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## Livestock Show Date Tuesday, February 25

The date for the Future Farmers of America and 4-H club boys' livestock show was set Saturday for Tuesday, February 25, and arrangements for the show are being made.

Details of the show were discussed with the Runnels County Livestock Association last week and the members of the association agreed to raise the money for the premium list and the Ballinger Board of Community Development will look after arrangements for the sale. It is planned to secure buyers for all animals to be offered for sale and set a floor on the prices to be offered in this sale.

After a discussion it was decided to exhibit Angus and Hereford calves in the same class. All calves will be shown in light and heavy classes but the two breeds will be judged together.

The sale will be larger than for several years with a large number of fat calves, lambs, hogs and

capons entered this year. H. B. Edmondson, vocational agriculture teacher, stated he had letters out to two judges and expected their acceptance within a few days.

Final arrangements for the place of the show have not been completed. It was hoped that one of the large hangars at Bruce Field could be used this year and that idea will not be abandoned for the present. The large building would be an ideal place for the show and sale and would take care of all the livestock, judging and sales arena, buyers and boys, their transportation and animals. It would be suitable in any kind of weather and in the absence of a regular show barn would provide an ideal place.

Boys of the two groups are starting now to put the finishing touches on their animals and will have some that will be shown here and later entered at San Angelo and Fort Worth.

## Northington Engineer; Flynt Named Secretary

K. V. Northington has tendered his resignation to the city commission as city clerk, tax assessor-collector, city treasurer, registrar of vital statistics and clerk of the city court. The resignation has been accepted, effective January 1. The commission then appointed Mr. Northington city engineer and superintendent of departments.

Lanham Flynt was appointed to the positions made vacant by the resignation of Mr. Northington.

Mr. Flynt has been employed by the city two years and has had charge of the general books. A graduate of the Ballinger high school, he attended the University of Texas where he studied business administration. Since being employed by the city he has taken short courses in waterworks operation and attended the state fire school at A. & M. College. He is thoroughly acquainted with the duties he will assume January 1.

Becoming city secretary in 1930, Mr. Northington has been an employee of the city since 1925. He holds a 28-A surface waterworks operator's license, one of only 75 in Texas with this rating. He also is one of the 50 members of the American Waterworks Association in this state. In 1937 he was issued a civil engineer's license, and holds card No. 503 in that profession.

Mr. Northington will remain in the employ of the city during the heavy construction period of the next year or more. This calls for the construction of a water reservoir on Valley Creek, a new pumping and filtration plant and an enlarged distribution system. It also includes the building of a municipal sewerage plant and continuance of the paving program. For several months the construction program has been demanding most of his time. He will work closely with consulting engineers and contractors.

### LOGE ANNIVERSARY IS WELL ATTENDED

There were approximately 75 men present at the 60th anniversary meeting of the Ballinger Masonic Lodge Tuesday evening. The affair named past masters of the lodge as honorary guests and ten were present for this occasion.

A degree team from the Coleman lodge was present and took over the work of conferring a master's degree. Judge W. M. Weather, past grand master, of Coleman, was the principal speaker for the evening.

At the close of the lodge a social hour and refreshments were enjoyed by all present.

Besides the Ballinger Masons, others were present from Coleman, Paint Rock, Norton, Rising Star, Wingate and Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Mack have gone to Austin and will be there the remainder of this month and January.

## Texas to Entertain Kiddies with Free Show December 24

The management of the Texas Theatre has arranged its annual Christmas party for the children of Ballinger and vicinity on the morning of Tuesday, December 24. The show will start at 10 a. m. and only one presentation will be given.

The management invites every boy and girl in this area to be its guest at this Christmas show. Pictures suitable for the occasion have been booked and the auditorium will be made comfortable for any kind of weather. The theatre staff will be on duty to help handle the crowd and for approximately two hours the youngsters will have fun and be entertained free.

There are no strings to admission. The doors will be open and employees will be on hand to greet the children and direct them to seats. Parents may feel safe in bringing the kiddies to the show and leaving them as they will be looked after carefully.

In previous years the theatre has been packed for this annual party and another capacity audience is expected Christmas eve morning.

## Faubion & Barker Implement House In New Building

The Faubion & Barker Implement Company has moved to its new location on Hutchings Avenue at the corner of 11th Street. The new 60 by 125 foot building which has recently been completed provides more room for the handling of the Minneapolis-Moline line of implements, for a larger parts department and for a bigger and better service department.

J. O. Barker, a partner of the firm since November, 1945, now places his name with L. A. Faubion in the firm. Mr. Barker and his wife live on Third Street and in the future he will be one of the active managers of the business. Mr. Barker moved to Ballinger from Abilene and stated this week that he liked Ballinger and was pleased with the implement business.

A formal opening is being planned for a later date and the public will be informed of this when all arrangements are completed. In the meantime the managers invite the people of this trade area to visit the new business home and see the many improvements.

## Legion and Auxiliary In Business Meetings

The American Legion and Auxiliary held meetings Thursday night to attend to business with a fair attendance at each session. Commander Dan Woodroof heard committee reports of recent activities and took up several matters of new business.

A committee of ladies was appointed to do the buying for the Gifts for the Yanks Who Gave campaign and to make shipment of the bundles to the Legion Hospital. Approximately \$100 in cash was available for the purchase of gifts and a large number of individual gifts were left in receiving stations.

Officers of the post were instructed to attend to the paper work in renewing the charter of the post.

A membership campaign was launched with some fifty members starting out to secure ten new or renewal members for 1947. D. G. Posey will direct this work. It was also voted to mail a letter and blank check to each 1946 member, asking them to send in their 1947 dues.

Officers announced that the January meeting would be a social gathering at Bruce Field with refreshments, floor show and dancing.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClanahan and son, of Shreveport, will arrive Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

## Ballinger Pastors Ask for Finances To Assist Needy

The Ballinger Ministerial Association will conduct a hurried campaign to provide relief to a number of needy families in Ballinger for the Christmas season. This decision was reached in a special meeting of local pastors this week after they had received a request to take over from civic groups of the city. Sunday afternoon at 2:30 a committee of two members from each local church will meet at the First Methodist Church to discuss plans for food baskets and other needs, make a survey of the city and check over their findings with the local welfare office.

The pastors have no funds for this purpose and a considerable amount of money will be needed to purchase the necessary supplies to make up the baskets. They request that Ballinger people who wish to have a part in this worthy work mail a check to Rev. B. J. Martin, president of the Ministerial Association or take the money to him personally.

The pastors stressed that the time is short and the success of the campaign will depend largely on the amount of money contributed by Ballinger people.

### V.F.W. SPONSORING XMAS DANCE AT BRUCE FIELD

The Ballinger Veterans of Foreign Wars is sponsoring a Christmas dance to be held in the recreational building at Bruce Field on the evening of December 22.

Music will be furnished by Don and His Melody Boys and admission will be \$1.50, ladies free. The public is invited.

### CURRY-HAMBRICK STORE FRONT BEING COMPLETED

Artisans were here this week to finish the front of the Curry-Hambrick jewelry store. Black glass is being applied on the front and entrance, a solid glass door was installed to replace the temporary door, and window trims added to the exterior of the show windows.

When the building was remodeled and modernized some of the materials were not available. The store was opened and after being operated several months the rest of the materials were shipped and representatives of the glass company arrived the past week-end to complete the work.

### LIONS WIN THRILLING CAGE GAME FROM MAVERICK HERE

Basketball fans saw plenty of action Tuesday night in the Lions league when two games were played at the high school gym. In the first game Rubin's defeated Flynt's by the score of 31 to 14.

In the second game the strong Lions Club team was pitted against the fast Maverick team. These clubs battled on fairly even terms, the game ending in a tie, 31-31. In the extra period, two of the Lions fouled out, leaving that club with only four players. Maverick shot a field goal to put the visitors in the lead and Wayman Wilson and J. E. Garrett did some nice ball handling to move the contest along and the period was ended with the score Lions 38, Maverick 33. The win maintained a perfect record for the Lions.

In other games Woodroof's lost to Crews 33 to 23, and Talpa lost to Norton 22 to 21.

Standings	W	L	Pct.
Lions	5	0	1.000
Rubin's	4	1	.800
Crews	3	1	.750
Maverick	2	3	.400
Woodroof's	2	3	.400
Norton	2	3	.400
Talpa	1	3	.250
Flynt's	0	5	.000

Miss Ann Egan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Egan, is spending the Christmas holidays in the home of her parents. Miss Egan attends Incarnate Word College, San Antonio, where she is president of the Legion of Mary and club editor of the annual, "The Logos." She was elected into Alpha Chi, national honorary society for women, and chosen a member of Who's Who Among Universities and Colleges.

J. A. Schnable attended to business in Abilene Monday.

## \$158,057 Low Bid For Constructing Valley Creek Dam

The Ballinger city commission Wednesday authorized Mayor Drury P. Hathaway to execute a contract with the H. W. Pelfrey Co., of Gladewater, for the construction of the new municipal dam across Valley Creek. Authorization was given for the contract to be given the low bidder on the project on an offer of \$158,057.50.

There is a thirty-day period in which to prepare and execute the contract. Ten construction firms entered bids for building the dam, figures ranging from those of Pelfrey Co. to a high of \$272,000.

Representatives of the Pelfrey Co. were here Wednesday and said they would be ready to start work as soon as other details are settled.

The commission held a meeting with landowners who will be affected by the dam and reservoir this week in an effort to reach an agreement on the 550 acres the city will require. The appraisers' value was read and most of the land owners objected, believing it was too low. E. Shepperd, city commissioner, has been empowered to try to reach an agreement with the owners before other steps are taken.

Those affected are C. L. Mullins, on whose place the dam will be located; and I. M. Turner, H. A. Williams, D. R. Russell, W. F. Farmer and Z. D. Herring.

## Churches Observe Christmas Season

All Ballinger churches will celebrate Christmas in services Sunday, and on special occasions this week-end and the first part of next week.

A number of special programs have already been held and Sunday school classes, departments and other church groups have been having social gatherings the past week.

**First Christian Church**  
Archie W. Gray, minister of the First Christian Church, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the forenoon worship service Sunday. His subject will be "The Son of Prophecy." Christmas music also will be featured on this program.

Monday at 7:30 p. m. the annual Christmas tree program will be held in the newly decorated primary department of the church. It will be preceded by Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. Gene Crawford.

**First Baptist Church**  
The young people's department of the First Baptist Church will have its annual breakfast at the Central Hotel Sunday morning at 8:30.

Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the 11 o'clock worship service and the choir will present special Christmas music at both services, morning and evening.

Members of the junior department of the church had their Christmas tree and program last Tuesday and the church membership finished the Buckner Orphans Home activities at the morning service last Sunday.

**First Methodist Church**  
Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor, will use Christmas as the theme of his sermon Sunday morning and the choir will render a special Christmas anthem. At 6:30 p. m. Sunday the Christmas tree program will be held with Christmas music preceding. All members of the Sunday school will attend this program and it will be the white Christmas for the Children's Home at Waco and students of the departments will receive gifts when Santa Claus visits the congregation.

**First Presbyterian Church**  
The annual Christmas tree and program for students of the Sunday school will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock. This program is under the direction of Mmes. Harry Lynn, Paul Trimmer, G. P. Holman and M. A. Boggess. At the conclusion of the program Santa Claus will arrive to distribute gifts from the tree.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock a "joy gift" program will be held in the church auditorium. This program is sponsored by the Auxiliary and a pageant and Christmas music will be featured. The offering will go to aged ministers and their families.

Rev. Steve Cook will deliver his Christmas message to the congregation at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday. Thursday evening, December 26, a supper will be held at the church for the young people, young adults and students and their guests who are here from college.

## Part of Bruce Field Goes To City Minus Obligation

The Ballinger city commission was informed officially Friday of the transfer of part of Bruce Field with no financial obligation on the part of the city. The official notification from the war assets administration at Washington and Fort Worth was contained in a statement as follows:

"The Bruce Field, Harman Flying School, Runnels county, Texas, where army air force cadets were trained during the war, will become a public airport facility for Ballinger, Texas. The war assets administration approves the transfer of the property without financial consideration."

"The 640-acre land site was leased from the city of Ballinger during the war and improved by the government at a cost of \$327,000. To be turned over to the city are runways, taxiways, parking aprons, two hangars, garage, paint and dope shop, flight stage, administration building, oil storage buildings, field markers, field lighting system, gas system, water and sewerage disposal plant."

"Under terms of the transfer, the city must continue to operate and maintain the property as a public airport; the government will have free use of up to 25 per cent of the landing facilities; and in the event of a national emergency, the government may reacquire the property."

The transfer still leaves a large part of the physical property at the field in a doubtful stage. The part not specified in the transfer includes six barracks, mess hall, ground school building, canteen building, recreational building, hospital, officer of the day office and other property including the physical education equipment and grounds with tennis, basketball, obstacle course and other items.

Several months ago an application was made by the veterans' vocational school for the above buildings and this property was at that time transferred from the war assets administration to the public works administration. Efforts are now being made to get this back to the WAA and transferred to the city for local use.

## B.C.D. Directors Transact Much Business at Meeting

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development heard Mayor Drury P. Hathaway in a report on the situation at Bruce Field, changed the method of electing directors and made plans for the annual banquet and membership meeting at their meeting Monday night.

Mayor Hathaway told the directors of the gift of part of Bruce Field to the city to be used as an airport and of the condition of the remainder of the field at this time. He said that Congressman O. C. Fisher, County Judge E. C. Grindstaff, James Parrish, vocational school coordinator, and he would go to Fort Worth Thursday morning for a meeting with public works administration officials and later would go to Dallas for a meeting with war assets administration officials.

Some time ago at the advice of WAA officials an application for part of the field was made by the county veterans' vocational school and at that time this portion of the field was transferred from the WAA to the PWA office. Assurance was given that there would be no difficulty in approving the application. Everything was thought to be OK until Fred Harman received

an inquiry from Oklahoma A. & M. College asking for blueprints on one of the hangars so that it could be razed and removed to that school. Upon investigation it was found that a government directive issued November 15 made buildings of this kind available only to tax supported schools.

The local representatives in Fort Worth today will try to have the property transferred back to the WAA and if this is granted the city will exercise its right to buy.

The directors voted a change in the method of electing directors. Each year eleven new directors are named to serve with eleven hold-overs. Heretofore post card ballots bearing the names of twenty-two people have been sent to the members to choose eleven. Under the new set-up a nominating committee, appointed by the president, will nominate eleven men and these names will be printed on post cards which will also bear blank spaces for write-ins. These will be mailed to the entire membership for voting.

The entertainment committee was instructed to start plans for the annual membership meeting and banquet, the dates of either February 14 or 21 being suggested. Additional committees will be appointed to make arrangements for the banquet, to sell tickets, to arrange the entertainment and to secure a speaker.

## Cherry Gets First Place in Contest For Xmas Yards

Out-of-town judges furnished by the Civic-Garden Club were on the job Tuesday night to make an inspection of the Christmas decorations in Ballinger homes and yards. After the tour of the city, the following awards were announced by the judges through the local club:

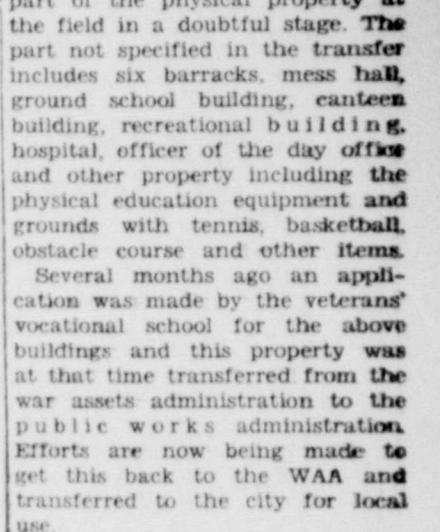
- Chester Cherry, 906 Sixth Street, first
- Dr. C. F. Bailey, 601 N. Fifth Street, second
- Archie W. Gray, 800 Sixth Street, third
- E. Shepperd, 800 Eighth Street, fourth
- W. O. Wallace, 408 Seventh Street, fifth

Honorable mention was given to: E. W. Stasney, 709 Eighth Street; H. J. Zappe, 601 Broadway; O. L. Huddleston, 704 Seventh Street.

W. E. Moss, 308 Fifth Street; F. M. Pearce, 701 Eighth Street.

Kenneth F. Fuchs, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fuchs, has completed an eight weeks' clerk's course at the common specialist school, Brooks army medical center, Fort Sam Houston.

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### Frank Sinatra, Grayson, Kelly In Musical, 'Anchors Aweigh'

"Anchors Aweigh," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 21, 22, 23, 24, is a 21-gun technical salute from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. One of the most delightful musicals of the season, it boasts a co-starring trio of Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson and Gene Kelly, a host of elaborate production numbers, a highly amusing story and a grand supporting cast.

Clarence Doolittle (Sinatra) and Joe Brady (Kelly) are a couple of sailors on a four-day leave from an aircraft carrier anchored off San Diego. Clarence idolizes Joe, not only because the older sailor once rescued him from drowning, but also because Joe is the ship's "master wolf." Clarence, who up to now has spent all his shore leaves in public libraries, admits he would like to try a new interest—girls, for instance—and asks Joe

to get him a date.

From then on the singing and dancing pair of tars find themselves in one hilarious situation after another as they meet Susan Abbott (Kathryn Grayson), beautiful Hollywood "extra" who is seeking a singing career in the movies and attempt to arrange an audition for her with Jose Iturbi. Things become a little complicated when Clarence also meets a waitress from Brooklyn.

Supporting players include Dean Stockwell, Pamela Britton, as the waitress from Brooklyn, Henry O'Neill, Rags Ragland, Billy Gilbert, Carlos Ramirez and Edgar Kennedy.

Twenty-five years ago the Sioux Indians conferred their highest honor, that of giving an Indian name, "Brave Eagle," to General Pershing, after a council was held at the Rosebud Reservation.

### Xmas Special At the Texas Mystery Film

When three precocious and imaginative children of a writer of best-selling murder mystery thrillers begin to take their author-mama's novels to heart and try to mould her life accordingly, anything can happen.

What does happen, as based on Craig Rice's famed best-seller "Home Sweet Homicide," which 20th Century-Fox has brought to the screen, is said to make for this year's most hilarious motion picture hit. The film, featuring Peggy Ann Garner, Lynn Bari, Randolph Scott, Dean Stockwell and Connie Marshall, is the special Christmas day presentation at the Texas Theatre, showing also on December 26.

"Home Sweet Homicide" is said to be based on author Craig Rice's own home life; her three children literally lap up her detective yarns as fast as they come out of the typewriter, and it was the children who were her inspiration for this book. In the film, Lynn Bari is cast as the widowed author-mother who is plagued by the double chore of turning out best-selling mystery novels and keeping her trio of lively youngsters in check. Peggy Ann Garner is seen as the eldest, more "sophisticated" child, while Dean Stockwell and Connie Marshall appear as her brother and sister. Scott is the bewildered detective whom the kids divert into romantic channels.

While the young trio's sleuthing activities finally bring the murdered on their trail, and with a bewildered Lynn Bari and puzzled Randolph Scott finding themselves being drawn into a close relationship, the film's suspense and romantic excitement is brought to a climactic peak with a fast-moving series of side-splitting sequences.

#### GIFT PROBLEM SOLVED

The Texas Theatre has a solution for the annual Christmas shopping problem, said Manager Jack Scales, in announcing that the local theatre will again sell Theatre Gift Books to their patrons during the pre-holiday period.

Theatre Gift Books should be more popular than ever this year as Christmas gifts, said Mr. Scales, because there is still a scarcity of regular merchandise gifts.

These gift books are a service which is provided for the patrons—each book containing coupons which are redeemable in entertainment at the box office of the theatre. The practice of giving entertainment as Christmas gifts has increased in popularity since these attractive gift books were introduced some years ago.

They come in three denominations: \$1, \$2.50 and \$5; and all books are enclosed in attractive and colorful gift envelopes with appropriate Christmas greetings.



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### 'If I'm Lucky' Goes All Out For Music, Laughs and Love

Campaigning for entertainment ballots on a platform of laughter, melody and romance, 20th Century-Fox's newest musical hit, "If I'm Lucky," starring Vivian Blaine, Perry Como, Harry James and Carmen Miranda, opens at the Texas Theatre Sunday for three days, December 22 through 24.

And based on early returns from preview precincts, the merry and melodious story of a cute little trouper, a shy and modest crooner and an ambitious guy with a hot

trumpet who find themselves all mixed-up in politics—and love, is well on its way towards achieving an entertainment landslide from coast to coast.

For the record, "If I'm Lucky" tells the story of a band led by Harry James with Vivian Blaine and Carmen Miranda as featured vocalists, and of its efforts to win a big-name reputation. Unsuccessful in snaring a radio program, the band, through the efforts of its hungry manager, Phil Silvers, finds itself the attraction at a series of political rallies ostensibly held to elect Edgar Buchanan to the office of governor.

Mr. Scales said that Theatre Gift Books are novel and inexpensive gifts that are welcomed by everyone and are gifts that mean "so much for so little."

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### Palace Parades Charlie Chan, Cisco Kid, Bogart and Bacall, DeMille's 'Plainsman'

A Charlie Chan classic, "The Shanghai Cobra," and a new adventure of the "Cisco Kid," based on O. Henry fiction, "Beauty and the Bandit," lead off the Palace Theatre's amusement week Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21. Sidney Toler is the noted Oriental detective, Chan, and the other players include beautiful Joan Barclay, James Flavin and Addison Richards. Gilbert Roland again essays the role of the "Kid," while Martin Garralaga, Frank Yaconelli, lovely Ramsay Ames,

Radio's latest mystery offering, "The Truth About Murder," starring Bonta Granville and Morgan Conway, make up the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 20, 21.

George Adams, Vida Aldana, Glen Strange and William Gould support in the tale of old California, "Beauty and the Bandit."

A roaring adventure story, with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall starred, Warner Bros.' new adventure romance, "To Have and Have Not," is the main attraction at the Palace Monday and Tuesday, December 23, 24. The film is an exciting tale of the love that smoulders between a sly-eyed blonde and a hard-hearted sea skipper; and of the web of political intrigue that is woven around them by the Vichy gestapo.

The most colorful period in American history, the decade that witnessed the opening of the West, is brought to vibrant life again by the magic of Cecil B. DeMille in the revival of "The Plainsman," an inspiring tribute to the men and women who won the West.

This epic, billed at the Palace for Christmas day, December 25, and 26, contains a tender love story built around the famous frontier characters, "Wild Bill Hickok" and "Calamity Jane," played by Gary Cooper and beautiful Jean Arthur. Charles Bickford and Porter Hall supply the menace and others in the big cast include James Ellison, John Miljan, Paul Harvey, Victor Varconi, Helen Burgess, George "Gabby" Hayes and "Fuzzy" Knight.

#### Comedy and Mystery at Texas Tomorrow

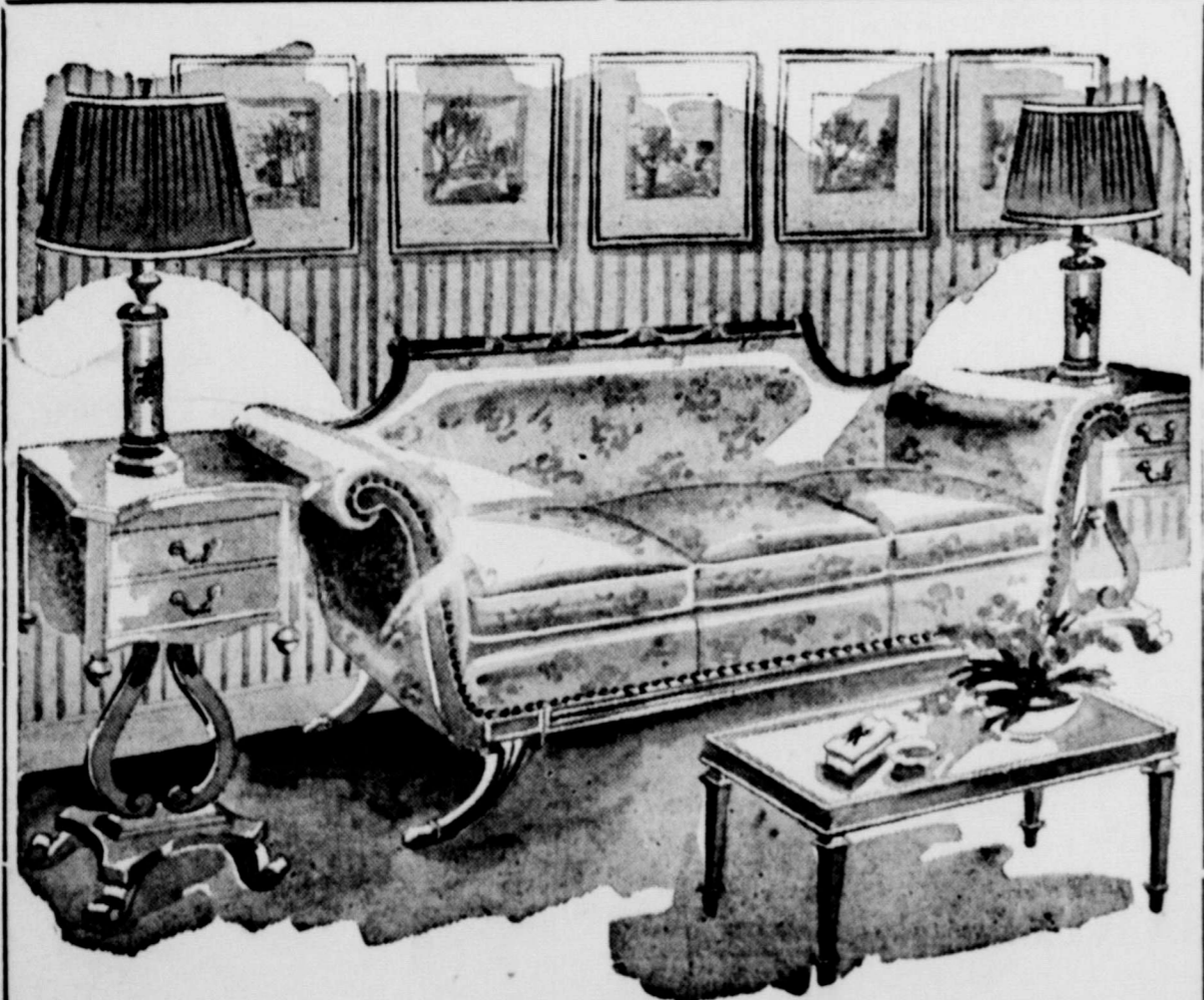
Columbia's "Personality Kid," a lively comedy, with Anita Louise, Michael Duane and Ted Donaldson in the leading roles, and RICO

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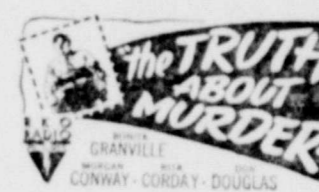
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### Frank Sinatra, Grayson, Kelly In Musical, 'Anchors Aweigh'

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Clarence Doolittle (Sinatra) and Joe Brady (Kelly) are a couple of sailors on a four-day leave from San Diego. Clarence idolizes Joe, not only because the older sailor once rescued him from drowning, but also because Joe is the ship's "master wolf." Clarence, who up to now has spent all his shore leaves in public libraries, admits he would like to try a new interest—girls, for instance—and asks Joe

to get him a date.

From then on the singing and dancing pair of tars find themselves in one hilarious situation after another as they meet Susan Abbott (Kathryn Grayson), beautiful Hollywood "extra" who is seeking a singing career in the movies and attempt to arrange an audition for her with Jose Iturbi. Things become a little complicated when Clarence also meets a waitress from Brooklyn.

Supporting players include Dean Stockwell, Pamela Britton, as the waitress from Brooklyn, Henry O'Neill, Rags Ragland, Billy Gilbert, Carlos Ramirez and Edgar Kennedy.

Twenty-five years ago the Sioux Indians conferred their highest honor, that of giving an Indian name, "Brave Eagle," to General Pershing, after a council was held at the Rosebud Reservation.

### Xmas Special At the Texas Mystery Film

When three precocious and imaginative children of a writer of best-selling murder mystery thrillers begin to take their author-mama's novels to heart and try to mould her life accordingly, anything can happen.

What does happen, as based on Craig Rice's famed best-seller "Home Sweet Homicide," which 20th Century-Fox has brought to the screen, is said to make for this year's most hilarious motion picture hit. The film, featuring Peggy Ann Garner, Lynn Bari, Randolph Scott, Dean Stockwell and Connie Marshall, is the special Christmas day presentation at the Texas Theatre, showing also on December 26.

"Home Sweet Homicide" is said to be based on author Craig Rice's own home life, her three children literally lap up her detective yarns as fast as they come out of the typewriter, and it was the children who were her inspiration for this book. In the film, Lynn Bari is cast as the widowed author-mother who is plagued by the double chore of turning out best-selling mystery novels and keeping her trio of lively youngsters in check. Peggy Ann Garner is seen as the eldest, more "sophisticated" child, while Dean Stockwell and Connie Marshall appear as her brother and sister Scott is the bewildered detective whom the kids divert into romantic channels.

While the young trio's sleuthing activities finally bring the murdered on their trail, and with a bewildered Lynn Bari and puzzled Randolph Scott finding themselves being drawn into a close relationship, the film's suspense and romantic excitement is brought to a climactic peak with a fast-moving series of side-splitting sequences.

**GIFT PROBLEM SOLVED**

The Texas Theatre has a solution for the annual Christmas shopping problem, said Manager Jack Seales, in announcing that the local theatre will again sell Theatre Gift Books to their patrons during the pre-holiday period.

Theatre Gift Books should be more popular than ever this year as Christmas gifts, said Mr. Seales, because there is still a scarcity of regular merchandise gifts.

These gift books are a service which is provided for the patrons—each book containing coupons which are redeemable in entertainment at the box office of the theatre. The practice of giving entertainment as Christmas gifts has increased in popularity since these attractive gift books were introduced some years ago.

They come in three denominations: \$1, \$2.50 and \$5; and all books are enclosed in attractive and colorful gift envelopes with appropriate Christmas greetings.

*Season's Greetings*

**DEAR FRIENDS...**

At Christmas-time a happy smile  
And a shake of the hand are well worth while  
And a greeting with a wish sincere—  
Helps a lot to bring good cheer:  
We'd like to visit you, this Christmas Day—  
And all our Friends, far and near  
And say "Merry Christmas to you!"

Each year as Christmas draws near we realize more than ever, that our success is deeply rooted in the warm soil of our customers' friendship. And we are grateful that we have had the pleasure of serving so many people for so many years. We appreciate the confidence, patience, and the understanding you have shown us during the past year—and when we say "Thank You" for past favors it comes straight from the heart of every one of us.

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### Palace Parades Charlie Chan, Cisco Kid, Bogart and Bacall, DeMille's 'Plainsman'

A Charlie Chan classic, "The Shanghai Cobra," and a new adventure of the "Cisco Kid," based on O. Henry fiction, "Beauty and the Bandit," lead off the Palace Theatre's amusement week Friday and Saturday, December 20 and 21. Sidney Toler is the noted Oriental detective, Chan, and the other players include beautiful Joan Barclay, James Flavin and Addison Richards. Gilbert Roland again essays the role of the "Kid," while Martin Garralaga, Frank Yaconelli, lovely Ramsay Ames, governorship with an alarmingly good chance of winning; and (4) the arrival of a long-awaited offer for the band to ditch the political campaign for a radio show of its own. With all concerned in a dilemma, unpredictable situations—romantic and otherwise—pyramid on one another, bringing the crisply-paced musical to its exciting finale.

Carmen Miranda lends her frantic, triple-tongued delivery to the role of Michelle O'Toole, kibitzing cupid.

**Comedy and Mystery at Texas Tomorrow**

Columbia's "Personality Kid," a lively comedy, with Anita Louise, Michael Duane and Ted Donaldson in the leading roles, and RKO's "If I'm Lucky," a comedy-mystery, starring Vivian Blaine, Perry Como, Harry James and Carmen Miranda, opens at the Texas Theatre Sunday for three days, December 22 through 24. And based on early returns from preview precincts, the merry and melodious story of a cute little trouper, a shy and modest crooner and an ambitious guy with a hot trumpet who find themselves all mixed-up in politics—and love, is well on its way towards achieving an entertainment landslide from coast to coast.

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Radio's latest mystery offering, "The Truth About Murder," starring Bonta Granville and Morgan Conway, make up the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 20, 21. George Adams, Vida Aldana, Glen Strange and William Gould support in the tale of old California, "Beauty and the Bandit."

A roaring adventure story, with Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall starred, Warner Bros' new adventure romance, "To Have and Have Not," is the main attraction at the Palace Monday and Tuesday, December 23, 24. The film is an exciting tale of the love that smoulders between a sly-eyed blonde and a hard-hearted sea skipper, and of the web of political intrigue that is woven around them by the Vichy gestapo.

The most colorful period in American history, the decade that witnessed the opening of the West, is brought to vibrant life again by the magic of Cecil B. DeMille in the revival of "The Plainsman," an inspiring tribute to the men and women who won the West. This epic, billed at the Palace for Christmas day, December 25, and 26, contains a tender love story built around the famous frontier characters, "Wild Bill Hickok" and "Calamity Jane," played by Gary Cooper and beautiful Jean Arthur. Charles Bickford and Porter Hall supply the menace, and others in the big cast include James Ellison, John Miljan, Paul Harvey, Victor Varcaum, Helen Burgess, George "Gabby" Hayes and "Fuzzy" Knight.

Admission: CHILDREN 12c  
ADULTS 30 & 35c

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IN TECHNICOLOR!  
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**DEATHS**

**Frank J. Psencik**  
 Frank J. Psencik, 90, died in a Angelo hospital Saturday after an acute illness of one week.

Decedent came to Texas from Czechoslovakia in 1889 and with his family came to Runnels county in 1896. He engaged in farming until his retirement several years ago.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church in Rowena Monday at 2 p. m. with Rev. Joseph Mikousky officiating. Interment was in the Rowena cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include a daughter, Olga Marie Psencik, San Angelo, a brother, John Psencik, Eola, three sisters, Frances Kurz, Ennis; Marie Psencik and Mrs. Amelia Machotka, Rowena.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Noel Dean Powell**

Noel Dean Powell, 30, died in a Brownwood hospital Friday from injuries received five hours earlier in a car wreck on the Coleman-Brownwood highway.

Decedent lived in Paint Rock and had only been home about three weeks after receiving his discharge from the army.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Sunday at 3 p. m., conducted by Rev. C. K. Roberts, of Paint Rock. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Powell; two brothers, Bernie and W. H., two sisters, Mrs. Wanda Barr, Concho, Miss Yvonne Powell, Paint Rock. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**J. W. Wilke**

J. W. Wilke, 61, died at his home at Graham last Thursday after an attack that caused sudden death.

Decedent came to Ballinger on the first train operated by the Santa Fe on June 29, 1886. He attended local schools and for a number of years was engaged in the picture show business, building the first air dome in this city.

He left here in 1912 and operated theatres at Abilene, Wichita Falls and other cities and for a number of years had made home at Graham. He retired from active business about a year ago.

Funeral services were held at the Newby-Davis chapel Friday at 4 p. m., Rev. Steve Cook officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include a daughter, Mrs. Maurine Rogers, Los Angeles; three sisters, Mrs. Chester Cherry, Ballinger; Mrs. Hugh McKensie, Raymondville; Mrs. E. A. Zurcher, Houston; three brothers, B. N. Wilke, Goldswaite; H. C. Wilke, Mostell; and F. D. Wilke, Houston.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. J. M. Cordell**

Mrs. J. M. Cordell, 79, died at Bailey Clinic-Hospital this (Thurs-

day) morning after illness of brief duration. She became suddenly ill Wednesday and was rushed to the hospital but did not respond to treatment.

Decedent was a pioneer of this county. She was married to J. M. Cordell in Milam county in 1892 and the couple came here in 1908, residing here ever since. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include three daughters, Miss Edna Cordell, Sweetwater; Mrs. George Hubbard, Brownwood; Mrs. W. W. Smith, San Antonio; and two grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed this morning but the rites will be held here some time Friday with interment following in Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

**BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

By Laverne Dankworth

The presentation and dance are over and the favorites are known. Everyone who attended enjoyed the numbers the choral club and sextet presented and the coronation.

A blue spot light fell on the favorites as they were escorted to the stage in the following order: Betty Lou Batts, Alternate Band Sweetheart, escorted by Bob Agnew; Beverly Barber, Band Sweetheart, escorted by Ebb Grindstaff; F. F. A. Queen Janie Morrison, escorted by M. J. Cole; F. F. A. Queen Jerline Buxkemper, escorted by Eugene Halfmann; F. F. A. Sweetheart Laverne Dankworth, escorted by Key Hoffman; Freshman favorites Patty Morrison and Daniel Hallmark; Sophomore Bill; Junior favorites Pat more favorites Ariene Miller and

their majesties and spoke a few words about the officers of the staff, then Martha asked the staff favorite, Miss Lois Dickeson, to come forward and she was presented with carnations. Pictures were taken of everyone at the formal dance that followed at Bruce Field.

The Ballinger Bearcat volleyball team beat Bronte 27-21 but lost to Paint Rock 14-25. The A squad is as follows: Louise Smith, captain; Laverne Dankworth, co-captain; Jo Cervenka, Wanda Zuelke, Olene Jones and Sylvia Mueller. The members of the B squad are: Evah Jo Payne, Emmaiene Goetz, Doris Maas, Merlene Tegel, Jean Halfmann, Marilyn Sommers, Manager.

The Ballinger Bearcat basketball A squad lost to Abilene last week but beat San Angelo Monday 31-14. The B squad played the San Angelo B Squad Monday and won 35-7.

The "Urchins," made up of high spirited boys who didn't quite make the first team played Paint Rock Monday night and came through with flying colors, beating them 36-19. Buddy Evans was

Mr. Hirschfeld acted as master of ceremonies. Martha Saunders, editor of the annual, introduced Mr. Joe A. Forrester, who crowned

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high-point man followed by Bill Hirschfeld, Key Hoffman and Cleo Burks tied for third. The honorary captain and coach for the week was Bill Hirschfeld.

The Christmas spirit was carried out throughout the homemaking cottage. Santa left many gifts under the beautiful tree. The first year homemaking girls even made fruit cakes. Some of the homemaking classes had Christmas parties at their class periods. Whether they were celebrating the season or the completion of their units is hard to tell.

The F. F. A. Chapter decided to go hunting Wednesday night. No guns were allowed because so many were going, but clubs were allowed for those who thought they could run fast enough.

Here's wishing all the B. H. S. students a wonderful holiday and hoping that they are all able to make it back the 30th!

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Walden are expecting their daughter, Rosemary, and her husband for the Christmas holidays.

*Merry Christmas*  
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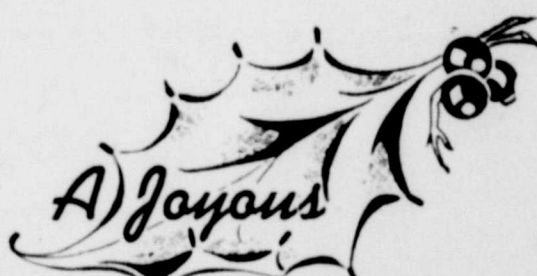
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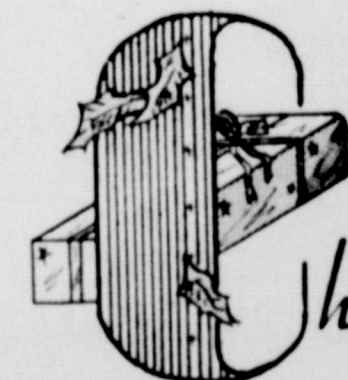
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AN ORDINANCE to better protect the public health, and particularly to prevent the introduction and spread of malarial, endemic typhus fever, and other rat-borne diseases...

Be it Ordained by the City Commission of the City of Ballinger...

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.—For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) The term "business buildings" shall mean any structure, whether public or private, regardless of the type of material used in its construction...

(b) The term "opening" shall mean and refer to any opening in the foundation, side or walls of any business building...

(c) The term "rat stoppage" means an opening, form of rat-proofing designed to prevent the ingress of rats into business buildings...

(d) The term "rat harborage" shall mean any condition found to exist under which rats may shelter or protection, and shall include any defective construction which would permit the entrance of rats into any business building...

(e) The term "premises" shall include all business buildings, out-houses, sheds, barns, garages, docks, wharves, piers, grain elevators and all other structures used in connection with the operation of any business building as herein defined.

(f) The term "person" shall include owner, occupant, agent, individual, partnership or corporation, or any person in possession of any business building as defined herein.

SECTION 2. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to construct within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger any business building, curb or farmer's market, such that the building shall render the business building rat-proof in accordance with the regulations prescribed by this ordinance...

SECTION 3. The Public Health Officer of the City of Ballinger, or his representative, is authorized to make frequent and unannounced inspections of existing business buildings within the corporate limits of the City of Ballinger for the purpose of determining rat infestation and order by written notice either the owner, occupant, agent, or any other person in custody of any rat-infested business building to prevent said business building by rat-stoppage as herein provided...

SECTION 4. The Public Health Officer, or his representative, is authorized to make inspections during the course of and upon completion of any such construction, repairs, remodeling or installation of rat-control measures to business buildings to insure compliance with the provisions of this ordinance, and no person shall interfere with or refuse to permit such inspection.

SECTION 5. That for the purpose of obtaining maximum rat-stoppage at a minimum cost to the owner or occupant of business buildings, the following regulations are set forth as the minimum requirements for applying rat-stoppage to business buildings: (a) The Public Health Officer or his representative shall approve all materials used and the method of installation.

(b) Business buildings constructed on piers having wooden floor sills less than twelve (12) inches above the surface of the ground shall have intervening space between floor sill and ground protected against the ingress of rats by installing a solid masonry, or concrete not less than four (4) inches thick or solid sheet metal curtain wall of twenty-four (24) gauge or heavier around the entire perimeter of the business building and extending said curtain wall to a depth of not less than eighteen (18) inches outward from the wall and fastening securely to the exterior wall of the business building...

(c) Business buildings constructed on piers having wooden floor sills greater than twelve (12) inches above the surface of the ground shall have intervening spaces between floor sill and ground protected against the ingress of rats by installing solid sheet metal of twenty-four (24) gauge or heavier exterior wall protection shall be securely fastened to the concrete floor at all points.

(d) Business buildings constructed on piers having wooden floor sills greater than twelve (12) inches above the ground level shall have intervening spaces between floor sill and ground protected against the ingress of rats by installing solid sheet metal of twenty-four (24) gauge or heavier exterior wall protection shall be securely fastened to the concrete floor at all points.

(e) Windows—All windows and other openings for the purpose of light or ventilation located in the side or rear of exterior walls and within thirty (30) inches above the existing ground level immediately below such opening, shall be covered for their entire height and width including frame, with wire mesh of not less than sixteen (16) gauge or heavier having a mesh not larger than one-half (1/2) inch.

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(g) Light wells with windows in exterior walls that are located below the outside ground level shall be protected from the ingress of rats by one of the following methods: (1) Installing over light wells cast iron or steel grills or steel gratings, or other material of equal strength and rat-resisting properties not to exceed one-half (1/2) inch in largest dimension.

(2) Installing securely to and completely covering existing metal grills that are broken or have openings larger than one-half (1/2) inch in largest dimension or heavier, having openings not greater than one-half (1/2) inch in largest dimension, or with sixteen (16) gauge or heavier wire cloth with one-half inch mesh.

(3) At the option of the owner the opening in the wall of the building below the grate may be entirely closed with brick or concrete or partially closed and the remaining open space covered with sixteen (16) gauge or heavier wire cloth with mesh not to exceed one-half (1/2) inch.

(4) In order to protect business buildings from the ingress of rats called the climbing or roof rat, it shall be unlawful to permit fishing poles, ladders, or any other object that a rat could climb on in order to reach the roof of any business building, to lean against the side of walls of such business buildings.

(5) The owner of business buildings shall also protect elevator shafts, fire escapes, and guy wires in such manner that rats will not be able to gain ingress into any business building. It shall be the duty of any person in charge of a business building, as herein defined, to cut back branches of all trees extending over and against any business building, and same shall be cut and trimmed and kept trimmed and cut so that no part of any branch or any part of said tree shall be closer than ten (10) feet to any business building, and the tops of all trees shall be cut back ten (10) feet from a line extending perpendicularly from any exterior wall of a business building.

(6) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or maintain any business buildings or premises in such manner that a rat harborage is brought into existence or maintained. SECTION 11. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to dump or place on any land or on any water or water ways within the City any dead animals, butcher's offal, seafood, or any waste, vegetable, animal matter or any food products whatsoever.

SECTION 12. No garbage, rubbish, waste or manure shall be placed, left, dumped, or permitted to accumulate or remain in any building or premises in this City so that same shall or may afford food for or a harborage or breeding place for rats. Rat burrows and other exterior harborage shall be treated under methods directed by the Public Health Officer.

SECTION 13. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any premises, improved or unimproved, and all open lots and alleys in the City of Ballinger to accumulate lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks or stones and similar materials that may be permitted to remain thereon and that may be used as a harborage by rats, unless same shall be placed on open racks and elevated not less than eighteen (18) inches above the ground, with a clear intervening space underneath, to prevent the harborage of rats.

SECTION 14. Penalty—Any person who shall violate any provision or provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 15. Repeal Clause—All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 16. Savings Clause—If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Commission of the City of Ballinger in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion or provision or regulation.

SECTION 17. Emergency Clause—That the public interest demands the immediate passage of this ordinance and that, therefore, the rule requiring every ordinance to be read at three several regular meetings of the City Commission be suspended and that this ordinance be read three several times and adopted at one regular meeting of the City Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of December, A. D. 1946. DRURY P. HATHAWAY Mayor. K. V. Northington City Secretary.

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SECTION 14. Penalty—Any person who shall violate any provision or provisions of this ordinance, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not more than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 15. Repeal Clause—All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 16. Savings Clause—If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void or invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Commission of the City of Ballinger in adopting and of the Mayor in approving this ordinance that no portion hereof or provision or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality or invalidity of any other portion or provision or regulation.

SECTION 17. Emergency Clause—That the public interest demands the immediate passage of this ordinance and that, therefore, the rule requiring every ordinance to be read at three several regular meetings of the City Commission be suspended and that this ordinance be read three several times and adopted at one regular meeting of the City Commission.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 4th day of December, A. D. 1946. DRURY P. HATHAWAY Mayor. K. V. Northington City Secretary.

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HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed this week from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital were: Mrs. R. G. Loyd, Curtis Patton of Norton, Miss Mary Krc, Mrs. W. G. Stephenson and son of Paint Rock, Mrs. O. H. Chandler and son, R. C. Smith, Mrs. A. G. Buchanan, Curtis Fletcher.

Births reported the past week were: Mr. and Mrs. David Caudle, a son; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Routh, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wilkey, a son; Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Connley, a daughter; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Moreland, a son.

Deaths reported the past week were: Mrs. May Betterson was dismissed last Friday but was readmitted this morning for treatment. Mrs. J. W. Purifoy is a medical patient in the clinic.

Mrs. J. Y. Pearce was admitted to the clinic Wednesday for treatment. Mrs. Cecil Meador, of Eldorado, was admitted to the clinic Wednesday.

DRURY P. HATHAWAY Mayor. K. V. Northington City Secretary. Typewriters Ribbons at The Ledger office.

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CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR SCHOOLS BEGUN Ballinger students and teachers began their Christmas holidays Wednesday afternoon. Classes were dismissed Wednesday afternoon and study will be resumed Monday, December 30. Teachers who live elsewhere left immediately for their homes and will be away until the end of next week, returning at that time to be ready for the regular routine. Most of the teachers, who reside here, will be at home during the Yule season. Pupils in practically all schools in the county were dismissed Wednesday afternoon or will get out Friday. Most of the rural schools' holidays are arranged to coincide with that of nearby independent districts so that bus-ness may be maintained for regular school attendance.

Holiday Specials ACCESSORIES Anti-Freeze (Zerone, Super Pyro) \$1.00 gal. Seat Covers, by Spradling \$8.50 up New Batteries, Southland and Allied Gasoline Heaters, Southwind \$29.75 Automatic Windshield Washers, Trico \$7.25 Installed We have recently received a shipment of Automobile Tires—General Tire & Rubber Co. SERVICE DEPARTMENT Wheel Balancing, Bean Dynamic and Static Balancer, \$1.00 per wheel Motor Tune-Up \$3.95 Brake Lining (Complete) Ford, Chevrolet, Dodge, Plymouth, \$9.95 Complete Wheel Aligning—Free Inspections Made Wash and Grease, \$1.50 Key Motor Co. KAISER-FRAZER

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Christmas, the happiest day of  
the year, also climaxes the period  
when too many accidents occur.

Most of the accidents that rob  
some people of the holiday  
pleasure are caused by carelessness.

In every Christmas gathering  
it will pay to be careful. Those  
taking to the highways will do  
well to drive carefully and thus  
be sure of getting to their destination.

The decoration of homes, churches  
and stores should be done with care  
to avoid useless fires which take  
all the joy out of Christmas for many.

It is difficult for a community to go  
through the holiday season without  
some accident but at least we can  
all do our utmost to protect the  
lives of our loved ones, our property  
and that of our neighbors.

All working together to the  
same end will accomplish good  
results. Firemen and police then  
can enjoy Christmas at home.

Let's make it this kind of a holiday  
for them.

Parents are reminded of the  
municipal ordinance regulating  
the shooting of fireworks. Many  
children do not know the law and  
the young ones have no way of  
learning unless the parents tell  
them where they can lawfully  
shoot fireworks. It is against the  
law to shoot any kind in the  
downtown fire zone which takes  
in all of the business district.

There already have been some  
violations and unless parents  
inform their children there may  
be more. Fireworks are being sold  
at several places just outside the  
city limits and when these are  
shot around homes every precaution  
should be taken to avoid fire.

Ballinger churches are offering  
the real observance of Christmas  
in their services from now until  
Christmas. The doors of all the  
churches are open and the welcome  
sign is out for everyone to take  
a few minutes away from other  
celebrations and business to  
remember the true part of Christmas  
and observe the birthday of the  
Divine Ruler. These Christmas  
programs are well worth witnessing.

Choirs have rehearsed  
long in preparing programs that  
will inspire. Many people have  
worked hard to decorate the  
places of worship in the spirit of  
Christmas. For the next two  
Sundays go to the church of your  
choice.



**WEST TEXAS  
NOTES**

Heavy movement of the 1946  
turkey crop was continuing from  
Comanche last week with 35 cars  
of dressed birds already shipped  
from that point. The Comanche  
dressing plant has been working  
from fifty to sixty men and  
women during the rush season  
and a heavy run was expected to  
continue through December 15  
before the Christmas season  
slowed down. The turkey crop for  
the county has been one of the best  
in recent years.

The campaign to obtain sufficient  
finances so that the Old Gray  
Mare Band can be reestablished  
at Brownwood moved along  
last week when the Brownwood  
Chamber of Commerce contributed  
\$1,100 to the organization. All  
civic groups in Brownwood are  
behind the move and the band  
has organized and started rehearsal.

The American Legion post has  
provided the band a rehearsal  
room and uniforms and large  
instruments will be purchased in  
the near future.

Mike Wright has been elected  
president of the Coleman Junior  
Chamber of Commerce and has  
assumed the duties thereof. One

of the first jobs of the new officers  
will be the sponsoring of the  
annual livestock show which will  
be held on January 11. The show  
will be held at Hufford field and  
the Future Farmers of America  
chapter will issue a catalogue to  
all exhibitors during the Christmas  
holidays.

Sun Oil Company's No. 1-Allen  
Jameson in Coke county is creating  
much interest and additional  
wells will be started in the area  
in the near future. The company  
has a block comprising 20,000  
acres. Two 1,000-barrel storage  
tanks are being built at the site  
of the well while it is shut in.

Initial tests showed a total of  
23.78 barrels of pipe-line oil flowed  
in the first six hours. Production  
was found at 6,225 feet.

Committeemen of the Rowena  
Boy Scout troop in session last  
week decided that a building was  
needed to be used as a home and  
a finance drive has been started  
to raise the required funds. Plans  
are to construct the building  
containing two rooms, one to be  
used as an auditorium and the  
other as a work shop. The work  
shop will be equipped so that boys

may work on their hobbies and  
projects to receive merit badges  
required for advancement.

Miss Ruth Schoenfield, of Miles,  
won first place in a state contest  
in voice for a division for Junior  
and senior high school students  
of Texas. The contest, held at  
the University of Texas, Austin,  
last week was sponsored by the  
Texas Gulf Sulphur Company and  
the Houston Symphony Orchestra.  
Miss Schoenfield is now a student  
of voice at Austin.

Members of the Winters veterans'  
vocational class, consisting of  
40 veterans and their instructors,  
visited the John Tarleton  
College poultry farm last week,  
spending a day inspecting the  
plant and program. A national  
egg production contest is being  
conducted at the school with 55  
nationally known poultry breeders  
participating. Veterans' classes  
meet at the Winters high school  
each Tuesday and Thursday evening.

The Rising Star Veterans of  
Foreign Wars post plans construction  
of a new softball field to be  
used for supervised play during  
the summer of 1947. The field will  
be lighted and teams will be  
formed for a city league for adults  
and juniors and outside games  
will also be made possible. Ample  
seats will be constructed to  
handle the expected crowds.

The vocational school for veterans  
was started at Menard on  
Monday, December 9, with an  
enrollment of 20 former G. I.s in  
one vocational agriculture class.  
Plans for opening the school had  
been underway for some time  
and recently state approval was  
given when quarters and instructors  
were secured for the full  
course. W. L. McInnes has been  
named coordinator and will attend  
to the business and administrative  
work.

Brady, in one of the largest  
turkey raising sections of West  
Texas, has had small shipments  
of birds on the Christmas market.  
Last week only two carloads had  
been shipped from there and  
dressing plants were getting others  
ready for shipment this week. The  
reason given for the light shipments  
was because so many producers  
were holding birds for egg  
production. McCulloch county ships  
turkey eggs all over the nation.

In a special election held in  
Nolan county last week voters  
rejected the legal sale of beer by

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a majority of about 2 to 1. The  
final vote was 2,898 against and  
1,442 favoring. Within the city of  
Sweetwater the vote was 1,818  
against and 1,185 for. The total  
vote in the county set a new  
record for local option elections.

Fire of undetermined origin Friday  
night destroyed the grammar  
school and damaged the high  
school at Eola, causing a loss of  
\$50,000. The flames apparently  
started in the basement. Equipment  
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assisted.

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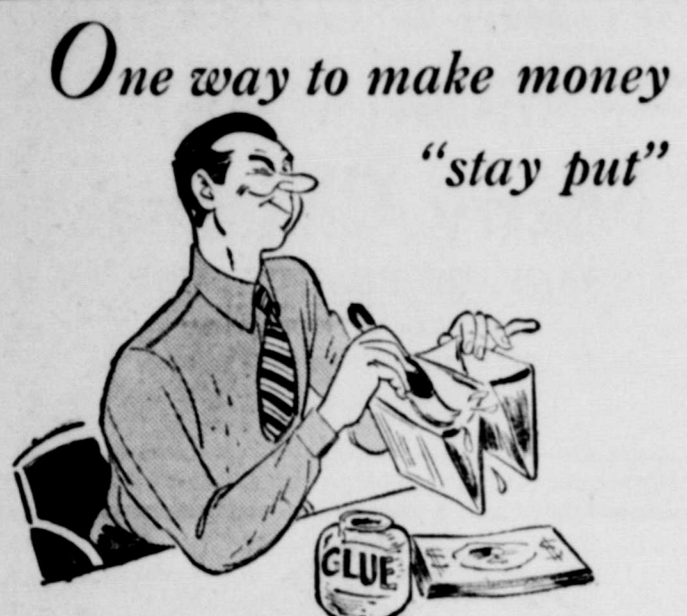
# Triple-A Committees Are Elected for County

The Runnels county AAA committee held the annual election in Runnels county last Wednesday to name county and community officers and committeemen. A total of 539 votes were cast in the election and tabulations showed the following results.

**County Committee**  
 Meade McShan, Ballinger Rt. 1, chairman  
 George P. Gordor, Miles, vice-chairman  
 John G. Onken, Winters Rt. 2, member  
 Osborn G. Barnett, Norton and

Grady Richards, Ballinger Rt. 1, alternates.  
**Community A. Miles, Rowena, Maverick**  
 Joe Holubec, Rowena, chairman  
 Jacob L. Roach, Miles Rt. 1, vice-chairman  
 Alfred C. McAulay, Maverick, member  
 Otto H. Goetz, Rowena, and Otto C. Kriegel, Miles Rt. 1, alternates.  
**Community B. Olfen, Hatchel and Bethel**  
 Claude R. Simmons, Ballinger Rt. 1, chairman  
 Louis W. Rohmfield, Rowena Rt. 1, vice-chairman  
 Doc C. Camp, Norton, member  
 Clyde J. Flanagan, Ballinger, and Leo Multer, Ballinger Rt. 1, alternates.  
**Community C. Norton, Wingate, Pumphrey**  
 Roy L. Roper, Norton, chairman  
 Elmer F. Bryan, Winters Rt. 1, vice-chairman  
 Bill Harman, Winters Rt. 1, member

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You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 29th day of November, 1946.  
 The file number of said suit being No. 5367.  
 The names of the parties in said suit are: Val T. Billups for himself individually and as Independent Executor of the Will of J. T. Billups, deceased, Ford L. Billups, Ray C. Billups, William F. Billups and J. J. Billups, Jr., as Plaintiffs, and all of the parties to whom this writ is addressed, as Defendants.  
 The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit: Plaintiffs allege their places of residence, that the place of residence of each of the defendants is unknown, that Plaintiffs were on January 1, 1946, and still are, the owners of two tracts of land in Runnels County, Texas, to-wit: (1) 414 acres, all of the S. M.

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The requirements of the national Swenson Survey No. 77, Abstract No. 671, and (2) 160 acres, all of the David Tabor Survey No. 14, Abstract No. 850, and on September 24, 1946. Defendants unlawfully entered upon and disposed of Plaintiffs, causing Plaintiffs damages and that Defendants' rights, if any, are barred under the statute of limitation of three years and/or five years and/or ten years and/or twenty-five years; and Plaintiffs pray for title to and possession of said lands and premises; and said petition is signed by Drury P. Hathaway, Attorney for Plaintiffs.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
 Issued this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1946.  
 Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 6th day of December, A. D. 1946.  
 (Seal)  
 MRS. WINONA PARKER, Clerk District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 19-47

poultry improvement plan include trap-nesting, pedigreeing and progeny testing. These procedures, which involve extensive records, are laborious, costly and time-consuming but they have proved to be a valuable basis for the breeding of exceptionally high-quality turkeys, the department of agriculture ex-

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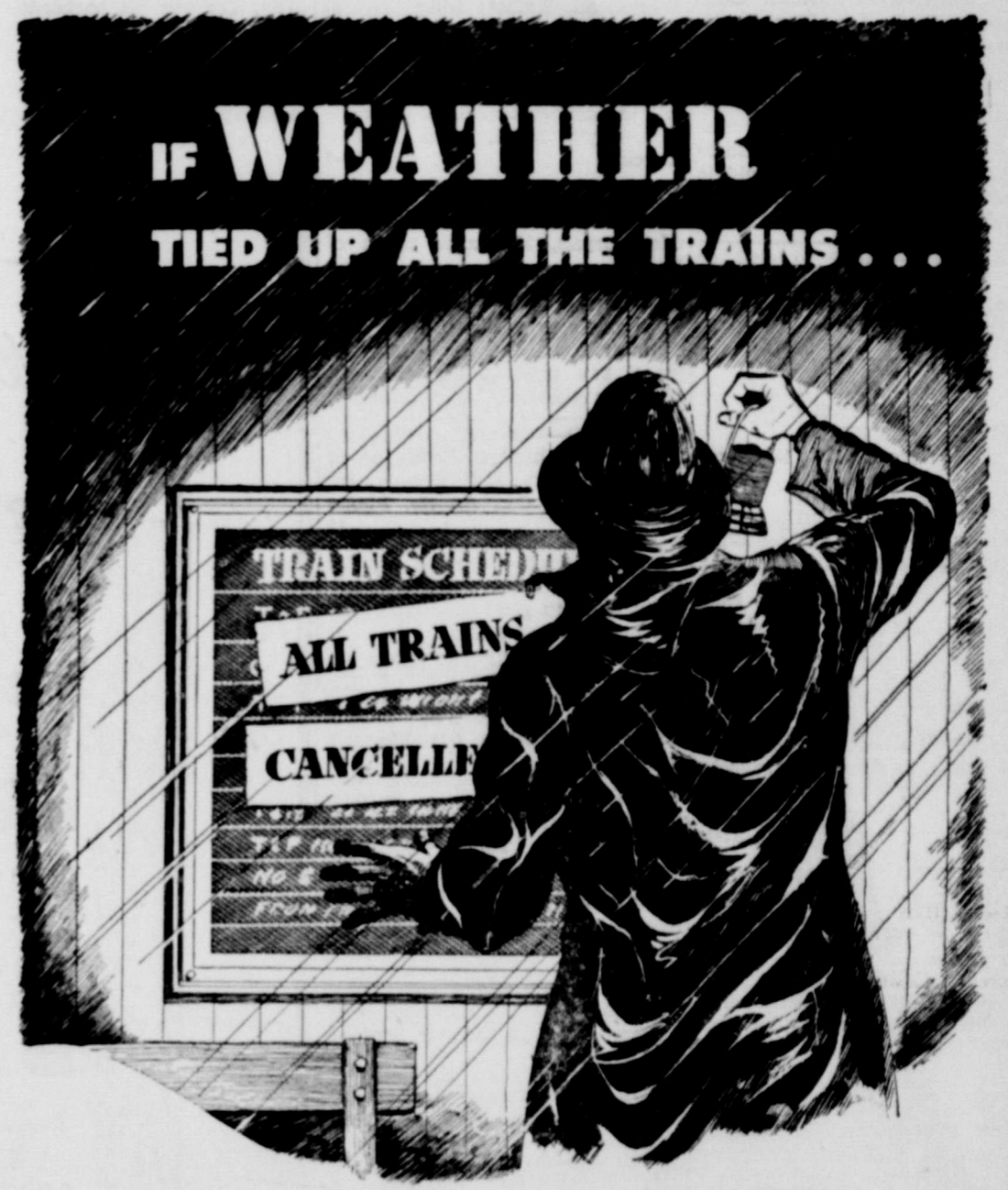
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FOR SALE—One John Deere  
one-row cultivator, one John  
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Avery planter, one John Deere  
double disc and one big middle  
buster. Frank Mikeska, Rt. 1, Box  
36, Paint Rock. 12-4t\*

WANTED—FARM to rent or  
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house, well located for schools.  
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acres in cultivation, fair improve-  
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sels, Ballinger Rt. 2. 11-\*

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ment and can finance myself. A.  
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FOR SALE—Harris lease, 189  
acres, 150 in cultivation. 60 acres  
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FOR SALE—Six room house and  
bath, to be moved. K. V. North-  
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FOR SALE—Baled Bonita hay  
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place, two miles down river, Rt.  
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to care for children. Room, board  
and salary. Mrs. A. H. Dennis, Jr.,  
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FOR SALE—Farmall regular  
tractor and two row equipment.  
Good tires, in good condition. Also  
peanut hay. Roy L. Hill. 11

FOR SALE—Nine-piece dining  
room suite, china closet, buffet,  
table and six leather bottom  
chairs. Reasonable. 504 Eleventh  
Street. 19-1f

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ished apartment, located in Hill-  
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FOR RENT—Two-room furn-  
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241 acres, 211 in cult., Hamil-  
ton county, \$25  
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19-11-\*

**SOCIETY**

**Agnew Home Scene of Philatheta Christmas Party**

Mrs. Tom Agnew, Mrs. John A.  
Barton, Mrs. Cecil Jones and Miss  
Ollie Chenoweth were hostesses  
to the First Methodist Philatheta  
Class Monday evening, entertain-  
ing in the Agnew home in wike  
Terrace.  
Red candles, mistletoe and poin-  
settias about spacious rooms gave  
a festive air and the decorated  
Christmas tree with a village  
snow scene at the base was the  
living room point of interest  
where Mrs. Cal Adair conducted  
the business following the devo-  
tional, "The Black Madonna" by  
Margaret Applebarr, which Mrs.  
Robert Bruce gave. Hostesses  
served a dessert plate, featuring  
a "Santa" with coffee. Plate favors  
were spruce and berry corsages.  
Mr. George Newby, dressed as  
Santa Claus, distributed the gift  
exchange, and the class presented  
gifts to Mrs. Cecil Jones, who is  
past junior president; to the  
president, Mrs. Adair; the class  
teacher, Mrs. Ernest Caskey; and  
to Mrs. Myrta Harshaw, of Long  
Beach, California, mother of Mrs.  
Agnew. Birthdays celebrated were  
those of Miss Theima Midgley  
Mmes. L. A. Allen, L. M. Setzer  
and Ralph Vancil.  
Others present were: Mmes. R.  
D. Midgley, George Beard, Paul  
Richardson, C. B. Hays, Claude  
Stone, O. R. O'Neill, Vernon Webb,  
Ford Taylor, Tom Caudle, Clinton  
Glover, J. L. Davis and Troy Simp-  
son.

**Virginia Douglas Class in Davies Home**

Mrs. Marvin Davies and Mrs. J.  
W. Jones were hostesses to the  
First Methodist Virginia Douglas  
Class Tuesday evening in the  
Davies home on Sixth Street.  
Party rooms were beautifully  
decorated in symbols of the holi-

day season. A large massed  
arrangement of red Xmas balls  
was outlined with greenery and  
magenta berries in clusters to  
center the dining table. Mrs.  
Davies, president, conducted the  
business routine after Mrs. Jones  
gave the Christmas story from  
Luke. Mrs. Davies also read the  
poem, "The Perfect Gift," and the  
class sang "Silent Night." Mrs. J.  
A. Schnable sang "White Christ-  
mas" with Mrs. M. E. McClenney  
at the piano.  
After hostesses served gate loaf  
with coffee and Christmas can-  
dies, the group sang Christmas  
carols. Cedar corsages tied with  
red ribbon and silver bells were  
favors. Gifts were exchanged from  
the illuminated Christmas tree  
and the class presented Mrs. J.  
W. Guynes, teacher, and Mrs. J.  
G. Douglass, assistant teacher,  
gifts.

Others present were: Mmes.  
Fred Underwood, Wiley Hearn, Jr.,  
Bill Bell, Guy Jones, H. G. Agnew,  
Edward Sommer, Earl Barr, E. L.  
Rampy, Leonard Seales, George  
Newby, Lynn Candler, W. E. Moss,  
Baucum, W. O. Irby, Flay Brevard,  
Misses Bonnie Clark, Ann Midgley  
and Wayne Byler.

**Afterbach Home Scene of Fannie Stephens Club Xmas Program**

Mrs. Chester Afterbach opened  
her home on Wednesday afternoon  
for the annual Christmas program  
of the Fannie Stephens Study  
Club Mrs. O. G. Joiner, president,  
conducted the business routine  
when the club voted to contribute  
three dollars to each library in  
the Junior and Senior High  
Schools.  
Party rooms were beautifully  
decorated with the lighted Christ-  
mas tree, a snow scene, and ber-  
ries and greenery at other van-  
tage spots gave a festive air to  
rooms where Mrs. George Newby  
introduced Mrs. Marvin Davies,  
who reviewed "Little Mixer," by  
Lillian Nicholson Shearon. Miss  
Shearon's book, according to Mrs.  
Davies, holds joy and inspiration

for readers of all kinds and all  
creeds. It is compact of truth  
enhanced by beauty; it glows with  
humor and pathos; it is for any  
day and all time, and especially  
for Christmas, for it breathes love,  
tolerance and charity.

The social committee, Mmes. W.  
O. Irby, H. G. Agnew and J. D.  
Forman assisted Mrs. Afterbach  
in serving fruit cake topped with  
whipped cream and coffee. Others  
present were: Mmes. Gay Edwards,  
W. E. Elkins, J. Dexter Eoff, Jim  
Flynt, Jr., Joe Forester, M. E. Mc-  
Clenney, E. C. Grindstaff, W. E.  
Moss, W. A. McDonald, Raleigh  
Reese, Leonard Seales, J. M. Wil-  
liams, W. C. Bryant, LeRoy Mc-  
Aulay and Dee Saylor.

**Mrs. Carroll Bell Leader for Eighth Street Presbyterian Program**

The Eighth Street Presbyterian  
Woman's Auxiliary met for its  
Christmas program in the church  
auditorium Monday afternoon  
with Mrs. Harper McFarland, Mrs.  
E. S. Malone and Mrs. J. Stubble-  
field as co-hostesses.  
Mrs. Carroll Bell was leader for  
the program on "Toward a World-  
Wide Church." "Christmas in Dif-  
ferent Countries" was discussed by  
Mrs. A. H. Wiesepepe, Mrs. Roy L.

Hill and Mrs. D. H. Erwin after  
Christmas carols were sung by the  
group with Miss Eva Lilly at the  
piano. Mrs. J. D. Coulter gave the  
devotional.

At the social hour hostesses  
served a sandwich plate with  
cookies and coffee in church par-  
lors that were decorated with red  
dahlias. Christmas corsages were  
given. Others present were:  
Mmes. J. W. Black, A. W. Sledge,  
John Reese, Rufus Allen, F. C.  
Miller, Mary Spreen; and Miss  
Maggie Lilly.

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## Good Reports Given In Analyses of Clay From Williams Farm

J. L. Williams is continuing to push promotion of the rich clay deposits found on his place between Winters and Bradshaw and has recently received some encouraging information. Samples of the clay have been sent to a large number of concerns for testing and all reports have indicated that the material is very special and listed at the top of such material for the making of pottery, tile and many other products.

A recent report from the University of Texas, Austin, stated that the clay has been tested under heat and found to be as good as any ever tested there. It declared that when heated the material was absolutely waterproof, polished to a gloss that would make it very good for pottery and it suggested that some of the materials be ground and mixed with linseed oil to test as paint.

The chemical department of the William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, also made a fine report on tests of the material and indicated that as soon as prices were fixed for the raw material, the department would want some.

A number of interested people have been here to go over the deposits with Mr. Williams and considerable interest has been shown by outside people.

Mr. Williams has additional specimens out and expects to hear from other sources in the near future. He is anxious to organize production locally which would create a payroll for this city and county and at the same time create an industry for this area.

### BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club held a Christmas party last Thursday afternoon after a session presided over by the club chairman, Mrs. Claude Thompson.

Mrs. Marion Hays, who had charge of the recreational program, asked Mrs. Ben Livermon to give the "Manger Story" after which a brief but impressive prayer was offered by Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne.

Interesting games were enjoyed by fourteen members and four visitors. Gifts were exchanged and club pals revealed.

Refreshments consisted of a combination bag of candy, nuts and oranges.

The next meeting will be held January 2 in the home of Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne.

### COLEMAN FLYING SCHOOL TRANSFERRED TO CITY

FT. WORTH, Dec. 18.—The war assets administration last week approved the transfer without cost of the Coleman flying school to the city of Coleman for use as a public airport.

The 20-acre airport, which during the war was an Army air force training field, was improved by the government at a cost of \$136,305. Included in the transfer were 14 buildings, gas and electric distributions and a sewage disposal system.

City officials said plans were underway to establish a flying school for civilian students. Under terms of the transfer the city must guarantee to operate and maintain the property as a public airport; the government will have free use of up to 25 per cent of the field's landing facilities. In event of a national emergency, the government will have the right to re-acquire the property.

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## Hutchings to be Paved from 10th To River by State

The state highway department has started work on Hutchings Avenue which will widen the pavement from Tenth Street to the Colorado River bridge. Crews from the maintenance department started removing dirt from the side of the pavement last week and the street will be paved full width, from property line to the opposite property line.

This work has been promised for some time and the job on Hutchings Avenue is the first of several pieces of work contemplated. For several years a thirty-foot stretch of paving has served traffic from Tenth Street to the city limits.

Other similar projects contemplated are on South Seventh Street from Strong Avenue to the Colorado River, on the Coleman highway from Broadway east, and on Broadway from Sharp Avenue to the city limits.

The job on Hutchings Avenue is the only one that has been definitely committed but the state highway department has been asked to consider the other projects and has indicated it thought favorably of each request.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair and Margaret Ann left this week for Commerce, where they will visit relatives and friends during the Christmas holidays.

## Many Hear Choir In Xmas Cantata At Baptist Church

The auditorium of the First Baptist Church was filled Sunday evening when the church choir presented its Christmas cantata, "The World's Redeemer," by Fred B. Holton. The choir of 40 voices gave an excellent rendition under the direction of Rev. W. R. Karikalts, assistant pastor.

Preceding the cantata the junior choir was heard in two Christmas songs.

Given special parts in the cantata were: Mrs. S. E. Cloninger, Mrs. Carl Black, Carl Black, Jr., Felton Underwood, Mrs. James E. Garrett, Rev. B. J. Martin, Mrs. Elliott Kemp, R. E. White, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lovelady, Mrs. Charles Hambrick was at the organ console and Miss Tommye Mansell at the piano.

This was the first of the Christmas programs at the First Baptist Church and next Sunday will be continued with the annual observance of the season for the Buckner's Orphans Home.

Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the Sunday morning service.

### LIONS CLUB HEARS CASKEY; PLANS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Ballinger Lions Club heard Supt. Ernest Caskey Friday in a message on the Ballinger schools. Mr. Caskey devoted most of his talk to school finances, growth

and future needs, and a general review of teaching problems.

The club is making plans for the entertainment of the president of Lions International in December when he pays his official visit to District Governor E. C. Grindstaff. Committees have been named to arrange the banquet to be served on this occasion.

The club's regular program is to be held (Friday) noon for the

Mr. and Mrs. Fred and son, of McCamey, a for the Christmas holiday a two weeks' vacation. They are visiting in the home of Mr. Terlein's parents, Mr. and Harry Lynn.

GREETINGS  
AND THANKS

The approaching Holiday Season heralds the end of a busy year for this organization. But, we are not too busy to pause and wish the season's best to our many friends for a MERRY CHRISTMAS. We look forward with confidence in the future.

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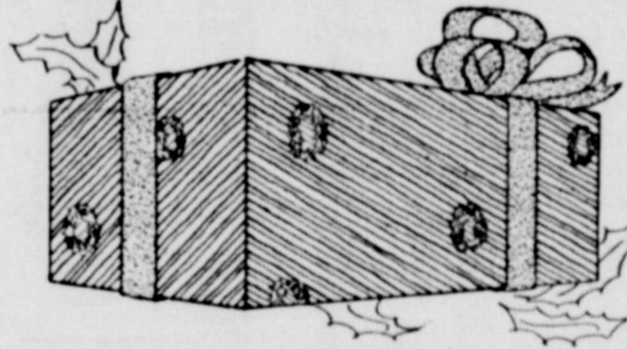
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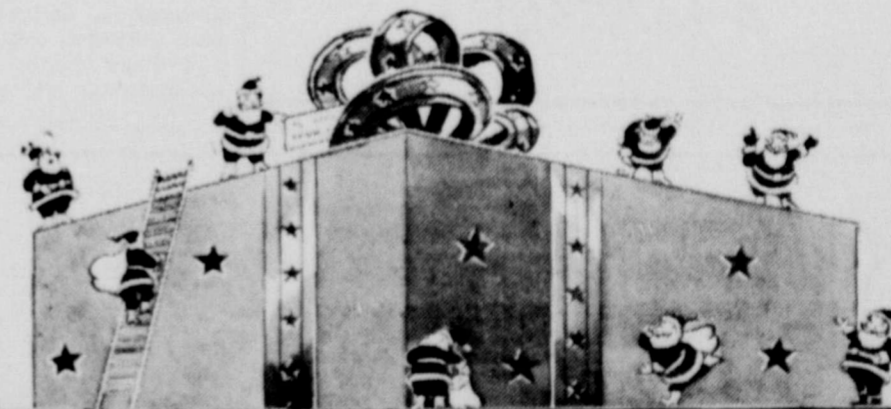
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**Merry Christmas**

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# IN SOCIETY

**Star Has Holiday Party**  
 Chapter No. 266, Order of the Star, met in regular Monday evening with Mrs. Boswell, worthy matron, in st. and assisted by H. P. it, worthy patron.  
 After the chapter closed, Christmas carols were sung by the High School Sextet, Helen Reese, Billy Bob and Irene Dobson, Elnita Faubion, Louise Smith and June Woodson, under the direction of Mrs. Alex McGregor, with Mary Brian Woody at the piano.  
 The Christmas motif was carried out in decorations and each member received a gift from the gayly trimmed tree. A gift from the officers of the chapter was presented Mrs. Boswell by Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz.  
 A refreshment plate of sandwiches and spiced punch was served to about forty members. Mrs. Egle Hulsey was chairman for arrangements.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Simpson, of Truscott, are spending a two weeks' vacation here, visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Downey Simpson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mapes.

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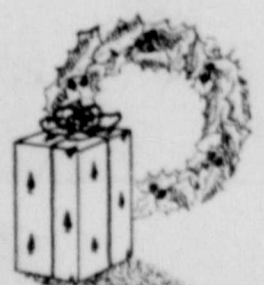
In Appreciation at Christmastime

Arrival of the Christmas Season reminds us of our obligations to the fine people of this community.

We appreciate the excellent treatment we have received and take this means of sending our Greetings to each of you.

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GREETINGS

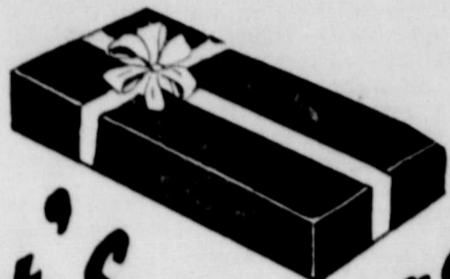


Christmas, to us, means the contentment that comes from the association of loyal friends, the satisfaction of having been of service. It is a time for thanksgiving and reverence, a time to be more mindful of the blessings of peace and the right to live according to the dictates of one's own heart.

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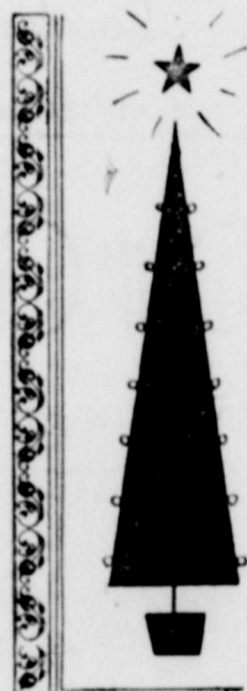
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Thank You

At this time of the year it is appropriate to take time out to express to you the appreciation of our entire organization for your loyalty and good will.

Merry Christmas

Banner Creamery



Hall Home Scene of Presbyterian Eugene Class Yule Party

Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Hall entertained the First Presbyterian Eugene Class with a Christmas party in their home on Broadway.

Party rooms were festive with a brightly decorated Christmas tree, mistletoe, poinsettias, berries and other winter greenery gave added beauty where guests played

"42." A gift was presented Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, teacher of the class.

Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw assisted in serving pie with coffee. Others included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Leonard Stallings, Harry Lynn, Bruce Creasy, K. V. Northington.

to You, and YOU AND YOU!



We don't want to pass up the opportunity of extending our best wishes to each of you. May this be a most Joyous Christmas for all.

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Mrs. George Newby Entertains Contract Club

Members of a Contract Club and a few added guests were entertained with a Christmas party last Thursday evening in the Wilke Terrace home of Mrs. George Newby.

Poinsettias and other seasonal decorations were used in the living room and the dining table was centered with a snow scene. A Christmas tree decorated in red and green also featured the holiday theme where guests exchanged gifts.

The hostess served fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee. Included were: Mmes. L. R. Tigner, R. W. Earnshaw, C. L. Baker, Edward Sommer, John A. Barton, Marie Carter, John Castor, Naomi Keithley, Slim Cottelle; Misses Ollie Chenoweth, Griffie Atkins, Mary Jane Kiechle, Lillian Knowles, and Pearl Currie.

Morning Glory Girl Scout Troop Reorganized

Members of the Morning Glory Girl Scout troop, No. 3, met at the home of their leader, Mrs. Stephen Cook, on Seventh Street Thursday afternoon to reorganize and make plans for future work. Meetings will be held each Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. New officers elected were: president, Vicki Hill; vice-president, Betty Sue Clominger; secretary, Ruth Ann Erwin; hostess committee, Charlene Evans and Carol Ann Bailey.

Mrs. Cook served a refreshment plate following taps and the closing song.

Allbright-Wood Nuptials to be Solemnized December 22

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Wood have announced the approaching marriage of their daughter, Merlene Wood, to Oscar Allbright, son of Mrs. Wanda Allbright, of Austin.

The wedding will be solemnized in Ballinger on December 22. The couple will make home at Austin, where Mr. Allbright is employed by the General Land Office.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Yvonne Bryan and Evelyn Ray

(Omitted for Lack of Space Last Week)

Some of the seniors enjoyed seeing "Two Guys from Milwaukee" in Winters Monday night, December 2.

Basketball Practice Begins

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INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER

The boys have laid aside their blocking pads, hob-nail shoes and football and have started practicing basketball.

Banquet

The pep squad girls entertained the football boys with a semi-formal banquet Thursday night, December 5. A rainbow theme was carried out. The menu consisted of creamed chicken, baked stuffed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, butter, iced tea, olives, pickles, celery, gelatine salad, and pie a la mode.

We were glad to have Pfc. Foy Stephenson visit school Thursday. Foy is an ex-student of Norton and is now stationed in Boca Raton, Florida.

**Christmas Holidays**  
 School will be dismissed on December 20 for the Christmas holidays and will resume activities on December 30. Grade school has planned a tree and program for the afternoon of December 20. Each school will have a tree in the home economics cottage on the night of December 20.



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In Our Gift Department

are many beautiful and useful gifts for the last-minute shopper. Gifts for every member of the family, relatives or friends and priced to fit every pocket-book.

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CORDIAL GREETINGS

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**BALLINGER CHILDREN TO BE IN SAN ANGELO DANCE SHOW**  
 The Wilma Bingham Dance Studio of Ballinger will join in presenting a Christmas show at the Texas Theatre, San Angelo, on Monday, December 23. The afternoon show is scheduled at 3:30 and the evening show at 8:30.

Children of the Ballinger studio will join those from Eden and San Angelo in presenting the performance. A complete Yuletide theme will be carried out with such characters as bon-bon, gum drops, Christmas fairies and ray dolls. Christmas packages are: Tommy

Sue Curry, Marilyn Mason, Koren Kornegay, of Winters; Linda Lou Saylor, Linda Kay Crockett, Pati Cockrell, Margo Brunson, Mary Miller and Kirk Brunson. Snowballs will be the motif for another group. *Pat, Zippo, Daisy Bailey, Patricia Davis, Gwen Davies, Marilyn Smith and Laverne Calvert.*

Santa and his sleigh will arrive during the show with many beautiful dolls, among whom are Patty Sweeney, a clown; Judy Ann Brown and Joe Kennedy.

**McGINLEYS TO OPEN NEW DRIVE-IN CAFE**

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McGinley and daughter have moved to Ballinger and within the near future will open the McGinley Drive-in Cafe on Hutchings Avenue in the place formerly known as the Snow White Inn. Extensive repairs are being made to modernize the place.

Mr. and Mrs. McGinley are experienced in operating similar cafes and will feature steaks, Mexican food and other specialties. Patrons can be served meals at their cars or eat in the newly decorated dining room.

Free coffee will be served on opening day and the management invites all citizens of Ballinger and vicinity, especially school boys and girls, to visit the drive-in.

**Card of Thanks**  
 The family of Mrs. W. J. Wilke wishes to express thanks to all for the loving kindness shown in our hour of sadness.

Mrs. W. J. Wilke and family  
 Mrs. M. G. Rogers  
 Mrs. Cecile Eppier and son Mildrena Morgan  
 Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Wilke  
 Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McKenzie  
 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Zurcher  
 Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Wilke  
 Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Wilke  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Reasonover  
 Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry

Pencil and typewriter erasers at Ledger office.

**AN ORDINANCE**

**Prohibiting the Sale, Discharge, and Possession of Fireworks, Torpedoes, Rockets, etc. within the City of Ballinger; Repealing all Ordinances in Conflict Herewith and Declaring an Emergency.**

Be it ordained by the city commission of the city of Ballinger:

**SECTION 1.** No person, firm, company, corporation, or association shall cast, throw, or fire any squib, rocket, cracker, firecracker, torpedo, grenade, gun, revolver, pistol, cap, or cartridge, or other combustible fireworks of any kind in the city of Ballinger.

**SECTION 2.** No person, firm,

company, corporation, or association shall exhibit or have in his or its possession, with intent to give away or sell or offer for sale within the city of Ballinger any squib, rocket, cracker, firecracker, torpedo, grenade, or other combustible fireworks of any kind in the city of Ballinger, provided, however, that this section shall not apply to the sale of any such article or articles by wholesale to merchants conducting business entirely without the city of Ballinger.

**SECTION 3.** Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to apply to the sale, storage, or use of any railroad track torpedoes or other signalling devices used by railroads, nor to the sale, storage, or use of flashlight composition by photographers, or dealers in photographic supplies.

**SECTION 4.** Any person, firm, corporation, company, or association who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance or suffer or allow the same to be violated shall upon conviction therefor be subject to a fine of not more than one hundred (\$100)

dollars.  
**SECTION 5.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 6.** In view of the fact that this ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection and preservation of the public health, safety, and general welfare, it becomes necessary that this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from after its passage and it is accordingly so ordered.

Passed and approved on this, the 4th day of December, 1946.  
 (Seal)

DRURY P. HATHAWAY  
 Mayor


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LIGHTS will twinkle gaily this Christmas Eve in millions of windows throughout the land. Hearts will be overflowing with gladness as families everywhere toast the Yuletide season.

Here's a hearty wish for you, friends, as you enjoy this festive occasion. May the Season be a merry one full of contentment, joy and goodwill.

*Merry Christmas*

**Mrs. Gertrude Woods**

*Merry*  
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**WE WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY**

**SCHOOL NEWS**  
 and Evelyn Ray  
**Ball Games**  
 December 9, the Norton school boys in the Norton gymnasium in the school gym with a great victory.  
 December 10, the Norton school boys in the Norton gymnasium won.  
 Wednesday, December 11, the school girls went to Winona to play Eula school girls.  
 Friday, December 13, the Norton school boys and girls went to Talpa to play their school teams. Talpa girls won with a score of 23 to 16. The Talpa boys won by a score of 30 to 17.  
**Honor Roll**  
**FIRST GRADE**  
 Eugene Tidmore, Rita Butler, Jane Mitchell, Nancy Minzenmayer.

**SECOND GRADE**  
 C. J. Robinson, Jerry Underwood, Janice Lynn Roper, Darrell Lee, Sammy Doss Morgan, Betty Sue Bryan.  
**THIRD GRADE**  
 Ethel Hoelscher, Bobby Hill, Norma Cope, Ella Wertemberger, Othello Holden.  
**FOURTH GRADE**  
 Francine Hoelscher, Lou Anne Bryan, Janet Minzenmayer, Laverne Hutton, Doyle Ford, Jerry Turner, Barbara Wertemberger, Laverne Gren, Marlene Stubblefield, Don Bryan.  
**FIFTH GRADE**  
 Peggy Cope, Jerry Green, Jacqueline Cope.  
**SIXTH GRADE**  
 Virginia Hoelscher, Patricia Mackey, Wynonne Robinson, Patsy June Sharpes, C. W. Butler, Kenneth Hambright, Wanda Joy Baker, Laverne Hilliard.  
**SEVENTH GRADE**  
 Ray Nell Stark, Dorothy Wer-

tenberger, Lavon Hutton, Curtis Redman.  
**EIGHTH GRADE**  
 Bill Cope, Otto Gottschalk, Frankie Taylor, June Hensley, Jeanora Simpson, Richard Cope, Lowell Corley, Alton Hiller, Cecil Patton, Wendell Zekell, Audean Curry, Mary Louise Ellis.  
**FRESHMEN**  
 Shirley Cope, Mary Lou Hoelscher, Betty Sue Willis.  
**SOPHOMORES**  
 Roger Bryan, Elwood Hambright, Marion Hensley, D. B. Underwood, Mary Ellen Mitchell, Mamie Murphey, Dorothy Nell Camp, Juanelle Chapman.  
**JUNIORS**  
 Yvonne Bryan, Bill Mitchell.  
**SENIORS**  
 Betty Joyce Shelburne, Evelyn Ray, Martin Gottschalk, Wendell Cope, Edward Redman.  
 The 79th congress authorized a special gold medal for presentation to General John J. Pershing.

**Brownwood Group Presents Program For Local Rotary**

A group from the Brownwood Rotary Club was here Tuesday to meet with the Ballinger club and to present the program. Musical numbers by Howard Payne College students were presented by Dr. John Snyder, president of the Brownwood club. Each number was appreciated by the members present as shown by the applause.  
 The speaker for the day was Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, president of Howard Payne College. Dr. Taylor, in homelike style, discussed Rotary information and drove home facts and truths in a roar of laughter. The speaker has visited the Ballinger club on numerous occasions and has always been a hit on local programs. He addressed the chamber of commerce banquet on one occasion and has occupied pulpits in a number of church services, speaking once for a district meeting of the American Legion. His humor is always new, original and used in a way to make his talks worth much to his hearers.  
 The Ballinger club will hold its Christmas program next Tuesday and has announced a special ladies night on December 31.

11:00 a. m., morning worship. 6:30 p. m., Westminster Youth Fellowship.  
 7:30 p. m., evening worship. Wednesday Bible study and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m. DAVID J. MURRAY, Pastor  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
 "The Friendly Church" (Ninth and Harris)  
 Junior N. Y. P. S., 5:30 p. m. Morning worship, 11:00 a. m. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. E. M. WALKER, Pastor  
**First Christian Church**  
 Murrell Avenue and Broadway  
 Archie W. Gray, Minister  
 O. P. Dorsey, Sunday School Superintendent.  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., worship and communion. 7:00 p. m., evening worship.  
**First Methodist Church**  
 (Corner Murrell and Tenth)  
 Sunday:  
 9:45 a. m., church school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 6:00 p. m., young people's service.  
 7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
 Wednesday:  
 7:30 p. m., senior choir rehearsal. H. B. LOYD, Pastor  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
 (Broadway)  
 Sunday:  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., church worship. 5:30 p. m., Young People's social and worship hour. 7:00 p. m., church worship.  
 Wednesday:  
 7:00 p. m., mid-week worship. 8:00 p. m., Young People's Choir practice. STEVE COOK, Pastor  
**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
 608 Sixth Street  
 Telephone 521  
**REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS**  
 Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month at 7:30 a. m.; 2nd, 4th Sunday of the month at 10:00 a. m. Daily mass at 7:00 a. m. Rosary and benediction of the

Blessed Sacrament every Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Holy hour with our Eucharistic Lord on Thursday evening preceding the first Friday of the month, 7:30 p. m. Devotion of the first Friday of the month in honor of the sacred heart of Jesus after mass at 7:00 a. m. on the first Friday.  
 Confessions: 1st, 3rd, 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 6:30 to 7:15 a. m. Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially invited to assist at the above services and devotions.  
 EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor  
**First Baptist Church**  
 (400 Eighth Street)  
 Sunday:  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school, W. J. Hembree, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., morning worship.

3:30 p. m., evening worship. 7:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.  
 Wednesday:  
 7:30 p. m., teachers' meeting. 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting.  
**Church of Christ**  
 Eighth Street  
 Schedule of Services  
 Lord's Day 9:45 a. m. Bible Study, 10:45 a. m. Preaching, 11:40 a. m. Communion, 11:40 a. m. Young People's Meeting, 6:15 p. m. Worship and Sermon, 7:00 p. m. Monday Ladies' Bible Study, 4:00 p. m. Wednesday Mid-week Bible Study, 7:00 p. m. You are cordially invited to attend these services. (Visit this friendly church on a convenient corner.) LEWIS HOGUE, Minister  
 Be wise—advertise.

May we express to those of you with whom we have been associated this past year our best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas. Our thoughts are with you this glorious day and we give thanks for lasting friendships such as yours.


Let us strive toward a continuation of the pleasant relationships that result in better and happier living.



*Merry Christmas*

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**Park Avenue Baptist Church**  
 (Park Avenue at Broadway)  
 Sunday:  
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. 7:30 p. m., evening worship.  
 Wednesday:  
 7:00 p. m., Brotherhood meeting. 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting.  
**Foursquare Gospel Church**  
 104 N. Twelfth Street  
 Sunday school, 10 a. m. Worship service, 11 a. m. Senior-Junior Crusaders, 7 p. m. Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7:45 p. m. Saturday: Prayer service, 7:45 p. m. All are cordially invited to our services.  
 "A Stranger but Once" HOMER H. HUBBARD, Pastor  
**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
 945 a. m., Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.

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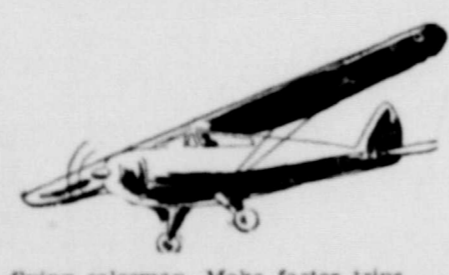
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Apples	Extra Fancy Delicious Lb.	12c
Oranges	Texas Lb.	10c
Celery	lb.	11c
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	9c

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GRATITUDE



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And so, as you welcome the Christmas season, please remember that we are truly grateful for your fine consideration.

*The Merriest of All Christmases to You!*

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**SOCIETY**

Christmas Party is Given for Sunday School Class

The Mary Martha Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church had its Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Austin Harper on Ninth Street Monday evening.

Mrs. Wilbanks, president, presided at the meeting with Mrs. Homer Daniel giving the opening prayer. The devotional, "The Christmas Spirit," was presented by the teacher, Mrs. Wes Talbott. Gifts were exchanged from the tree and red carnations and yuletide decorations were used in the reception rooms.

The hostesses, Meses Austin Harper, William Hill, Bertha, Thomas, L. B. Rudder and R. D. Jackson, who served a salad, fruit cake and coffee to: Meses L. R. Tigner, C. W. Jennings, Weldon Howell, J. F. Owens, R. T. Williams, C. E. Patterson, R. E. White, Homer Daniel, Wes Talbott, L. A. Faubion, Clark and Wilbanks.

Marriage of Miss Tommie Chrisco Is Announced

Mrs. S. C. Chrisco announces the marriage of her daughter, Tommie, to Cpl. Samuel H. Parks, Jr., of San Marcos A. A. P. on December 1 in the home of Judge Decker in Houston. The couple was attended by Sgt. and Mrs. W. A. Craig, of San Marcos.

Mrs. Parks attended the Ballinger schools and for the past several months has been employed by a drug company in San Angelo.

Cpl. Parks, son of Mrs. S. H. Parks, of Sulphur Rock, Arkansas, is serving his third enlistment in the army air forces, and served twenty-eight months overseas. After January 1 the couple will be at home in San Marcos.

MARTINS WILL HAVE BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT

Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Martin will receive one of the finest Christmas presents of anyone in Ballinger this year. Mrs. Martin came home Monday from Abilene where she underwent surgery last week and this week-end they will bring home their adopted son.

The four weeks old boy is now in Hendricks Memorial Hospital and as soon as Rev. Martin's mother, Mrs. S. F. Martin, of Wichita Falls, arrives here this week, the boy will be brought to Ballinger.

Rev. Martin was busy the first of the week buying baby beds, clothing and many other necessary items for the reception and entertainment of the young man. They have named him Johnny Sid Martin and those who have seen the baby declare he favors the popular Ballinger minister.

FARMERS' INCOME TAX PAYMENT TIME SOON; TWO OPTIONS GIVEN

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 18.—THOUSANDS of Texas farm and ranch operators must soon bring out their pencils and record books and start figuring income tax reports.

All farmers with a gross income of \$500 or more are required to file a return. C. H. Bates, farm management specialist of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, reminds the farmer that he has his choice in paying income tax: he can file a declaration of his estimated 1946 net income by January 15, followed by a final return by March 15, or, he can make a final return by January 15, in which cases he does not have to file a declaration.

While a record number of farmers will pay income taxes for 1946, the average tax bill will be less than in 1945, due to a reduction in rate and the combination of the normal tax and surtax levies, Bates says. Farm income taxes should average about 17 per cent less than in 1945, predicts

the farm management specialist. A change in the tax law permits deduction, as a business expense, on reasonable wages paid by a father to a minor dependent actually employed on the farm or ranch.

Under certain conditions, only 50 per cent of receipts from sale of breeding cattle may be taxable. Bates advises farm operators to consult their county agricultural agents for information on this point or contact an internal revenue deputy.

The tax reporting job will be greatly simplified for operators who have kept record books through the past year, Bates says. The Texas Farm Record Book, which is available at Texas A. & M. College for a small cost, is a complete and simple form with spaces for recording all necessary items for income tax reports.

Grace Baptist Church Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching hour, 11 a. m. Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday evening, 7:30. "The Friendly Church"—come worship with us. Church located at

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**GREETINGS**

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OF BALLINGER

To Our Customers and Friends:

We would be ungrateful if we did not pause occasionally to express our appreciation to those upon whose faith, friendship and patronage the business of this bank naturally depends.

The GOOD WILL of customers and friends like yourself is the most valuable asset we possess, even though you will not find it listed in our financial statement.

At the turn of the year, we want to thank you for the business you have entrusted to us and to promise our fullest cooperation in the days ahead.

According to our custom for the past thirty-nine years we will have for distribution

Beginning Monday, December 30, 1946  
 our CALENDARS for the New Year  
 "THE OAK AT THE TURN OF THE ROAD"

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

As long as the supply of 1,300 lasts, they are yours for the asking, whether or not you do your banking with us. We only ask that you permit this calendar to find a welcome place on your wall.

Our officers and directors and all of us here at the bank wish you a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

Your friend,

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
 of BALLINGER

**8 Night  
ember 31**  
Rotary Club had  
fect attendance  
meeting Tuesday and  
made to get the two  
ers to make up their  
in a neighboring town  
announced that a spee-  
-night had been arranged  
ember 31 at the Central  
r which professional talent  
m secured for the program.

The speaker for this occasion will be an army major who served for a long period in India and he will discuss an interesting subject.  
E. E. King was the club speaker Tuesday noon and gave the history of the furniture business. Mr. King showed in his talk that this industry was one of the oldest in the world and added that the Egyptian style was the first well known and preserved. He traced the changes through the years until the modernistic which followed the close of World War I. He closed with a description of the Furniture Mart, in Chicago.

the largest of its kind in the world, and gave figures on the annual business.  
**SPECIALIST SAYS OLD REFRIGERATORS NEED TENDER ATTENTION**  
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 18.—With a plentiful supply of new refrigerators still six months to a year in the future, it's up to homemakers to treat the old box with tender care until new ones start coming off assembly lines in large quantities.  
Mrs. Bernice Claytor, home management specialist of the Texas A. & M. College extension service, points out tips to follow in keeping the refrigerator in good shape: keep it cool, clean, defrosted, repaired, and checked regularly.  
The refrigerator should be in the coolest convenient spot in the kitchen, Mrs. Claytor says—out of sun, away from radiators and kitchen stove. Air must circulate between the wall and the box to carry away the heat generated by the unit, so there should be at

least two and a half inches of space between the box and the wall, she explains.  
All spilled food should be wiped up at once, and the refrigerator cleaned thoroughly each time it is defrosted. In cleaning the inside, one level tablespoon of baking soda mixed with a quart of water makes a good cleaning fluid. Defrosting should not be put off until the frost becomes thick on the evaporator; it should be done when the frost is a quarter of an inch thick. The


condenser must be kept free from dust and lint, and may need cleaning every month in some refrigerators.  
In repairing the refrigerator, changing a fuse is about the only repair job the home-maker should attempt. Only an authorized service company should be allowed to make turner repairs, says Mrs. Claytor. Housewives shouldn't forget that these rules of refrigerator care can apply just as much to new refrigerators, when they get one, as to the old box.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to express our sincere appreciation for the kindnesses shown us during the illness and after the death of our husband and father. Especially are we grateful for the expressions of sympathy, to those who helped care for him, to those who sent

food and for the beautiful floral offerings.  
Mrs. E. C. Schott  
J. O. Schott and family  
It.  
Mrs. B. J. Martin returned home Monday after undergoing an operation at Abilene last week.  
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GOOD WILL TO MEN

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THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: L. C. Cunningham, G. W. Levin, J. H. Collett, Hugo F. Bungardt, H. F. Bungardt, W. F. Bungardt, Hiram A. De Friese, H. L. Bungardt, Oliver H. Millican, W. S. Baxter, W. D. Stafford, M. H. Ralley, A. A. McGill, Mrs. Sallie J. Berry, Martha Boren, Mrs. W. M. Boren, and the unknown executors, administrators and legal representatives of the above named persons who are deceased.  
GREETING.  
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 20th day of January, A. D. 1947, at or before 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.  
Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 29th day of November, 1946.  
The file number of said suit being No. 5368.  
The names of the parties in said suit are: R. O. Burks, as Plaintiff, and all of the parties to whom this writ is addressed, as Defendants.  
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to wit:  
Said Plaintiff alleges the place of residence of Plaintiff, that the place of residence of each of the defendants is unknown to Plaintiff, that Plaintiff is the owner of 130 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, of the Robert Owens Survey No. 436, Abstract No. 394, described in the deed executed by W. F. Farmer and wife, to Plaintiff, that defendants unlawfully entered upon and dispossessed Plaintiff, causing Plaintiff damages, and that Defendants' rights, if any, are barred under the statutes of limitation of three years and/or five years and/or ten years and/or twenty-five years; and Plaintiff prays for title to and possession of said lands and premises; and said petition is signed by Drury P. Hathaway, Attorney for Plaintiff.  
If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.  
Issued this 6th day of December, A. D. 1946.  
Given, under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1946.  
(Seal)  
MISS WINONA PARKER, Clerk  
District Court, Runnels County, Texas 19-47



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**Suggestions for holiday travelers**



- Start your holiday trip as soon as possible to avoid the rush during Christmas week.
- Make reservations as soon as possible.
- Be sure to tag your luggage with proper identification.
- Check all surplus luggage for handling via baggage service.

By following these friendly suggestions you will help us accommodate as many travelers as possible this holiday season, and enable us to do our best to serve you with the equipment that is available. Thanks for your cooperation.



**Do you think steel profits are big?**

Recently in a nation-wide poll most people guessed that steel profits were about 20 cents on each dollar of sales. They said 10 cents would be about right.  
Actually, for the past ten years steel company profits have averaged less than 5 cents on each dollar of sales.  
Although profits continue low, wages, employment and production are near record levels.

**EMPLOYMENT**



The number of wage earners is not far from the highest in peacetime steel history—20 per cent above the 1929 level.

**PRODUCTION**



Despite strikes earlier in the year, steel production in 1946 was headed toward a new peacetime record until the November coal strike.

**WEEKLY WAGES**



Weekly wages in steel industry in the third quarter of 1946 were 63% higher than in 1939.

**STEEL COMPANY PROFITS**



Average profit per dollar of sales in 1946 is lower than it was in most good prewar years.

**STEEL**  
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### First Traffic Light Will be Installed At 8th, Hutchings

The city has received one traffic light and installation began at the intersection of Eighth Street and Hutchings Avenue this week. The light is expected to be in operation during the Christmas season.

Additional lights are to be received later and will be erected at street intersections where state

highways coincide with city streets. City officials and state highway authorities believe that the Eighth-Hutchings intersection is the biggest traffic hazard in Ballinger and decided to install a light there as soon as possible and especially before the heavy holiday traffic.

The city also has received about two-thirds of the two-inch pipe required for installation of parking meters. As soon as the next shipment arrives this work will be started and meters installed on Hutchings Avenue and Eighth Street. This work probably will

not get underway until after January 1.

Traffic lights and meters were favored in a post card ballots taken in the local trade territory a few months ago.

The city commission was advised Monday that the fire truck purchased several months ago would be delivered during the next 30 days. A bonded driver has been secured to bring the truck here and deliver it to the city fire station.

This truck was purchased by the city on the request of Ballinger firemen to improve their facilities and to take the strain off the old equipment which has seen many years of service.

Built on a Ford chassis, the new truck has a 500-gallon-a-minute pumping capacity when connected directly with a plug and carries a 300 gallon tank for combatting small fires where no connection is possible. It also has all chemical apparatus of the most modern type and has hose and necessary connections.

None of the present equipment will be discarded but will be used if needed. Firemen stated there was ample room in the local fire station to house the new truck and the three other trucks.

#### Card of Thanks

In appreciation of our friends, we say thanks for your kindness, thoughtfulness and friendship; also for the beautiful floral offering and the many kind deeds rendered following the loss of our darling baby girl. We wish to extend our sincere thanks and gratitude. May God bless each and every one.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. (Newt) Stevens

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### BEARCATS LOST FIRST BASKETBALL CONTEST

The Bearcat basketball team lost its first game of the season at Abilene Thursday night. Both the A and the B quintets took drubbings at the hands of the powerful Abilene Eagles, one of the best class AA outfits in this area.

Coach Wayman Wilson has a large number of players out for basketball this year and soon after the Christmas holidays will begin playing two games a week. The district round robin schedule is to start in January and continue until each team has played twice.

When the championship series of games with the eastern district to decide the district ship.

Coach J. E. Garrett has a large number of boys junior high and last week the season with a game planned to play a complete B schedule with other teams in this district, with play to underway soon after January 1.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations. Ballinger Printing Co.



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### 36 Players Given Football Letters In 2 High Schools

Coaches of senior and junior high schools awarded 36 players letters for the 1946 season in special programs last week. Jackets and other awards will be made in assembly programs as soon as they are received.

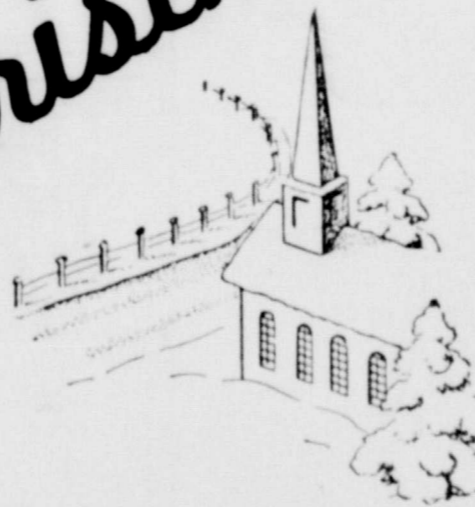
Coach Wayman Wilson of the Bearcat team announced the following letters awarded for the season just closed: Gene Scoggins, Charles Miller, Carl Black, Sonny Davenport, Walter Hill, Buddy Evans, Bob Agnew, Junior Curry, Cleo Burks, Johnny Marshall,

Gail Childers, Charles Dankworth, Bill Hirschfeld, Bill Rogge, Edgar Payne, Alton Patterson, W. E. Wallace, Marvin Sanders, Skeeter Powers, Hie Atnipp, Max Ransbarger and Johnny Hays, manager.

Coach J. E. Garrett, of junior high, announced the following letters: C. B. Boggess, Joe Vancil, Paul Harrah, Tommye Buchanan, Jackie Fuicher, Duane Baxter, Jimmy Parrish, Jimmy Davenport, Jimmy Endacott, Richard Winchester, Daniel Hallmark, Jackie Neely, Roland Bell, and Zane Branham, manager.

Most of the junior high team will complete work in that school this year and will be candidates for the senior high Bearcats next fall.

## The BLESSINGS of Christmas



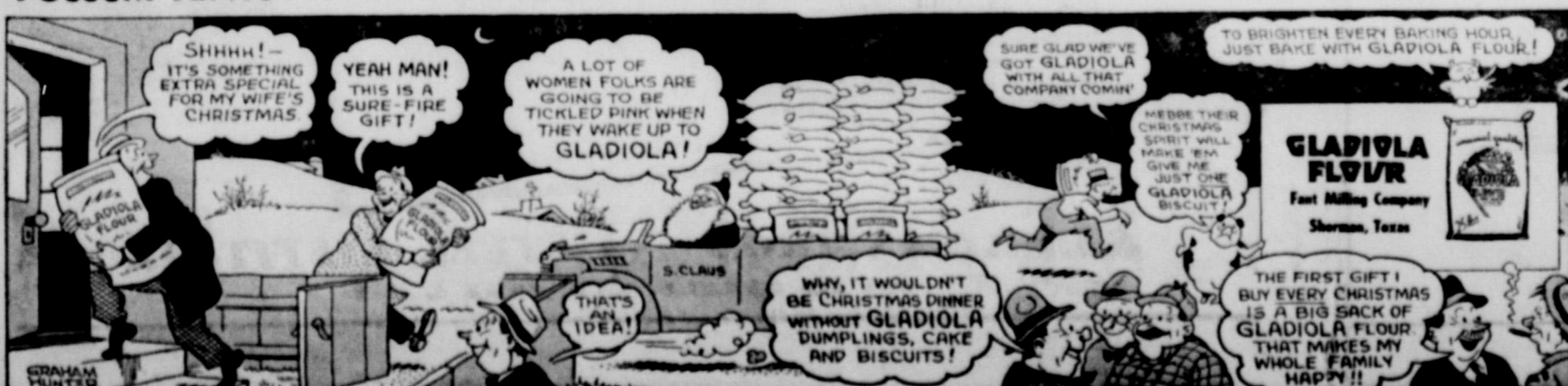
The cordiality of Christmas is one of the finest blessings that any of us can possibly enjoy. To us, Christmas means much more than just the opportunity of presenting and receiving gifts. It's more than a season of exchanging greetings and it goes far deeper than the traditional festive occasions.

Christmas, for us, is a season of genuine good will and happiness, a time of thanksgiving for all.

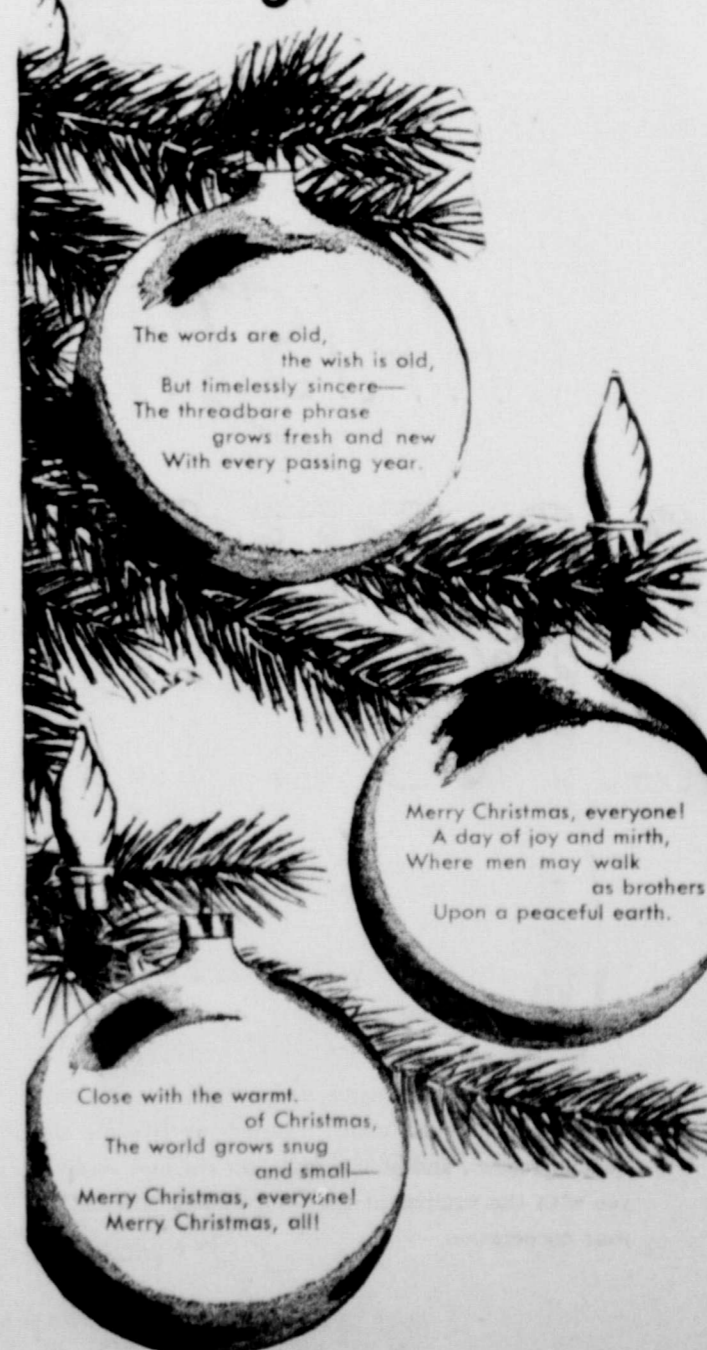
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### POSSUM FLATS . . . "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

By GRAHAM HUNTER



## Merry Christmas!



West Texas Utilities Company

# SOCIETY and CLUBS

**Press Club Sponsors Presentation Dance**  
of the high school Paw Prints, and new-  
affs with their faculty Miss Lois Dickson, were  
hosts at the second annual  
presentation at the high  
auditorium last Friday eve-  
g, followed by a dance hono-  
g the favorites at the recrea-  
nall at Bruce Field.

The favorites, who were elected  
in secret balloting by the entire  
student body, were notified of the  
results last Friday afternoon.  
The presentation program was  
opened with a group of Christmas

carols, which were sung by the  
Girls' Choral Club under the  
direction of Mrs. Alex McGregor,  
with Mary Brian Woody at the  
piano. Mrs. McGregor introduced  
officers of the club, who are:  
president, June Woodson; vice-  
president, Elnita Faubion; secre-  
tary, Margie Wood; treasurer,  
Wanda Zuehke; reporter, LaRita  
Price.

Bill Hirschfeld acted as master  
of ceremonies to present honorees  
as they approached the stage.  
Fanfares were blown by Jimmy  
Williams and Lanny Maedgen.  
In line were alternate band sweet-  
heart, Betty Lou Batts, escorted  
by Bob Agnew; band sweetheart,

Beverly Barber, escorted by Eb  
Grindstaff, and following in order  
were F.F.A. queens, Janie Morris-  
son and Jerine Buxkemper and  
their escorts, M. J. Cole and  
Eugene Hoffman; F.F.A. sweet-  
heart, Laverne Dankworth, and  
Key Hoffman; freshman favorites,  
Pattie Morrison and Daniel Hall-  
mark; sophomore favorites, Ariene  
Miller and Walter Hill; junior  
favorites, Pat Faris and Ite  
Atzipp; senior favorites, Elizabeth  
Wear and Carl Black; yell leaders,  
senior, Marilyn Agnew, escorted  
by Sonny Davenport, junior,  
Ariene Miller; sophomore, Jessie  
Mae Henderson and Junior Hen-  
derson; freshman, Claudine Coward  
and Billy Jack Thomas; best  
Bearcatette, Bonnie Davis, and  
Clyde Reese; football sweetheart,  
Anna Sue Hembree, escorted by  
best all-around athlete, Edgar  
Fayne; most beautiful, Helen  
Clack, escorted by most handsome  
boy, Charles Miller; most popular  
girl, Mary Brian Woody, escorted  
by most popular boy, Junior  
Curry; royal crown bearers, Pattie  
Sweeney and Bobby Estes, and  
the most typical girl, Jo Cervenka,  
escorted by most typical boy,  
Charles Dankworth.

## Strictly Sentimental

Maybe we are old fashioned but we  
do get just a little sentimental at Christ-  
mas time.

We like to look back over the past  
twelve months, remembering all the fine  
things that have been our good fortune.  
It's pleasant to review the associations  
we have had with our friends—to find  
comfort in the knowledge that in lasting  
friendships come the joys of good living.

It's good to say "Merry Christmas"—  
it's satisfying to hear our friends say  
"Merry Christmas."

So, old fashioned or not, we just  
wanted to extend

THE SEASONS GREETINGS

Holland's

Martha Saunders, editor of the  
annual, Paw Prints, introduced  
Joe A. Forester, senior high prin-  
cipal, who crowned Miss Cer-  
venka and Charles Dankworth as  
king and queen of the 1946 cor-  
onation ball. Miss Saunders then  
presented a bouquet of flowers  
which had been brought to the  
stage by Nancy Guynes, a mem-  
ber of the staff, to Miss Dickson  
in appreciation of her work. As  
the finale, the sextet, composed of  
June Woodson, Louise Smith,  
Billie Bob Dodson, Irene Dodson,  
Helen Reese and Elnita Faubion,  
sang "Rumors are Flying" and  
"Winter Wonderland."

The formal dance followed at  
Bruce Field with students, parents  
and friends attending. The hall  
was beautifully decorated in sym-  
bols of the holiday season.

**Georgia Wilson Has Birthday**  
Georgia Wilson was named  
honor guest Friday afternoon  
when her mother, Mrs. Bernice  
Bryant, gave a party on her ninth  
birthday anniversary in their  
home on Eleventh Street.

Games were played in party  
rooms decorated with a lighted  
tree and other Yuletide symbols.  
Mrs. Owen Norris and Mrs. W. A.  
Sparks assisted Mrs. Bryant when  
she served a refreshment plate to  
the honoree and Peggy Jean  
Virden, Sue Bishop, Billy John  
Whitehead, Wanda Paschal, Betty  
Jo Cawshaw, John Wayne Wat-  
kins, Gary Joiner, Shirley Swat-  
man, Patay, Neta and David Norris  
and Maloy Bryant.

**Christmas Party in Jones Home**  
A Christmas party for members

## A Christmas WISH...

This year, as we send our compli-  
ments of the season, we wish to include  
our thanks for the splendid coopera-  
tion and patronage given us in the past.

### Brock & Hamilton

Real Estate... Loans... Rentals...

of the South Ballinger Home Dem-  
onstration Club and their fami-  
lies was held in the home of Mr.  
and Mrs. J. Wesley Jones Friday.  
Games of 42 were played and  
gifts were exchanged from the  
beautifully lighted tree. Christmas  
candies and fruit were served  
throughout the evening and coffee  
and punch were served at the  
close of the social.

Present were: Messrs. and Mmes.  
E. T. Branham, Jr. and son, Jack  
Fry and son, George McMillan,  
Buddy Pullin, Carlton Smith,  
Newman Smith, Joe Thomas, Aus-  
tin Williams, Virgil McShan, R. R.  
Holstead, John Hooks, J. P. Boothe,  
Fred Moncrief and daughter, B.  
M. Batts, and Mmes. J. C. Reese  
and C. D. Harris.

**BALLINGER WOMAN TO LEAVE FOR PANAMA ON DECEMBER 24**

Mrs. Aida Mae Hirschfeld went  
to Fort Worth Saturday where  
she met her daughter, Mrs. D. E.  
Williams, who was returning from  
Washington, D. C. They visited  
in Fort Worth with Mr. and Mrs.  
Rube Williams before returning

to Ballinger.  
Mrs. Williams will leave Browns-  
ville Tuesday by plane and will  
join her husband, Master-Sgt.  
D. E. Williams in Panama on  
Christmas day. She will make her  
home there while he is stationed  
in the canal zone.

### Church of Christ

1100 Ninth Street

SERVICES DECEMBER 22

11:00 a. m. "Marriage"

7:00 p. m. "Building for Eternity"

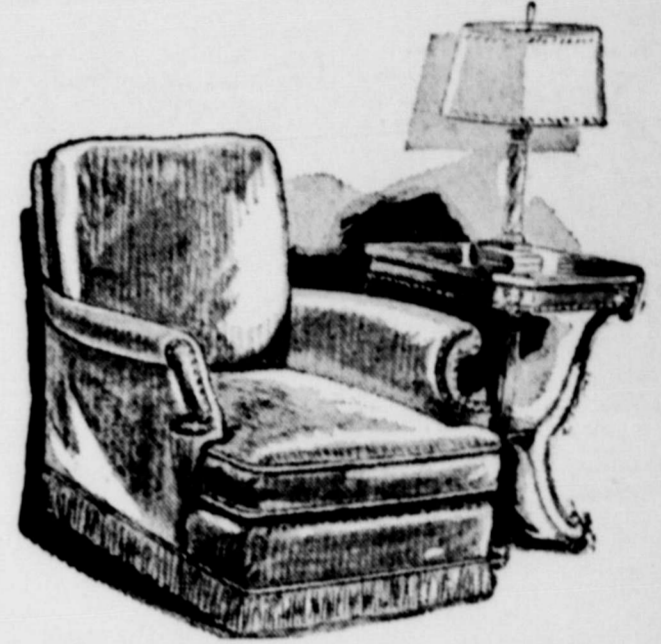
Speaker: H. NORMAN GIPSON

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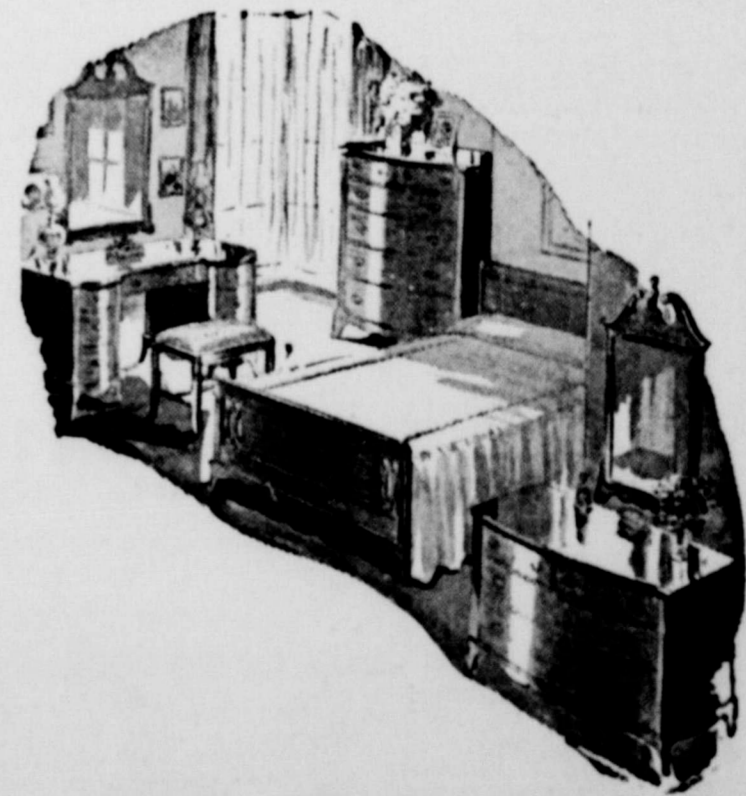
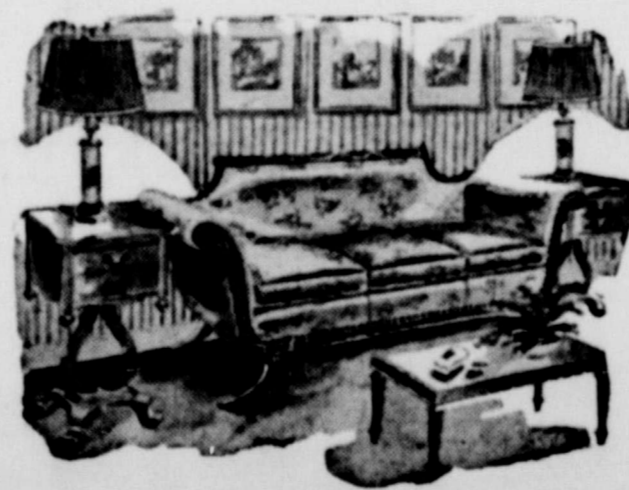
# CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

to the host of acquaintances who have given us the privilege of serving them in the past.

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