Patricia Caudle, and Elizabeth Routh.

**Douglass Home is Scene of Fannie Stephens Club Xmas Program**

Mrs. J. G. Douglass, an honorary member, opened her home on Wednesday afternoon of last week for the annual Christmas program of the Fannie Stephens Study Club. Mrs. W. O. Irby, president, was leader and hostess for the afternoon, and social committee members, Mmes. Marvin Davies, W. E. Moas, and Joe Forester, assisted in receiving and dispensing other hospitalities. Spacious rooms were beautifully decorated in symbols of the holi-



**THE MUSIC LESSON . . .** Thomas H. Benton's "The Music Lesson," is the winner of the popular prize selected by the public in the current painting in the United States, 1945 exhibition, which was held at the Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

day season with the dining room being especially lovely in an all-red theme. A large massed arrangement of red Xmas balls was outlined with red pyroantha berries in clusters to center the dining table lighted with red candles. Potted poinsettias on the buffet and serving table were also flanked by red tapers.

In her program topic of "Religion and Music," Mrs. O. G. Joiner talked particularly of the oratorio "The Messiah" and its author, Handel. With Mrs. Gary Hoffius directing, and Mrs. Joiner accompanying, a woman's chorus sang three-part arrangements by Nobel Cain of "The Hallelujah Chorus" and "He Shall Feed His Flock." Chorus members were Mmes. Jack Nixon, Jr., Alex McGregor, J. A. Schnable, Carl Black, Earl Cope, W. E. Elkins, Troy Simpson, and Miss Carmen Demmer.

Christmas ribbon sandwiches, cookies, and salted nuts were served with coffee. Others present were Mmes. J. D. Forman, Naomi Keithley, Fred McClanahan of Shreveport, La., H. G. Agnew, J. H. Endacott, E. C. Grindstaff, M. E. McClenney, Drury Hathaway, LeRoy McAulay, R. D. Midgley, Charles Miller, George Newby, Dee Saylor, and Leonard Scales.

**Christmas Breakfast for First Baptist Young People**

The inspiring theme of the Christmas Star was given pretty

emphasis on Sunday morning of last week when members of the First Baptist young people's department were guests at breakfast at the Central Hotel.

Glittering stars in varied sizes, in blue, silver and gold, were scattered the entire length of the U-shaped tables. Blue and white candles formed the centerpiece for the speaker's table and miniature manger scenes centered side tables. Program folders were in blue with gold stars.

Jackie Russell was master of ceremonies for the program which opened by singing carols with Dickie Cope leading and Mrs. B. J. Martin, pianist. W. J. Hembree, general superintendent of the Sunday school, gave the invocation and Miss Dorothy Routh sang "Star of Bethlehem." The Rev. Mr. Martin spoke on "Stars." Others present were: Mrs. Hembree, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, Melvin Patterson, J. Frank Nance, Bill Scoggins, M. F. Gallant, Archie Thomas, Misses Jewel O'Neal, Gladys Kemp, Carolyn Cheatham, Audrey Reese, June Wright, Ruby Walden, Lanetha Arrant, Mary Lou Ridings, Ouida Sharpes, Edith McAden, and Glenn Ridings.

**Supper and Theatre Party for Group**

An informal no-host supper party at Weeks Drug Store and theatre party was an enjoyable

holiday affair on Thursday evening for Misses Eugenia Baskin of Dallas, Mary Jane Kiechle, Louise Hash, Lillian Knowles, Lola Eubank, Vhelma Parrish, Griffie Atkins, Anna Belle Hash, Edna Mae Lowry, Mmes. George Scruggs and Susie Faye Kallina.

**Christmas Dinner for Know Your Neighbors and Husbands**

Husbands of Know Your Neighbors members were included for the annual Christmas dinner and party Thursday evening.

An oblong Christmas centerpiece of berries, mistletoe, and foliage with tall red candles was arranged for the one long table in the banquet room at the Central Hotel where the dinner was served in four courses. The Tenth Street home of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair was the scene of the Christmas tree where gifts were exchanged in rooms decorated throughout in the bright Yule colors and emblems. Group games and the giving of additional fun gifts gave added entertainment.

Others included: Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Nixon, Sr., Joe Flynt, John Castor, Jones Taylor, M. A. Foy, Cecil Jones, LeRoy McAulay, Dee Saylor, Malcolm Morgan, Bill Clark, and John Barton.

Mr. and Mrs. Neel Eubank, of Flint, Michigan, are visiting his father, E. M. Eubank, and Miss Lola Eubank.

**Christmas Party for Ace of Clubs Members and Guests**

Ace of Clubs members included their husbands and added guests Friday evening for a Christmas party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Scales on Tenth Street.

Besides the lighted, decorated tree, red berries and mistletoe were used to further adorn attractive rooms where gifts were exchanged after games of contract and rummy.

A sandwich plate was served with punch. Others were: Messrs. and Mmes. Marvin Davies, W. E. Moas, H. G. Agnew, Alton Underwood, Edward Sommer, W. O. Irby, Ed Curry, and Mrs. Tom Gregg.

**MYF League Christmas Party in W. O. Middleton Home**

Betty and Billy Middleton, Carolyn McClenney, and Joyce McClenney were hosts to the Methodist Youth Fellowship League Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Middleton on Eleventh Street.

Mistletoe and candles were arranged on the mantel and exchange gifts surrounded the large decorated tree. After games of bingo and a contest on Christmas literature and music, gifts were distributed and sandwiches and cookies were served with potato chips, olives and candy bars. Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, the Rev. H. B. Loyd and Mrs. M. E. McClenney assisted.

## Think About This

Somewhere in the attic, in a closet or perhaps under the bed or maybe in the garage—there is a box, barrel or sack of old

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They are worthless to you and don't serve any purpose in the world of shortages. Maybe your child wants the price of a picture show or just some spending money. OK, bring those rags to The Ledger office and receive in exchange the necessary cash for that child or yourself to have a happy evening at the movies or to buy someone a gift.

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**Melange of Mirth in Walt Disney Color Fantasy 'Three Caballeros'**

For many months, the film capital grapevine buzzed with rumors concerning a new film technique which Walt Disney would unfold in his sparkling full-length musical, "The Three Caballeros," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Sunday and Monday only, December 30, 31.

The original reports established the new Disney technique as one designed to combine animation figures and backgrounds on the same screen with live actors.

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**The Three Caballeros**

Thanks to the Disney technique and Donald Duck's romantic approach, Donald and his cronies, Joe Carioca, the parrot, and Panchito, a Mexican rooster, can make cinematic love to Aurora Miranda, Dora Luz and Carmen Molina, three of Latin-America's leading musical comedy personalities.

"The Three Caballeros," an RKD Radio release, adds color and music to its hilarious plot. It also has polar sequences introducing a comedy penguin, and a pampas character, a winged donkey, as well as quaint tropical birds.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Williams and children, of Gladewater, came in Wednesday to spend the Christmas holidays with friends here.

Mrs. J. B. Striplin is visiting relatives and friends in Alabama, where she met her son, Lt. James Striplin for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vetterlein and son, of McCombs, were here the first of the week for the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn.

Capt. and Mrs. Vember Taylor and children, of San Antonio, were here for the Christmas holidays.

days for a visit with relatives and friends. Capt. Taylor is stationed now at Brooks Field.

**Little More Sugar For Civilians Seen For the Next Year**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—United States civilians will have slightly more sugar to back their ration stamps in the first quarter of 1946 than in the last three months of 1945.

On the basis of the allocation for the January-March period of 1946, announced by the production and marketing administration, USDA, civilians are allotted 1,100,000 of the total 1,183,854 tons. That amount will be divided between homes, and institutional and industrial users. Of the remainder, the U. S. military and war services will receive 70,263 tons, and 13,591 tons will go into commercial exports and shipments.

The civilian allotment compares with 982,000 tons during the last quarter of 1945, the PMA said. It is estimated, however, that the tonnage earmarked for civilians will be sufficient to maintain present rationing rates for both home and industrial use, allowing for seasonal variations in total use. For the calendar year 1945, on the basis of allocations and distribution so far, civilian consumption will average about 72 pounds per person, compared with 89 pounds in 1944.

The production and marketing administration explains in a statement accompanying the announcement of allocations that the world supply of sugar in 1946 is expected to be about the same as in 1945. Production may increase a little, but carry-over stocks have been reduced to a minimum. Consequently, officials explain, it would not be possible to draw on stocks again in 1946.

The PMA cautions that there is little likelihood of sugar becoming ration free for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sledge and son, of Dallas, were here for a Christmas holiday visit with Mrs. A. W. Sledge and other relatives and friends.

**'Kiss and Tell'**



Scene from "Kiss and Tell" starring Shirley Temple in an adult role. This production will be shown at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 30, 31, and January 1.

**Fred Allen Heads Radio, Stage Stars in New Year's Mat Picture**

Fred Allen's latest screen comedy, "It's in the Bag," a United Artists release, is the New Year's eve night attraction at the Texas Theatre, the performance commencing at 11:30 p. m.

Appearing as guest stars with the celebrated radio comic are Jack Benny, Don Ameche, William Bendix, Victor Moore and Rudy Vallee, all of whom are said to have conspicuous roles in the new production.

The picture, announced as a laugh-packed thriller, also features such notables as Binnie Barnes, Robert Benchley, Jerry Colonna, and John Carradine. "Mrs. Nussbaum," a favorite comedienne with radio fans, has a typical role, while

two youthful newcomers, William Terry and Gloria Pope, add romantic interest to the film's comical element.

The famous Jack Benny-Fred Allen laugh feud is resumed in "It's in the Bag," for the hilarity and edification of hosts of moviegoers who have followed its laugh filled progress on the radio. Allen impersonates the president of the Jack Benny Fan Club and Benny plays himself.

"It's in the Bag," produced by Jack H. Skirball, was directed by Richard Wallace. Allen himself, with Lewis R. Foster, wrote the unusual screen treatment which is said to contain all the side-splitting zest of the Allen radio programs.

**Shirley Temple Has Adult Star Role in Corliss Archer Comedy**

Shirley Temple and the character which she plays, Corliss Archer, her first grown-up movie role in Columbia's "Kiss and Tell," which comes to the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 30 through January 1, have both become national institutions. Shirley, through spectacular stardom as a child, Corliss through her sensational rise to fictional fame in radio and on the stage. It is no wonder, therefore, that "Kiss and Tell" has become the year's most looked-for screen event.

And from advance reports, this young actress, the charming character she plays and the hilarity of the story itself will undoubtedly make the expectancy a complete fulfillment. Shirley, Hollywood reviewers say, has come into her own.

The transposition of F. Hugh Herbert's stage play to the screen by the author himself, also has been done, we are told, with deft facility and has even gained several points of humor and warmth through the mobility of the camera.

Gene Autry Western and Picture from Story by Texan at Texas Tomorrow and Saturday

A Gene Autry re-release, "Man from Music Mountain," and a heart-warming bit of Americana by a Texan, George Sessions Perry, "The Southerner," comprise the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 28, 29.

In "Man from Music Mountain" Autry is seen as a hard-riding, two-fisted singing son of the saddle who takes it upon himself to clean up a gang of crooked land promoters who are selling city-poor people useless properties on false pretenses. How he finally rounds up and brings the crew of outlaws to justice with the help of "Frog" (Smiley Burnette), and lovely Carol Hughes, makes for fast moving action entertainment.

"The Southerner," starring Zachary Scott and Betty Field, from Perry's prize-winning novel, "Hold Autumn in Your Hand," is the story of a sturdy young migratory cotton picker whose love of the land gives him the courage to forsake this doubtful security for the bitter battle with nature that is the lot of the man who raises his own crops.

Chief among supporting players are Beulah Bondi, Blanche Yurka, Percy Kilbride, J. Carroll Naish, Charles Kemper, Norman Lloyd, and Estelle Taylor.

The Winters Enterprise was published early this week, bearing a Monday dateline. It carried Christmas greetings from the merchants exclusively, along with Christmas news stories and social events. The issue took the place of the newspaper's regular December 27 edition.

The rabies quarantine at Melvin was lifted December 21, following

a period of several weeks in which all dogs were required to be kept up by their owners. A mad dog bit a number of dogs and McCulloch county authorities ordered all pets confined several weeks.

**Celebrate New Year's Eve**  
 AT OUR  
**Mid-Nite Show**  
 Mon. Nite. 11:30, Dec. 31

JACK H. SKIRBALL  
**FRED ALLEN**  
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FUN and FAVORS for ALL  
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January 31  
**THE LAST DAY**  
 FOR MEN NOW IN THE ARMY TO  
 RETAIN THEIR PRESENT GRADES  
 BY REENLISTING . . .

Men now in the Army who reenlist before February 1 will be reenlisted in their present grade. Men honorably discharged can reenlist within 20 days after discharge in the grade they held at the time of discharge, provided they reenlist before February 1, 1946.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEW ENLISTMENT PROGRAM**

- Enlistments for 1 1/2, 2 or 3 years. (1-year enlistments permitted for men now in Army with 6 months' service.)
- Enlistment age from 17 to 34 years inclusive, except for men now in Army, who may reenlist at any age.
- Men reenlisting retain present grades, if they reenlist within 20 days after discharge and before February 1, 1946.
- The best pay scale, medical care, food, quarters and clothing in Army history.
- An increase in the reenlistment bonus to \$50 for each year of active service since such bonus was last paid, or since last entry into service.
- Up to 90 days' paid furlough, depending on length of service, with furlough travel paid to home and return, for men now in Army who enlist.
- A 30-day furlough every year at full pay.
- Mustering-out pay (based upon length of service) to all men who are discharged to reenlist.
- Option to retire at half pay for life after 20 years' service—increasing to three-quarters pay after 30 years' service. All previous active federal military service counts toward retirement.
- Benefits under the GI Bill of Rights.
- Family allowances for the term of enlistment for dependents of men who enlist before July 1, 1946.
- Opportunity to learn one or more of 200 skills and trades.
- Choice of branch of service and overseas theater in the Air, Ground or Service Forces on 3-year enlistments.

There's a long list of attractive reenlistment privileges in the new Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945. The ability to keep your present grade is only one of them, but this privilege expires on January 31.

There are plenty of other reasons why many thousands of men have enlisted, and more thousands are enlisting every day. You'll certainly want to know all of the opportunities open to you. If you'll read them carefully, you'll know why a job in the new peacetime Regular Army is being regarded today as "The Best Job in the World."

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Technical Sergeant	114.00 74.10 128.25
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Sergeant	78.00 50.70 87.75
Corporal	66.00 42.90 74.25
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Sun., Mon., Tues., Dec. 30-31 --- Jan. 1

NOTICE TO PARENTS  
 The story and dialogue of "KISS AND TELL" was written for adults. We feel it our duty to give you this information so that you may be guided accordingly in selecting screen entertainment for your children.

THE MANAGEMENT

**Sweet Sixteen AND NEVER BEEN KISSED (?)**  
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 A GEORGE ABBOY PRODUCTION  
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 as Corliss Archer  
 with JEROME COURTLAND - Walter ABEL  
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**Roundworm Findings Led  
To Swine Sanitation**

In 1916, a British medical officer stationed in Hong Kong had shown that the ascarid of man and swine follows a circuitous route through the bodies of rats and mice. Then, the American scientist, Ransom determined that the swine ascarid makes a similar journey in pigs. The roundworms, he found, travel in the blood stream from the intestine to the lungs, visiting many vital organs along the way, and back again to the intestine by way of the windpipe and esophagus. Damage to the lungs explained the coughing. Examination of the soil of old hog lots showed it to be teeming with roundworm eggs that contained live embryos. Halfgrown and older pigs harbored scores of the adult roundworms in their intestines.

On the basis of their evidence, Ransom and his associates evolved the swine sanitation system which begins with a thorough cleaning of farrowing quarters with lye solution. The next steps are brushing the sows well, washing their udders with soap and water, and putting the sows in the clean pens a few days before farrowing. When the pigs are about 10 days old, together with the sows they are hauled—not driven—to clean pasture. This mode of travel keeps them from picking up infection on the way. The pigs remain on pasture for at least four months, after which danger from roundworms is largely past.

The plan described was first tested in 1919 in McLean county, Ill., where heavy losses of pigs had previously occurred. It proved to be 98 per cent effective in protecting pigs against parasites and filth-borne diseases.

**Find Vitamin A Relief  
For Colds, Skin Disorders**

Certain investigators feel that colds, sinus trouble, sore throat, and abscesses in ear, mouth, or salivary glands may result from insufficient vitamin A in the diet. Although it has not been conclusively demonstrated that vitamin A can prevent colds, it has been shown that it will shorten the duration of colds.

More prolonged deficiency of vitamin A results in scaly skin, hair loss, and plugs of horny material about hair follicles. Certain cases of dry scaly skin have been successfully treated by using vitamin A. This vitamin is also essential for proper formation and maintenance of tooth enamel and for successful reproduction.

There are animal and vegetable sources of vitamin A. These are cod liver and other fish liver oils, liver, milk and dairy products, and yellow and green leafy vegetables. The vitamin A from animal sources is somewhat better utilized than that from vegetables, and both should be included in the diet.

**Strange Fish**

The paddlefish is among the strangest of all fishes. It resembles a marine shark more than a fresh water fish. In fact, when it was first classified over a hundred years ago, it was incorrectly placed with the sharks. However, when more thoroughly studied it was found to be a primitive bony fish and not a shark. It is lead colored and has a smooth skin from which the scales have practically disappeared.

The paddlefish grows to well over 150 pounds. It is rarely ever taken on hook and line, but is usually caught by seining. The flesh is excellent and is practically boneless, as the skeleton is cartilaginous. In some southern localities, this species is the most highly prized food fish. The eggs make excellent caviar and in many parts of the South constitute an important product of the commercial fisheries.

**Equalize Heat**

One of the most interesting new developments in the heating industry which will be available for post-war homes is the floor level radiant heating system. The system consists of a hollow metal baseboard which takes the place of the conventional wood baseboard. The unit is installed around the exposed walls of the house or other type of building to be heated. University engineers found that the low source of radiant heat in the unit produces a uniform feeling of comfort among the occupants of a room. Remarkably small differences in temperature at the floor and at the ceiling level were observed. With outdoor temperatures of approximately 30 degrees, a ceiling to floor temperature difference of about 1.5 degrees was obtained with the new type of baseboard radiation.

**V Belts**

"V" belts can be used satisfactorily on a combination of "V" and flat pulleys, provided certain precautions are observed. The flat or driven pulley should be at least three times the diameter of the "V" drive pulley, and that the distance between the pulley shafts be about equal to the diameter of the larger pulley. It is also well to have the face of the flat pulley perfectly straight instead of crowned, since otherwise the belts will tend to ride the high center. Although belt tension can be maintained by means of motor-frame adjusting screws, much more constant tension is secured by mounting the motor on a rocking or hinged support so that its weight is partially carried by the drive belt.

**ROTARY CLUB WILL NOT  
MEET NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Because of the observance of New Year's Day by local merchants there will be no meeting of the Ballinger Rotary Club next Tuesday.

Staples  
Limited quantity of Maxwell  
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**IF ANYONE IS TO BLAME . . . Lt. Gen. Leonard T. Gerow, who told Pearl Harbor investigating committee that if anyone was to blame for failure to send General Short additional warnings, that he is "willing to accept" the blame. He believed that another message might have shown General Short that he was not following General Marshall's instructions.**

**IN SOCIETY**

**Tom Guins Complimented**

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guin, of Big Spring, who were house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, were guests of honor at an informal get-together Friday evening in the Nixon home on Seventh Street.

Red and white predominated seasonal decorations where candles and a lighted tree shed a soft glow where many war experiences were shared.

Sandwiches, salted nuts and fruit cake were served. Others included Messrs. and Mmes. Lloyd Nixon, Sam Malone, Jack Scales, John Hollingsworth, Myles Nixon, Dan Woodroof, Charles Thorp, Mmes. W. A. Forgey, T. J. Forgey, Clara Mae Jobe, Miss Louise Batts, A. J. Thorp, Jr., and Arthur Doose, and Carole Kay Jobe.

**Den Mother Entertains Cubs**

Den Six Cubs were entertained with a Christmas party on Tuesday of last week in the home of the den mother, Mrs. Frank Tatum, on Ninth Street. Mrs.

Tatum was assisted in entertaining and serving by Mrs. A. F. Bailey.

The silver Christmas tree, lighted with blue lights and candles furnished the decoration. Pictures were taken of the Cubs and a series of games played, with the winner James Peppins. Refreshments of punch and fruit cookies were served to the following: Bill and James Peppins, Bobby Bird, Billy Tatum, J. Bob Hart, Freddy Bryan, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Peppins, and Mrs. Bailey.

**Floyd Wigintons Are Hosts**

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wiginton were hosts at a gay Christmas eve party Monday evening in their home on Eighth Street.

Yule decorations and a lighted tree gave a festive air to rooms where music by the five-star band, of which the personnel is Mrs. O. M. Kirkeby, Jack Carville, Lee Maples, Vernon Wright, and Garland Crouch, and an hour of acts of magic by Mr. Kirkeby gave

entertainment. After exchange gifts were distributed, a plate of sandwiches and fruit cake with coffee was served.

Others were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Martin, Frances and Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, Louise and Robbie; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Manning, Sue, Lou, and Patsy of Brownwood; Noel Powell, Miss Busher of Winters; Mmes. Wright, Carville, and Crouch, Vineta and LaRue Wright, Joyce Lee and Kenneth Wiginton.

**Christmas Party for Meadowlark Girl Scouts**

Jessie Mae Henderson, assisted by her mother, Mrs. C. C. Henderson, gave a Christmas party for Meadowlark Girl Scouts on Thursday evening of last week in their home on Eighth Street.

After games and the singing of carols, gifts were exchanged from the pretty lighted tree.

Cookies and sandwiches were served with hot chocolate. Others present were: Janet McShan, Barbara Wilke, Patty Morrison, Joan Chapman, Carolyn McClenney, June Graham, Beulah Mae and Eula Mae Dankworth, Tommy; Lou Currie, Virginia Cope, and Mrs. M. E. McClenney.

**Penney Store Employees Feted in Maedgen Home**

C. E. Maedgen, manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store here, and Mrs. Maedgen were hosts on Thursday evening of last week in their Hillcrest home, entertaining store employees and their families with a Christmas party.

Berries and evergreens gave decoration to rooms which were lighted throughout with red candles and the decorated tree. After games and the gift exchange, Martha Butler sang "Silent Night" and a spiritual, and the group joined in singing carols.

Others present were: Messrs. and Mmes. A. E. Graham, Vernon Webb, John Jones, Mack Setser, Clyde Fikes, Mmes. Mollie Morgan, Raymond Hash; Miss Keva Lou Hayes; Lanny, Billy, and Ronald Maedgen.

**Music Club Meeting Postponed**

The Ballinger Music Club has postponed its January meeting from January 1 to Tuesday evening, January 8.

**Morning Glory Troop Has Xmas Party**

The Morning Glory troop of Girl Scouts met on Christmas eve in the home of Mrs. Dewey Burk for their annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and then the troop presented their leader, Mrs. Burk, and their assistant leader, Claudia Burk, with gifts. Following this the girls went caroling and then to the home of Mrs. Nedra Hill for refreshments.

J. P. Flynt, who had been employed as a special guard at Fort Arthur several years, was here for the Christmas holidays with his family. He stated that he had resigned his position with the war plants there and intended to return to Ballinger soon.

**DEATHS**

**Winford Galloway**

Winford Galloway, 2 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Galloway, died Friday at the family home in Ballinger after illness of three days' duration. Decedent was born at Winters October 8, 1945. Interment was made in the Runnels cemetery.

Survivors besides the parents include two brothers, Ansell and Windell, three sisters, Joyce, Velma Lee and Barbara Ann; the paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Galloway, Coleman; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Wilkinson, Ballinger. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Willie Williams**

Willie Williams, 66, resident of Runnels county for the past 12 years, died Friday afternoon at his home on South Seventh Street following extended illness. He was born in Louisiana in 1880.

Rev. A. F. Douglas officiated at the graveside service. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Ruby Myrtle Mosier**

Mrs. Ruby Myrtle Mosier, 41, of Lowake, died Thursday morning of last week in a San Angelo hospital after protracted illness.

Decedent was born at Richland Springs and had been a resident of the Lowake community 18 years.

Survivors besides the husband, C. C. Mosier, include a daughter, Colleen; a son, Larry; a brother, Walter Eckert, Richland Springs; two sisters, Mrs. J. L. Kresta, Ballinger; and Mrs. Fennie Derton, Tulsa, Oklahoma; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Eckert, Ballinger.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev. Duke

Shaw, pastor of the Rowena Baptist Church, officiating, assisted by Rev. A. T. Nixon, pastor of the Miles Baptist Church; and Rev. Lawson. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Ballinger.

Pallbearers were Robert Klaseel, Arthur Eggemeyer, Albert Schlake, Jerry Hoch, Hubert Gerhardt and William Lisso.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Giles C. Jones**

Giles C. Jones, 79, died Christmas day at the memorial hospital in Brownwood.

Decedent was born in Coleman county and lived near Bangs for 60 years. He was a brother of the late John Jones of Ballinger.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. G. A. Sheffield, of Melvin. Funeral services were held at Brownwood on December 26 and interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery, Ballinger.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Plutarcho Trevino**

Plutarcho Trevino, 86, died at his home on South Fifth Street December 21 after illness of only a few days.

Funeral services were held at St. Mary's Church at 3:30 p. m. December 22, Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. L. officiating. Interment was made in the Latin-American cemetery.

Decedent had resided in Ballinger 22 years and is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk and daughter, Karol, of Austin, left for their home Wednesday after a Christmas visit with Mrs. B. C. Kirk and other relatives and friends.

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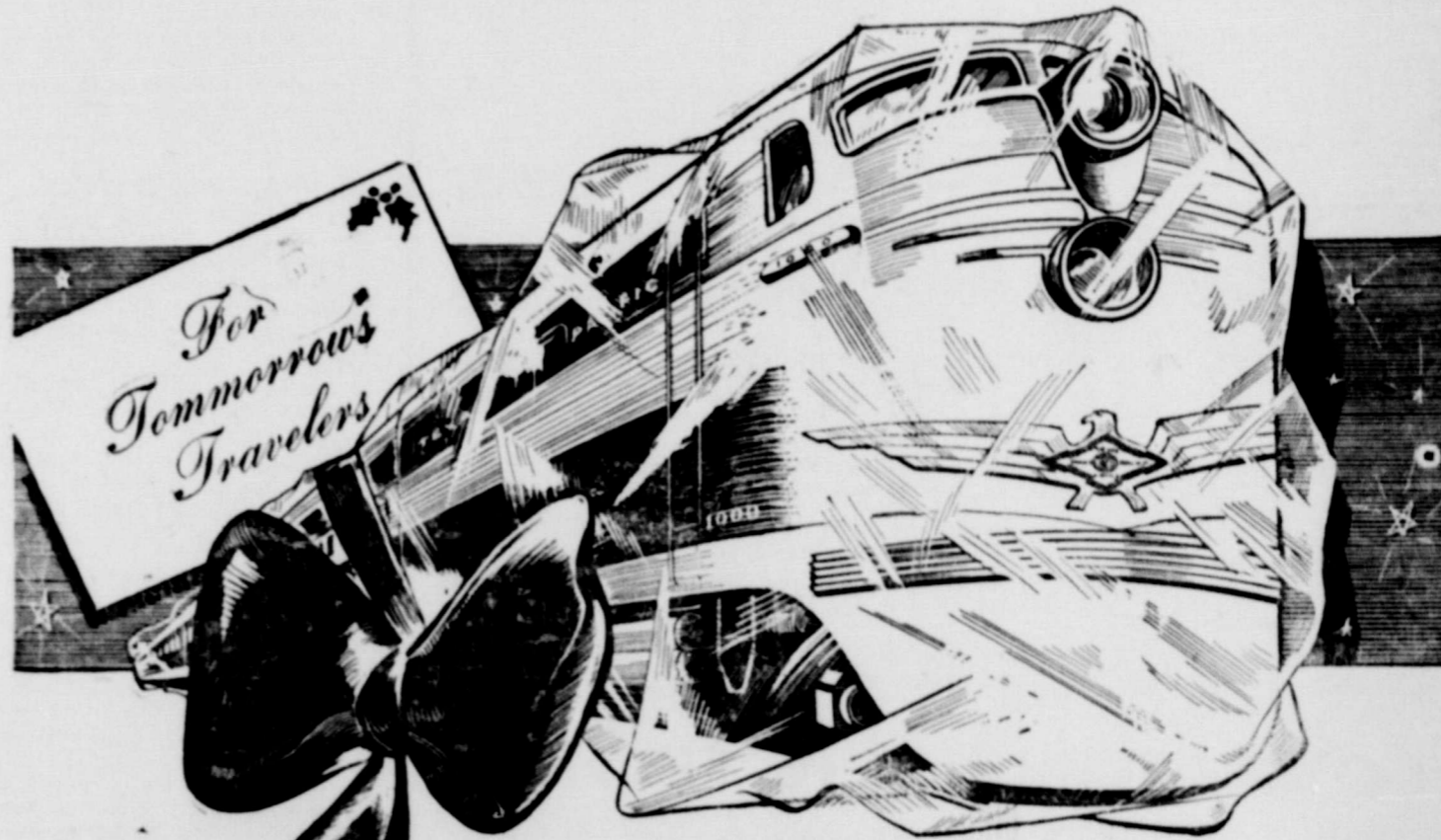
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**Contractors' Notice of Texas Highway Construction**

Sealed proposals for constructing 3.373 miles of Grading, Str. Flexible Base & Single Asphalt Surface Treatment from St. Hwy. 158 to Wingate on Highway No. FM 53, covered by S.846 (4) & (5), in Taylor & Runnels counties, will be received at the Highway Department, Austin, until 9:00 a. m., Jan. 10, 1946, and then publicly opened and read.

This is a "Public Works" Project, as defined in House Bill No. 54 of the 43rd Legislature of the State of Texas and House Bill No. 115 of the 44th Legislature of the State of Texas, and as such is subject to the provisions of said House Bills. No provisions herein are intended to be in conflict with the provisions of said Acts.

In accordance with provisions of said House Bills, the State Highway Commission has ascertained the wage rates prevailing in the locality in which this work is to be done. The Contractor shall pay not less than the prevailing wage rates shown in the proposal for Group 3 for each craft or type of "Laborer," "Workman," or "Mechanic" employed on this project.

Legal holiday work shall be paid for at the regular governing rates. Plans and specifications available at the office of Earl Beavers, Resident Engineer, San Angelo, Texas, and Texas Highway Department, Austin. Usual rights reserved.

Carl Black, Jr., is spending the holidays in San Francisco, California with the Ernest Moody family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance, Jr., of Big Spring, visited here during the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clamplitt and Mrs. David Caudle and baby spent the Christmas holidays at Sau Antonio, visiting Lt. and Mrs. R. A. Nicholson. Lt. Nicholson is stationed at Fort Sam Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cook returned Wednesday from Comanche, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheathan and Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Landreth and twin daughters spent Christmas at San Angelo, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall, Jr., visited relatives and friends at Temple and Waco during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rudd visited relatives and friends at Goldthwaite and Bangs during the holidays.

Miss Mary Edith Loyd, student of Baylor University, Waco, is at home for the holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Loyd.

George McCorstin, student of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, is here to spend the holidays with his parents.

Miss Ann Guynes, attending Texas State College for Women at Denton, is here for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guynes.

Walter Midgley, student of A. & M. College, is here this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley, and other relatives.

**QUENTIN WHITE TAKEN TO BROOKS HOSPITAL**

Quentin White, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. White, was taken to Brooks general hospital, San Antonio, Christmas night for an emergency appendectomy. White, a staff sergeant in the army, was discharged in November and came home to be with his parents for Christmas. He became ill and was taken to the army hospital in an ambulance. His father returned Wednesday and stated that his son was doing fine when he left his bedside.

Be wise—advertise.

**Wardrobe Chart Helps**

**In Choosing Accessories**

A great help in choosing suitable accessories is a wardrobe planning chart. Such a chart simplifies and clarifies the process of selection if it is carefully followed. The chart is drawn with about 10 spaces across the top of the page and as many places down the left side as you have different garments in your wardrobe. Along the top are listed various types of accessories, such as shoes, gloves, bag, sweater, blouse and hats. Down the left side of the page are listed the garments you have on hand or will need to get. This chart is filled in by listing the accessories you have or need in the column designated for that accessory and across from the garment with which you'll wear it.

Obviously some article, such as shoes, will be listed in more than one place. On the other hand, if a particular article is worn with only one garment, it will be listed in only one place. Suppose you have listed in the left-hand column a black coat, a wine suit and a dark green dress. You need a new hat and a new blouse for the suit, but your black bag, gloves and shoes will continue in use.

The most obvious choice of hat would be black; but there are also other possibilities, and black will do nothing to brighten your wardrobe. Since a new blouse is to be bought also, it will be well to correlate the color of the hat with the blouse. Pink or soft rose is a possible choice. This shade in a blouse will be interesting with a wine suit, but there are very few people who have the coloring that would be suited to such a soft color in both a hat and a blouse. Also, the shade of the hat should be tied to the green dress in some way, either by a piping of color, a pip or some other detail added to the dress.

**Train Body to Develop Erect, Straight Figure**

The person who is erect, straight and energetic has a good figure. The way the body is held is the result of training and habit. The muscles and bones go back into the same positions day after day, so posture habits should be good.

Stand in front of a mirror and see if you look like this: Your feet should be parallel, with the weight balanced equally upon the ball and the heel of the foot. The abdomen is flat in the lower part. There is no exaggerated curve in the back. The shoulder blades are flat across the back; the shoulders are even. The head is erect and a straight line could be drawn through the ear, shoulder cap, hip bone, knee and ankle bone. If you look like this you don't have to worry. If you don't look so, it's time to do something about your posture.

Do you stoop over the sink, the kitchen table, the wash tub, or the ironing board? Adjust the height of these work surfaces to your own height. To sweep, mop, or stir food in a pan at the stove requires continuous standing. Be sure you do not slump the shoulders and chest or thrust the hips out of place.

**Children's Teeth**

The best way to help children have good sound teeth is to serve a well-balanced diet of foods which provide body building materials. These foods are milk and milk products, green and yellow vegetables, potatoes and other vegetables and fruit, meat, poultry, fish and eggs, tomatoes, oranges, grapefruit, bread, flour, and cereals, either whole grain or enriched, and butter or fortified margarine. These are called the "basic seven" food groups. The mother's diet before the child is born has much to do with the quality of teeth. The child's food habits will affect them also. Teach children to be careful to use but not abuse their teeth. In addition to eating the tooth-building foods, keeping the teeth clean is important. Careful brushing of the teeth and gums and removal of all food particles is very important. Regular inspection by a good dentist, once or twice a year, will result in detection of conditions which need to be improved and the discovery of small cavities which need repair. Good food and health habits with the aid of a good dentist will enable many to keep their teeth throughout a long life.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Gustavus, of Ozona, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn Sunday. They went on to Talpa to join Mrs. Gustavus' family for a Christmas visit and were joined there Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Lynn.

**INFANT SON IS BURIED AT FT. WORTH MONDAY**

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tate, born Sunday at a Ft. Worth hospital, died early Monday morning. Interment was made in a Ft. Worth cemetery Monday afternoon. Besides the parents, the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Tate, of Eden, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, of Ballinger, survive.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McCulloch, of Arlington, New Jersey, are the parents of a daughter, Marilyn Jane, born December 25. Mrs. McCulloch is the former Miss Janey Taylor, of Ballinger. At last reports mother and baby were doing fine.

Lt. and Mrs. Gerald Henderson, the former stationed at Ellington Field, Houston, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Phelps and baby, of Louisville, Kentucky, are here for a brief holiday visit in the C. C. Henderson home.

Clean, cotton rags wanted at The Ledger office. Full market price paid.

**Farmers Join Hands To Boost Production**

The war emergency has stimulated small farmers to "join hands" with neighbors in establishing group services that none of them could afford individually. Farm organizations and agricultural agencies have encouraged them to do so.

Last year, with Farm Security administration assistance, 1,499 neighborhood group services were established serving 8,487 families. In each group, members pooled funds to buy equipment or bled sires which each needed on his farm, but which would not be profitable for one of the farmers to own and use alone. About 1,000 of the groups obtained tractors, trucks for picking up milk, threshers, peanut pickers, or other equipment. Some 400 of the groups bought high quality sires for improving their livestock.

Including these newly formed groups, about 17,000 neighborhood services were in operation last year. The groups are informal and unincorporated. Their members are neighbors who have entered into agreements to share ownership and use of needed facilities. Some are borrowers from FSA, some are not. FSA makes group service loans, on an individual basis, to families who need financial assistance to pay their share. FSA supervisors also offer advice and guidance if the group needs these. No financial help was needed in about 40 per cent of the groups formed in the last year. In 1944 FSA advanced a total of \$635,600 in group service loans.

**Wash Gloves Often, Milady Is Advised**

Cotton and rayon gloves usually wash well, and many varieties of washable leather gloves are on sale. These include pigskin in light or natural color, chamois, doeskin, except in deep dyes, white buckskin, goatskin and calfskin. However, never attempt to wash leather gloves unless they are stamped "washable" on the label or inside of the glove. Gloves which have once been dry cleaned should never be washed, and kid gloves always require dry cleaning. Wash gloves frequently, because severe soil makes rubbing necessary, and rubbing may injure the finish or roughen the surface. Wash gloves according to any special directions given by the manufacturer, or wash gloves in mild, lukewarm suds, squeezing and pressing, but never rubbing or brushing. Exceptions to the "hand in glove" rule are chamois or doeskin. Wash these off the hands, because they soften when wet and may stretch or tear. When gloves are clean, peel them off gently from the wrist, and rinse in lukewarm water until water is free of soap. Don't twist or wring. Roll gloves in a Turkish towel to take up extra moisture.

**Raw Cabbage**

Raw cabbage is better known as a vitamin C rich food and for this reason it is placed with the tomato and citrus fruits in group two of the basic seven food chart. A serving of one-half to three-quarters cup of raw cabbage will furnish one-quarter of the day's need of vitamin C, providing certain precautions are taken. To capture these food values the cabbage must be garden fresh. It should be chopped in larger pieces than is customary for shredded cabbage, because finely cut cabbage exposes most of its surface to the air and vitamin C is decreased through oxidation. So, prepare cabbage to be used in salads as near serving time as possible, but if it must be cut in advance, keep the cabbage covered and stored in a cool place. And if the cabbage must be cooked, do it quickly. The best method of cooking to retain vitamin C is to steam the cabbage. Cook it uncovered in a small amount of water for five to seven minutes. Prolonged cooking in large amounts of water can cause as much as 95 per cent destruction of vitamin C.

**Hot Tip**

Smokers may not realize it, but the lighted end of a cigarette is so hot its temperature is slightly above the melting point of aluminum or magnesium. Using a thermocouple, made of extremely thin wires five one-thousandths of an inch in diameter, researchers in the General Electric laboratory found that the lighted cigarette end is between 1,200 and 1,325 degrees Fahrenheit. Despite the proximity of this terrific heat to the lips, so burns result, because fibrous materials containing air spaces—such as the tobacco in a cigarette—are inherently good insulators. Consequently, the temperature drops off very rapidly from the hot end.

**Planting Rhubarb**

Rhubarb needs a deep, rich soil and should be planted to one side of the garden where plowing will not disturb it. It becomes root bound very easily, and plants should be divided and reset about every four or five years. About one-fourth of the original plant may be left in the original location. Resetting may be done successfully either in the spring or in September. Rhubarb should not be used after July 1. The plants must have the rest so the roots can overwinter in good vigorous condition and send up many stout stalks the following spring. The quality is better in spring and early summer also.

Miss Gwen Morgan, attending Baylor University, Waco, came in the past week-end to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan.

Rex Nixon arrived Sunday to make the Jack Nixon, Sr., family complete for the holidays. Rex received his discharge from the navy before returning home and plans to enter school later in the year.



**New Year's Specials**

**Cold Wave Permanents**  
Given by Mrs. Dennie Swift  
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Call for Appointment

**Oil Permanents \$4.50 up**

Thin, baby fine hair and difficult hair to curl are our specialties

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**Serving Uncle Sam**

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Calvin B. Campbell received his discharge on December 23, lacking only 11 days of making it five years in the army. He went overseas in May, 1944, with the amphibious engineers special brigade but was transferred to the 37th ("Buckeye") division in October, 1945, to return to the United States with 81 points. The debarkation date was changed four times and he finally left the Philippines November 26, arriving in the States on December 11. He said when he got his discharge on December 23 that it was getting close to Christmas for comfort.

Mr. Campbell and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McKee, of O'valo, met him at Fort Sam Houston. Overseas he was in the campaign for New Guinea and landed in the invasion of Luzon January 9, 1945. He wears the American defense, good conduct, World War II victory, American theatre, Asiatic-Pacific with three stars, and one bronze arrowhead and the Philippine liberation.

He is the son of Mrs. Clabe Harris, of Ballinger. His wife is the former Lois McKee Mr. and Mrs. Campbell visited his mother during the holidays and they plan to make home at Abilene.

Don McGregor, seaman 1c, is at home for the holidays and will return to his base at New Orleans about January 1. He expects to receive his discharge within a few months.

L. C. Condra, MM1c, received his discharge on December 22 at the navy separation center, at Shoemaker, California. He resides at Ballinger, star route.

Charles E. Smith, SF 3c, seabee, received his discharge at Galveston last week and is at home with his wife and family. Smith has served in the seabees for the past two and a half years and was overseas a large part of that time, doing duty on Guadalcanal, the Admiralty islands and Okinawa. Here he joins his wife, the former Miss Christine Dodson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Smith.

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Once a penny was a fortune to a six-year-old. It could buy yards of licorice shoestrings, an all-day sucker, or a syrup-smothered scoop of shaved ice. A penny would pay for marbles, a tin whistle, or even a little lead soldier. It was the ceiling price for a new top-string.

Nowadays, a penny won't buy much for a little boy. But it purchases a lot of labor-saving electricity.

Sonny many sniff at a penny for running an errand—yet that same penny will (at average household rates) do any of these jobs—

- Run a sewing machine all afternoon
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- Vacuum clean 10 large rugs
- Light a 50-watt bulb for 6 hours
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- Give you the correct time for 7 days
- Keep a radio playing for 3 hours

Yes, a penny is still big money—electrically. Actually, the average family gets just about twice as much electricity for its money as it did 15 years ago. Keeping electric service cheap, friendly and dependable—even all through the war—is a tribute to the careful business management of your electric company, and to the hard work and experience of all the men and women in it.

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

For several years people have been looking forward to the time when gasoline and tires would not be rationed. Gas has been unrestricted for some time and on January 1 tires will again be sold to anyone who has the money to pay for them. This will give motorists an opportunity to step the speed of the old bus again. Warnings have been issued that old tires will not roll safely at top speeds and accidents will mount at an alarming rate. Drivers had better take it slow for a while and not push their vehicles beyond their mechanical strength. Those who would buy new tires may also find that none are available. The lifting of rationing does not mean that dealers will have ample stocks for equipping every old machine.

One more month remains in which to pay poll taxes and be prepared for the important elections to be held next summer. All state, district, county and precinct officials are to be elected in the 1946 Democratic primaries and politics will probably wax warm enough to cause every individual to want to have a part in naming those who serve. In addition to the regular political elections there may be referendums on post-war improvement programs which will create much interest and should be decided by a majority of the citizens. Arm yourself with a poll tax receipt and be ready to implement your opinions.

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**SAVE FOR TOMORROW**

You're not buying things now for various reasons—war-time shortages, joining in the fight against inflationary buying, and the need to buy war bonds—but after the war, you can have those things you want if you have saved.

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- FOR AN EDUCATION
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**DON'T BUY WHAT YOU DON'T NEED NOW AND LATER YOU CAN BUY WHAT YOU WANT**

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Ballinger merchants are closing out a generally prosperous year. While some were handicapped by a shortage of merchandise there has been enough to maintain a fair volume. During 1946 many items off the market since the war began in 1941 are expected to hit retailers shelves and buying will be accelerated for some time. Cars, radio sets, refrigerators, tires, washing machines, electrical appliances and other articles are on their way back and should be received in volume before many months. There are many potential buyers for nearly everything produced.

**DAIRY FEED PAYMENT IS DUE ON JANUARY 1**

Dairy feed subsidy payment for the months of October, November and December will be paid, starting January 1, 1946. Prices to be paid will be 17 cents per pound for cream and 70 cents per hundredweight for milk.

Producers are advised that before bringing their sale slips to the AAA office in Ballinger to check to see that the producer's name, the name of the buyer and date of the sale is on each slip. It would be appreciated very much if these slips are turned in by January 15. The branch offices at Winters and Miles will not be open until after July 1. The Ballinger office is closed on Saturdays at 12 noon.

**Personals**

Mr. and Mrs. David Gregory and sons, of McCamey, were here for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. Charles Tibbs, of Dallas, was here for a Christmas visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn.

Mrs. Marguerite Dow and son, Jerry, and Ted Truyl, of Dallas, were holiday guests in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truyl.

Charles Tibbs, of California, visited relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Rev. and Mrs. S. J. Martin, of Wichita Falls, were Christmas visitors in the home of Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Smith and daughter, Barbara, of Temple, visited Mrs. Ethel Smith, other relatives and friends here during the Christmas holidays.

Dr. F. M. Hale telephoned his family here Christmas eve to say that he was getting along nicely in a Temple hospital. Dr. Hale is taking treatment from a skin specialist.

Pencil and typewriter erasers at Ledger office.



**DAY OF JUDGMENT FOR ALL...** The accused at Nuernberg trials are shown in lower left. They include Goering, Hess, Von Ribbentrop, Keitel, Rosenberg, Frank, Frick, Streicher, Funk, Schacht, Dornitz, Raeder, Von Schirach, Sauckel, Jodl, Von Papen, Speer, Von Neurath and Fritzsche. Upper photo shows the court officials. Lower right, the entrance is being carefully guarded by American troops. The records contain historical evidence that would ordinarily require years of research to compile.

**WEST TEXAS NOTES**

Martin Eckert has returned to Miles after receiving his discharge at Port Arthur, California. He landed in the United States on December 5 after serving fifteen months with the air transport command at Hickam Field, Hawaii. In the service four years, he will make home at Miles and be associated with his father in the grocery business.

All pool halls in Comanche county were closed voluntarily last week after being asked to do so by

Miss Kay Sims, daughter of Mrs. Ellen Sims of Paint Rock, was formally introduced at the annual "presentation ball" on the campus of Texas Christian University, as one of the favorites for this year. Miss Sims is a sophomore at T. C. U. this year.

The Bronte Enterprise made its appearance last week as a full-sized six column paper, neatly printed and well edited. Ed Nunnelly, formerly of San Angelo, the publisher, is offering Bronte citizens a newspaper they should be proud of.

An important highway artery to the north of Coleman is to be contracted for construction next month. Two strips on highway No. 183, covering about 32 miles will be paved. One stretch is between Albany and Coleman and the other between Albany and Baird.

**THE WORLD NEEDS MORE COTTONSEED & COTTON PRODUCTS**

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Plan increased cotton production in 1946. NOW!

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taken at Brady, operators of auto agencies closing Monday and Tuesday, and other businesses closing Tuesday and Wednesday. In several other West Texas cities stores were closed on Christmas eve, December 24, in order to give a longer holiday for employees.

Rising Star citizens participated in the campaign to give presents to service men still in hospitals and many packages were sent to the Camp Bowie hospital for distribution. Mrs. Louise Weber was chairman of the committee, and besides many gifts, considerable cash was donated.

Brown county turkey growers received approximately half a million dollars for shipments on the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. Thirty-six carloads of dressed birds were shipped by the growers' association. Checks are to be received soon for the difference between the actual sale price and what was advanced by the association.

W. W. Eddleman, formerly highway patrolman at Eastland, has resigned and will be a candidate for sheriff of Eastland county in the Democratic primaries in 1946. Reared at Cisco, Eddleman is well known in his district. He will make his formal announcement about the middle of January.

A \$20,000 cafe building is under construction at Fort Stockton, to be opened as soon as the building is finished and fixtures installed. The 50 by 70 foot building will have ample space for dining rooms and a modern kitchen.

The recreation committee of the Menard schools has ordered fifty pairs of skates to be used by children in the gymnasium. Other activities are being planned by the committee to give pupils more recreation and entertainment.

making the gym a center for the boys and girls.

The Brady city council has employed an engineer and plans a power plant expansion that calls for the expenditure of about \$137,000. A new engine is to arrive soon for installation in the municipal plant and lines will be extended to serve more patrons. Improvements also will be made at the city water plant.

D. J. Kirkham, manager of the frozen food locker plant at Winters, stated last week that 170 more lockers would be added at once. The plant now has 540 lockers and most of the additional 170 have been rented. A meat-curing department is part of the plant which also carries a stock of frozen foods, including turkey and other meats.

Buildings at Avenger Field, Sweetwater, have been declared ideal for a junior college and efforts are being made to secure the buildings and grounds for this purpose. Dr. C. C. Colvert, a junior college expert, viewed the site recently and talked to various groups about founding the school,

asserting that abandoned flying field was an excellent location.

Ledge want ads pay.

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**Church SERVICES**

**First Presbyterian Church**  
(Corner Broad and Phillips)  
10:00 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
6:00 p. m., evening worship.

**GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor**

**First Baptist Church**  
(400 Eighth Street)

Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, W. J. Hembree, superintendent.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.

Monday:  
6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

Wednesday:  
7:00 p. m., teachers' meeting.  
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

8:30 p. m., choir rehearsal, R. E. White, choir master; Mrs. Charles Hambrick, organist. Welcome always.

**B. J. MARTIN, Pastor**

**First Christian Church**  
(Broadway and Murrell)

Sunday:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Communion service, 10:50 a. m.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian**  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., regular services.  
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor



**FIRST FARMING COMMUNITY . . .** Reconstruction and plan of house in the first farming community known to man, placed in the second millennium before Christ by archeologists Seton Lloyd and Foad Safa of the University of Chicago, whose important prehistorical find was made at Tell Hassuna, Iraq.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
10:00 a. m.  
**BIBLE ONLY**

**PREACHING**  
11:00 a. m.

**NIGHT SERVICE**  
7:00 p. m.  
"The Friendly Church"

**J. R. LAWSON, Pastor**

**Church of Christ**  
(1100 Ninth Street)

Lord's Day services: 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
Wednesday night: Bible study, 7 p. m.  
Friday night: Bible study, 7 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. You will find a welcome awaiting you.

**H. NORMAN GIPSON, Evangelist**

**Grace Baptist Church**  
Sunday school, 10 a. m.  
Preaching hour, 11 a. m.  
Evening service, 7 p. m.

"The Friendly Church"—come worship with us. Church located at corner of Tenth Street and Phillips Avenue.

**J. R. LANSON, Pastor**

**Park Avenue Baptist Church**  
(Park Avenue at Broadway)  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
6:30 p. m., Training Union.  
7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
**WM. B. WALDROP, Pastor**

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

**REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS**  
Sunday Mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:00 a. m. 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:30 a. m.  
Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.  
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:00 p. m.  
Holy hour with our Eucharist Lord on the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 p. m.  
Devotion of the first Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on the first Friday of the month.  
Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., and before the early mass on Sunday from 7:00 to 7:45 a. m. Before daily mass from 6:30 to 6:40 a. m.  
Christian doctrine classes: every

Saturday from 2:00 to 3:30 p. m.  
Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially welcomed to assist at the above services and devotions.

**EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I., Pastor**

**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**

**First Methodist Church**  
Church school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.  
**H. B. LOYD, Pastor**

**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
(104 N. Twelfth Street)

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Worship service at 11 a. m.  
Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m.  
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.  
Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service.  
Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.

All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.

**CARL POOL, Pastor**

**Church of God**

Sunday:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Junior Y. P., 6:45 p. m.  
Young people, 6:45 p. m.  
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:  
Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

**T. N. MINIX, Pastor**

**Church of Christ**  
Eighth Street

Sunday:  
9:45 a. m., Bible classes.  
10:45 a. m., worship.  
4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class.  
6:30 p. m., children's class.

7:00 p. m., worship.  
Wednesday:  
7:00 p. m., Bible classes for all.  
**RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister**

**Cotton Picking Wage Ceilings Successful; Continuance Forseen**

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Texas, first full season experience with ceiling wage rates for cotton harvesting has been approved by large majority of the farmers and laborers involved, according to D. A. Adam, executive officer of the Texas USDA wage board. The area where ceiling wages were set up after public hearings in September requested by growers includes McCulloch, Concho, Tom Green, Coke, Coleman, Runnels, Midland, Martin, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Scurry, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Kent, Stone-wall, Haskell, Throckmorton, Young, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Motley, Cottle, Harde-man, Foard, Wilbarger, Wichita, Hall, Childress, Donley, Collingsworth, Gray and Wheeler counties.

After a recent survey Adam declared that 98 per cent of the farmers participating, representing about 40,000 farms in the 39 counties, asserted that the program had proved satisfactory. Crew leaders of migratory labor, ginners, and business men also commended it, he said, because it enabled harvesting to proceed without the confusion of irregular wage rates. About 50 per cent of the cotton was harvested at less than the ceiling rates of \$1.30 per hundred for snapping and pulling, and \$2.25 for well picked, clean cotton.

Violations of the wage ceilings were negligible, Adam said. "Only six cases, which were checked carefully by our investigating force, will be prosecuted." He added that a total of 1,100 adjustments were made, chiefly in areas where scraggy and drought-stricken cotton did not permit workers to make a fair wage. These adjustments ranged from \$1.45 to \$1.75 per hundred as conditions warranted for snapping and pulling.

At a recent meeting the Texas USDA wage board decided not to set a closing date for the current wage ceiling program. However, Adam has informed the advisory committees in the participating counties that the wage stabilization program operating under war emergency measures will expire at the end of June, 1946, unless congress extends it. The committeemen were told that if farmers desired wage ceiling programs for the wheat and vegetables harvests, sheep shearing or other farm jobs during the early summer months they may be instituted by the procedure followed in setting up the cotton harvesting ceiling.

**City Tax Payments Heavy in November; Departments Busy**

Tax collections by the city of Ballinger for November were good, a total of \$7,717.26 being taken in. Total city collections from all sources for the month amounted to \$10,548.01.

The city has completed gathering a \$200 pecan crop in various municipal parks. Most of the trees are doing well, putting on good growth, and this year yields a fair crop of nuts.

The street department has opened a number of blocks of new streets, bladed many dirt streets, and opened all drainage lines and gutters. Streets about the football field were wet down before recent games to allay dust.

Water consumption during the month dropped to a daily average of 298,000 gallons. All water was properly treated before being run into the city mains.

Six arrests were reported by the police department, twenty-nine traffic tickets were issued, six dogs were killed, and other work done.

Over 200 requests have already been received by the University of Texas bureau of business research for copies of the new Directory of Texas Manufacturers, to be published in the spring of 1946. Over 5,000 manufactured products will be listed and indexed according to towns and products.

Two historically important newspapers filed in the newspaper collection library of the University of Texas are The Northern Standard and The Texas Gazette. The Standard was published at Clarksville from 1842 to 1887, and the Gazette was published at Austin from 1849 to 1877.

**Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks.**

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Biographical information on early settler of Texas, Georgia, the Carolinas, Louisiana and many other Southern states is contained in newspapers on file in the University of Texas newspaper collection librarian E. R. Dabney reports. The papers are used frequently by students seeking material in connection with theses or dissertations, he said.

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