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Jaycees Make Donations To Goodfellows, Hospital

Ballinger Jaycees at their meeting Wednesday noon voted to give \$50 to the Goodfellow fund and authorized a contribution of \$1,000 to a charity fund to aid indigent patients in the event the city acquires the Bailey Clinic-Hospital.

In donating to the Goodfellow fund to be used in supplying Christmas cheer for the needy, it was agreed that if no Goodfellow organization was formed here that the money would be given to Rev. J. M. Harrison, of the Church of the Nazarene, in the project being undertaken by this church.

Approving the purchase by the city of the local hospital, the Jaycees voted to put \$1,000 in a fund to aid the institution in handling patients who are unable to pay for hospitalization. It was stated that the money would be made available when and if the city acquired the hospital.

It also was voted to sponsor another western jamboree at the high school gymnasium soon after the holidays, probably the first Saturday night in January.

Traffic Light to be Set at Intersection of Railroad, Eighth

A traffic light is to be installed at the intersection of Railroad Avenue and Eighth Street. Several groups had urged lights at other spots in the city, a strong representation being made for a light of some kind on Broadway where the Coleman highway intersects, but city officials thought the Eighth Street location was the most urgent.

Poles have been set and as soon as the concrete is dry the light will be swung and put in operation. The light was being tested at the fire station Tuesday.

The final shipment of rock was received this week for the sewage disposal plant now near completion. The rock will be used in the filter. Some twenty carloads of rock, broken and screened to the same size, have been received here and the material was being trucked to the location Tuesday.

Applications for building permits filed this week included one by E. P. Talbot for \$350 to construct a saddle and shoe shop on Seventh Street between Strong and Sealy avenues.

An application filed by R. M. Keel seeks a permit to build a \$3,000 addition to his place on Sixth Street between Hutchings and Strong avenues. The addition will include a display and merchandise room and a large storage room.

C. of C. Directors to Hold Last '47 Meeting Monday

Directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce will assemble Monday night for the last meeting to be attended by eleven members of the board. This meeting closes the year for the organization and at the January meeting the 11 new directors to be elected by the annual organization meeting.

Retiring directors are: Ed Curry, W. J. Hembree, Wix Currie, Jr., Leonard Scales, Joe Forester, W. O. Middleton, Marvin Davies, R. E. Bruce, Frank Pearce, Paul Petty and O. C. Sykes. Mr. Sykes, retiring president, will become a member of the executive committee next year.

Hold-over directors are: C. E. Maedgen, Ed Sommer, Otis Jacob, C. D. Richards, G. A. Swann, A. F. Kemp, George Beard, S. E. Cloninger, Carl Murman, H. G. Agnew, C. A. Bisset.

On December 22 ballots will be mailed to members to select the eleven new directors. A nominating committee has suggested 11 names and these will be printed on the post card ballot to be mailed from the C. of C. office. As soon as ballots are returned and tabulations made, the new members of the board will be announced.

Plans have been perfected for the annual banquet and membership meeting on January 16. Mrs. W. E. Elkins and assistants will prepare and serve the menu. Rev. Ray N. Johnson, of San Angelo, has accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker and other program features have been arranged.

Tickets will be placed on sale about January 1 at \$1.50 per plate. The committee in charge is expecting to serve 350 to 375 people at the banquet.

W. J. Hembree, chairman of the ticket sales committee, will name aides to help him handle the admission cards. Wayman Wilson, J. E. Garrett and George Newby have been named as a committee to look after seating, and the Ballinger Civic-Garden Club will have charge of decorations on tables in the gymnasium.

Roger Whelan, secretary, manager, and O. C. Sykes, president, are urging that all directors attend the meeting Monday so that all business for the year can be closed and information submitted to the secretary to complete the annual report to be handed each member in printed form at the banquet.

Seal Sale \$1200 Short Of Goal in This County

The Runnels County Tuberculosis Association has started the final phase of its seal sale and other features to raise money for the movement in this county. It was reported Wednesday that about \$1,200 is required to reach the goal with most large gifts in and the remainder to be raised in selling seals to the public and through the schools of the county.

The goal set for the year is \$3,200 and tabulations Tuesday night disclosed \$2,022.05 had been collected from all sources to date. This takes in the selling of bonds, seals and corsages.

Bangles and Santa Claus buttons were placed in all schools of the county Monday morning to be sold to students at ten cents each. This part of the campaign is to be completed by tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. Mrs. W. E. Moss is chairman for the sale of bangles and buttons.

Leaders in charge of the seal sale stated Wednesday that there were still a few letters to be mailed. This delay was occasioned when part of the seal shipment failed to arrive and the first supply was not sufficient for all letters to be mailed. The additional seals have been received and the remainder of the letters will be mailed this week.

Receipts from all sources last year totaled \$3,140.00, considerably more than taken in by the current campaign. Persons who have received seals and have not remitted are urged to do so at once in order to have a part in the fight against tuberculosis in this county.

County Superintendent W. E. Elkins addressed the Ballinger students Wednesday morning and was to make a similar appeal at the Winters school in the afternoon. Supt. Elkins stressed the needs of the campaign and urged pupils to participate by purchasing bangles and Santa Claus buttons.

Home-Yard Decoration Inspections December 16

Inspection of Ballinger homes and yards in the Christmas decoration contest will be made Tuesday, December 16, from 5:30 to 8:00 p. m.

A number of yards and home have already been entered and the committee stated that registrations would be accepted until noon December 16. It was pointed out that the contest was not just for members of the Civic-Garden Club, but was open to anyone in the city.

The pilgrimage to decorated homes is open to the general public and all citizens are invited to make this trip.

The first home to be visited is that of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDaniel, 508 Sixth Street. Mrs. McDaniel is president of the Civic-Garden Club and before leaving her home information will be given on all places included in the pilgrimage.

The second stop will be at home of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, 601 Fifth Street.

The visitors then will go to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, 810 Sixth Street.

Next will be the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater, 811 Sixth Street.

The final stop will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, 906 Sixth Street.

Other homes may be entered in this contest before December 16, and if so, will be included in the visits.

Yard decorations entered to date include those of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDaniel, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney, Dr. and Mrs. Charles F. Bailey.

This phase of the city-wide Christmas program is sponsored by the Civic-Garden Club. A committee of this organization has been enlisting the help of local home owners in making the pilgrimage possible.

Elementary School Christmas Program Set for December 18

Mrs. W. A. Bridwell, principal of the Ballinger elementary school, has announced the annual Christmas program by the pupils at 9:30 Thursday, December 18, in the elementary building. This program is presented annually and all parents and friends of the school are invited to hear it. The numbers are under the direction of the school's music teacher, Mrs. A. McGregor.

This year the students have been rehearsed for several weeks to be ready to present the program to the public. It will consist of carols and readings and pupils in all rooms will participate.

The following program has been arranged:

"Holy, Holy, Holy," grades 4 and 5

"Away in a Manger," grade 1

"O Come All Ye Faithful," grade 2

"O Little Town of Bethlehem," grade 3

Unison reading of Luke 2:8-16

"Silent Night," violin solo, Miss Carmen Demmer

"Silent Night," chorus by the elementary school

"Hark, the Herald Angel Sings," grade 4

"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," grade 5

"Joy to the World," chorus

Prayer

"Holy, Holy, Holy."

Baptist Association Workers' Conference Held in First Church

The monthly conference for workers of the Runnels Missionary Baptist Association was held Tuesday afternoon and evening at the First Baptist Church.

The executive board was in session at 5:30 p. m., Rev. B. J. Martin, chairman, presiding. Plans were made for the simultaneous revivals to be held in February.

Supper was served at 6:00 p. m. with the social committee of the Ballinger W. M. S. in charge. Mmes. Joe and Frank Flynn are co-chairmen of this committee.

The general theme of the meeting was "Unto the Uttermost Parts." Reports from the various churches were heard with Rev. Fred Blake, of Robert Lee, in charge.

The W. M. U. and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering were discussed by Mary D. Taylor, of Winters.

Other subjects discussed were: "The Great Privilege—Ye are My Witnesses," Rev. G. K. Corley, of Norton

"The Great Power—the Holy Spirit," Rev. Walter Deavers, of Paint Rock.

Special music was presented by Rev. Martin with Mrs. O. G. Joiner at the organ.

The closing message was "The Great Message—Salvation," by Rev. Blake.

Red Cross Committee Meets at 8 Tonight, Session After Dinner

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the American Red Cross chapter here will be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the Acapulco Cafe. Members from all sections of the county will assemble for a business session to be preceded by a Mexican dinner.

Local chapter officials stated that a general discussion of the work would be held and reports given on accomplishments of the past twelve months. The election of several officers will be held to fill vacancies now existing.

Plans have been made for the 1948 finance drive, which will be held from March 1 to 31, 1948. No quota has been set for Runnels county but at the meeting this evening the plan for securing the money will be made and handed to the finance chairman.

All members of the executive committee were notified this week to be present for this important meeting.

C. G. Jennings, of Kerrville, visited friends and attended to business here Tuesday.

Utilities Christmas Party Will be Held Here December 19

District officials of the West Texas Utilities Co. are making plans for holding the company's annual Christmas party here on the night of December 19. All arrangements have not been made but a safety meeting for employees probably will be held in the afternoon and later the employees and their families will attend a banquet and program.

The banquet will be served in the school lunch room with members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club preparing and serving the menu. This will be followed by entertainment, a visit from Santa Claus and presents for all the children 12 years old and under. Approximately 65 children will be present this year.

Each year all employees of district G assemble here for the Christmas party. The affair draws practically every employee in every town in the district, all of whom are invited.

Details of the safety meeting are being arranged for the afternoon preceding the party.

27 Enlistments Secured For Infantry Company

Capt. Ray Tisdale, commander of company C, 142nd Infantry, national guard unit to be located at Ballinger, announced this week that twenty-seven men had been signed for enlistments in the company, making it possible to go ahead with the organization.

A total of 24 men was required before the company could be formed and Sgt. Grimes, of Brownwood, was here the past week-end to work with Sgt. W. E. Curtis and Capt. Tisdale in a concerted drive for enlistments.

Capt. Tisdale stated Tuesday morning that physicals were being taken this week and that the company would be formed as soon as these were heard from and an officer from the 4th army could come here for the ceremony.

It was estimated that about half of the group signed up were veterans of World War II and the rest were younger boys who planned to take advantage of the military training offered. While enough men have been secured for organizing the unit here, enlistments are not closed. The company will be required to add 19 men every three months until it reaches full strength of 188 men and 7 officers. At the present time there are some good ratings open and anyone interested should contact Capt. Tisdale at once.

It is planned to get the army at Bruce Field and start regular training the first part of January. Drill periods will be held once each week, taking about the same time as the old national guard required. Plans are being made so if the national compulsory military act is passed, service in the guard will take care of the one year a youth would be required to spend in the army.

4-H Club Girls Will Give Radio Programs

Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, stated this week that radio programs were started last week for 4-H club girls of this county and a schedule would be set up. The first program last week was presented by the Ofen club and on December 16 the Rowena club is to be heard from 11:30 a. m. to noon over the local station.

After Christmas programs will be presented by the Norton, Wingate, Bethel and Shamrock (Cochran) clubs.

Legion Auxiliary To Collect Gifts For Vet Hospital

The Ballinger American Legion Auxiliary this week mailed a check for \$30 to state headquarters to be spent on the purchase of gifts for veterans in hospitals in Texas. All units in the state were asked for cash contributions and buyers will buy presents that are most needed by the former service men.

In addition to this assistance given those still in hospitals, a depot has been set up at Stone's store and anyone who would like to send a gift to a veteran this Christmas may leave it there and it will be mailed in time to make some veteran happy on Christmas.

Cigarettes, pipes, towels, shaving sets, soap, cards, in fact anything a man might use in a hospital will be suitable. The gift should be wrapped and labeled to show what is inside.

Shipment of these presents will be made about December 20 so they will arrive at the hospitals in time to be distributed Christmas morning.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients improved and discharged from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital the past week were:

Mrs. Gus Redman, medical, Thursday

Mrs. Fred Multer, medical, Friday

Jimmy Parrish, surgical, Tuesday

Mrs. D. E. Compton, fractured arm, Monday

Edward Fenwick, medical, Monday

Mrs. Cathryn McLean and daughter, Thursday

Births at the clinic the past week were:

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Watkins, a daughter, dismissed Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schwertner, Miles, a son, born Saturday

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Halfmann, Rowena, a son, born Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Robison, a son, born Sunday

Joe A. Bynum, operated on Monday, is resting well.

Mary Jean Martin, who underwent surgery Wednesday, is doing nicely today.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT APPROVES BILL PAYABLE

The Runnels county commissioner's court was in session Monday morning with all members present. No special business came before the court Monday and only routine items and the approving of bills occupied attention. The court adjourned at noon.

Misses Florene and Lorene Wood, of Fort Worth, were here the past week-end for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood.

MORE DONATIONS OF TOYS ASKED BY CHURCH GROUP

The young people of the Ballinger Church of the Nazarene, under the direction of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Harrison, have a project of repairing children's toys and are asking for more contributions of toys to keep them busy.

Toys are being repaired and repainted and will be distributed Christmas to homes where there are children who will not get playthings from any other source.

The Nazarene young people are also accepting used clothing which is to be repaired and given to people in need.

Those who have toys and clothing which can be given away are asked to take them to the church or if they have no transportation to call the pastor and arrangements will be made to pick them up.

GERMAN WAR BRIDE TO ARRIVE FRIDAY

The Runnels county chapter of the Red Cross received a telegram this week advising that Mrs. Betty Bruno, a German war bride, had arrived in New York city December 5 aboard the S. S. Hudson and would be sent to Miles to join her husband, Gene Bruno.

QUAIL SEASON OPEN BUT BIRDS SCARCE IN AREA

Local hunters have been scouting their favorite shooting places since the opening of the quail season but report that birds are scarce. A few of the early hunters got their bag limit but others came back without a shot.

Ducks have been coming in on the larger lakes and tanks in the county but are not plentiful yet.

Christmas Mail Is Moving Slowly To Local Office

Postmaster Tom Caudle stated Wednesday that very little Christmas mailing had been done here to date but that the post office department was expecting the heaviest run in a number of years. The cooperation is asked of all patrons in early mailing.

The department is asking that greeting cards be mailed first class this year and that each bear a 3-cent stamp. Those mailed open with a 1 1/2-cent stamp are third-class mail, according to Mr. Caudle, and will not receive the prompt and quick service as if bearing a 3-cent stamp and going first-class.

To Wednesday noon practically no packages had gone out of the local office. This is expected to get heavy within a short time and all post offices will strive to work their mail each day.

Congestion ordinarily does not occur in the small offices but at trunk line centers where rail shipments converge. Early mailing of cards, letters and packages will help greatly to prevent this condition.

R. W. Earnshaw transacted business at Dallas the first of the week.

CHARGES FILED TODAY AGAINST LOCAL WOMAN

Charges were filed here this morning against Mrs. Bea Scarborough for taking \$410 from the Bailey Beauty Shop late Wednesday afternoon. County Attorney Roy Hill stated that charges would be filed before Justice J. N. Key, and that bond would be set and the case submitted to the next session of the grand jury.

Arrest was made by Chief of Police J. D. McNutt and Deputy Sheriff A. T. Buchanan about an hour after Mrs. Bailey had discovered the loss of her money from a purse.

Officers made the arrest as the woman was getting into a parked car. They stated that she threw the billfold containing the money into the street between two cars.

County Attorney Hill said the woman had confessed taking the money.

Mrs. Joe McKenzie, mother of Mrs. Aurelia Webb, is recuperating nicely after undergoing major surgery at San Angelo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dodge and Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, spent the week-end here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

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Notice of Execution Sale
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By virtue of an execution issued out of District Court of Dallas County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 16th day of January, 1936, in a suit styled Dr. Ben L. Schofield, et al. vs. E. S. Price Corporation, et al. and against E. S. Price, individually, wherein Harry F. Harrington recovered judgment in Cause No. 100464-B-D in said Court, I did on the 3rd day of December, 1947, at 9:30 o'clock a. m. levy upon the following described tracts or parcels of land, being oil, gas and mineral leases on lands situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, as the property of said E. S. Price, to-wit:

An oil, gas and mineral lease executed by John E. Armstrong, individually and as Attorney in fact for Mrs. Marjorie A. McLernon and husband, Geo. J. McLernon, Chas. E. Armstrong, and F. L. Armstrong, of Bexar County, Texas, as Lessors, to E. S. Price as Lessee, on land described as Block No. 16 of the Subdivision of Antonio La Soya League and Labor Survey No. 515, Abstract No. 345, Certificate No. 803, Patented to John W. Harris June 23, 1838, by Patent No. 280, Vol. No. 13, being 156.5 acres of land, more or less. Said lease is dated September 12, 1946, and is recorded in Vol. 203 on pages 515-516 and 517 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and contains a complete description of said land.

An oil, gas and mineral lease executed by Joe Ashton and wife, Clara A. Ashton, of Runnels County, Texas, as Lessors, to E. S. Price, as Lessee, on several tracts of land situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows:

1st Tract, 180 1/2 acres in Block No. 36 Dry Land and Cattle Survey—61 acres in Block No. 36 M. J. Parramore Survey—116 acres of Block No. 36 Domingo Diaz Survey No. 532 2nd tract, 100 acres in the Austin Williams Survey, 3rd tract, 98 acres in the Austin Williams Survey, 4th tract, 200 acres in the Austin Williams Survey. Said Lease is dated September 6, 1946, is recorded in Vol. 201 on pages 424 to 428 inclusive of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and contains a complete description of said land.

All of an oil and gas lease executed by J. W. Reese and wife, Mary Reese, to E. S. Price, on November 8, 1945, covering 248.3 acres, recorded in Vol. 199, page 361 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a full note description.

Oil and gas lease dated March 18, 1946, executed by William Ashton, et ux, to Jno. H. Castor, insofar as it covers the East one-half of the 102.81 acre tract out of the Henry Garmes Survey 540, Abst. 197, therein described, so constructed that the west line hereof is parallel to the east line of said 102.81 acre tract, said oil and gas lease being recorded in Vol. 201, page 443 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a more particular description, this assignment being subject however to an overriding royalty of 1-32 of the production of oil and gas retained by Jno. H. Castor.

Oil and gas lease dated November 9, 1944, executed by J. W. Reese, et ux, to E. S. Price, covering 60 acres of land, which lease is recorded in Vol. 198, page 64, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, subject to oil payments in favor of C. E. Lambert, James Willer Hill and L. Novy and Estate of Minnie Novy deceased.

Oil and gas lease dated July 12, 1944, executed by Mrs. Inez Flanagan, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J. S. Flanagan, deceased, to E. S. Price, and an oil and gas lease dated July 12, 1944, executed by Jane Godshaik, executrix of the Estate of E. G. Godshaik, deceased, et al. to E. S. Price, and an oil and gas lease dated August 29, 1946, executed by North Central Texas Oil Company, Inc. to Jno. H. Castor insofar as each of said leases cover 35.75 acres out of a certain 299.5 acre tract of land comprising portions of Blocks 30 and 29, Subdivisions of D. Diaz Survey 532, Abst. 115, said 35.75 acre tract hereby assigned being all of said 299.5 acre tract except the N 67.3 acres of Blocks 29 and 30 and the S 34 acres of the N 69 acres of Block 30 and the S 160 acres of Block 29, which latter tracts have been assigned to various parties and all of which are constructed so that the North and South lines of said tracts are parallel with the N lines of said Blocks, said leases being recorded in Vol. 198, pages 60, 81 and 85 respectively of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

All of an oil and gas lease dated September 6, 1946, executed by Joe Ashton, et ux, to E. S. Price, covering 378.5 acres, recorded in Volume 201 at page 424 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

All of an oil and gas lease executed by Arch Brookshier et al. to E. S. Price, dated February 26, 1946, and recorded in Volume 201 at page 344 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, covering 243.5 acres of land, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

An oil and gas lease dated February 26, 1946, executed by Arch Brookshier, et ux, to E. S. Price, recorded in Vol. 201 at page 347 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, in so far as it covers the East 93 acres of the 336.5 acre tract out of the E. T. R. R. Co. Survey No. 129 therein described, so laid out that its West line is parallel with the East line of said 336.5 acre tract to which record reference is here made for a more particular description.

Oil and gas lease, dated September 11, 1946, executed by Claude Brookshier, et ux, to E. S. Price, recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, insofar as it covers 420 acres of land, and being all of the 640 acres of land known as the J. R. Parramore Survey 136, Abst. 829, save and except the East 100 acres thereof and the West 120 acres of said Survey, said tracts having their east and west lines parallel with the east and west lines of said Survey, to which record reference is here

made for a more particular description.

The East 100 acres of an oil and gas lease executed by Claude Brookshier and wife, Maggie Brookshier, to E. S. Price on September 11, 1946, and recorded in the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, said 100 acres being described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at the Southeast corner of the J. H. Parramore Survey No. 136; THENCE North 1571 varas to the Northeast corner of said survey; THENCE South 75 deg. West 239 varas to a point in the North line of said survey; THENCE South 1430 varas to a point in the South line of said survey; THENCE East 238 varas to the place of beginning.

The West 243.5 acres out of an oil and gas lease executed by Arch Brookshier and wife, Minnie Lee Brookshier, to E. S. Price on February 26, 1946, recorded in Vol. 201 at page 346 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made, this 243.5 acres being out from the rest of the lease with its East line parallel with the East line of the Arch Brookshier 336.5 acre tract.

An oil and gas lease executed on December 11, 1936, by Noel Williams and wife Margaret Williams, S. A. Hartgrove and R. J. Becton, to John H. Castor, covering 196 acres of land situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being 196 acres of land out of

Block No. 26, a subdivision of Domingo Diaz Survey No. 532, Abstract No. 115; said 196 acres described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at S. W. corner of Block No. 27 and S. E. corner of Block No. 26; THENCE North 1800 varas to corner; THENCE South 78 1/2 West 268 varas to corner; THENCE North 87 1/2 West 363 varas to corner; THENCE South 1752 varas to S. W. corner of Block No. 26; THENCE East 627 22 100 varas to place of beginning.

Also an oil and gas lease covering the same land executed by S. M. Gloyd and Edwin G. Bedford to John H. Castor on June 8, 1937; Said combined oil and gas leases now being known as the Noel Williams Lease and containing one producing oil well. There is assigned with this lease all of the casing, tubing, flow lines, flow tanks and other equipment used in connection with said well.

The South 80 acres of Block No. 29, a subdivision of D. Diaz Survey No. 532, Abstract No. 115, as described in an oil and gas lease dated August 2, 1946, executed by Mrs. Inez Flanagan, individually and as Independent Executrix of the Estate of J. S. Flanagan, deceased, to Mrs. Edith Wynn Price, recorded in Vol. 201, page 353, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which record reference is here made for a more particular description of said tract of land.

All of four certain oil and gas

leases, one dated February 9, 1945, executed by Joe Ashton, et ux, to Callie Hill Sweet, one dated December 20, 1944, executed by Higginbotham Bros. & Co. to Col. A. W. Sweet, one dated December 3, 1944, executed by Jas. E. Brewer et ux, to Callie Hill Sweet, and one dated July 10, 1944, executed by C. D. Middleton and A. M. King to Callie Hill Sweet, and recorded in Vol. 194, page 578, Vol. 201, page 522; Vol. 194, page 575, and Vol. 194, page 72, respectively, of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, and covering an aggregate of 100 acres out of Block 35, Subdivision of M. J. Parramore Survey No. 26, Abst. 834, Day Land & Cattle Co. Sur. No. 1, Abst. 1117, and A. B. & M. Survey 25, Abst. 14, reference being here made to such records for a more particular description.

The West one-half of that certain 102.81 acre tract out of the Henry Garmes Survey No. 540, Abst. 197, so divided that the East line hereof is parallel with the East line of said 102.81 acre tract, as described in that certain oil and gas lease dated March 18, 1946, executed by William Ashton, et ux, to Jno. H. Castor and recorded in Vol. 201, page 443, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a more particular description; subject, however, to the overriding royalty of 1-32 of the total production of oil and gas reserved to Jno. H. Castor by his assignment to E. S. Price, dated September 12, 1946.

And on the 6th day of January, 1948, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the Courthouse door of said County, in the town of Ballinger, I will offer for sale and sell as public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said E. S. Price in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 3rd day of December, 1947.

J. L. MORELAND
 Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas
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'Beginning or the End' Drama Of Today's Most Stirring Query

The subject that has created more newspaper headlines and more popular discussion than any other in the history of America's rise to world power is treated with stunning impact in "The Beginning or the End," the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture to be presented at the Ford Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 13, 14, 15, 16.

It is the story of the atom bomb, its conception, its beginning, its development and the miraculous feat by which this country gathered together the infinite resources, brains and labor of its military, scientific and industrial chiefs to produce the terrible weapon which wiped out Hiroshima, brought about the fall of Japan, and left humanity with President Truman's question: "Is it the beginning or the end?"

Exciting moments and suspense pervade the scenes of the momentous Chicago "brick pile" test. President Truman's memorable scene in which he orders General Leslie R. Groves to test the bomb, its fearful detonation over the New Mexico desert, and the spectacular climax in which the crew of the "Enola Gay," not knowing whether they will ever return, fly over Hiroshima and drop the world's top secret weapon which obliterates the Jap city.

Brian Donlevy gives a clean-cut, incisive performance, as General Groves, aided by the sterling work of Robert Walker, as Colonel Jeff Nixon, his army observer. Tom Drake and Beverly Tyler are immensely effective as the altruistic scientist and his young bride; Audrey Totter gives sparkle and freshness to the role of the general's confidential secretary; while Hume Cronyn, Godfrey Tearle, Art Baker, Ludwig Stossel, Hurd Hatfield, Joseph Calleia, Victor Francen, Richard Haydn, Jonathan Hale, John Littel, Henry O'Neill, Warner Anderson and Barry Nelson merit attention in a spectacular cast of 112 speaking roles.

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of performance result in heart-warming and often tender moments, and Miss Grable is up to her standard. Dan Dailey, a new leading man for her, does very well and bids fair to register strongly in a role which provides him full occasion to sing and dance. Miss Freeman and the very young Miss Marshall are especially good as the daughters while Robert Arthur, as the bashful swain, is appealing in the short footage allotted him.

The musical side, in the competent hands of Mack Gordon and Josef Myroff, is responsible for six numbers which alternate between the gay and nostalgic.

Other players include Vanessa Brown, Sara Allgood, Lee Patrick, Sig Ruman, William Frawley and Ruth Nelson.

"Keeper of the Bees," from the world-famous novel, and "Repeat Performance," a romantic drama, make up the double-feature program at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 12, 13.

In this modern version of Gene Stratton-Porter's story of a tender love ("Keeper of the Bees") that had the village gossips wide-eyed but brought new warmth to an old man's heart, featured roles are played by Michael Duane, Gloria Henry, Harry Davenport, Jane Darwell and Jo Ann Marlowe.

"Repeat Performance" tells the drama of a woman who wins the chance to re-live the most exciting year of her life. Starring in the dramatic film are Louis Hayward, as the husband who flirts with women, wine—and destiny; Joan Leslie, as the actress who gets another chance to make the same mistake; and Richard Basehart, Broadway actor, who makes his debut in the pivotal role of a Greenwich Village poet. Heading the supporting cast are Virginia Field, Tom Conway Venuta, stage musical comedy singer in her first film, and Natalie Schafer.

Mystery-Comedy, 'Seven Keys to Baldpate' And Jimmy Wakely Western to Palace

Authorship and crime are the twin themes of "Seven Keys to Baldpate," RKO Radio's new film version of the highly popular drama, with Phillip Terry and Jacqueline White heading the cast. From the novel by Earl Derr Biggers and stage play by George M. Cohan, the picture will be presented at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 12, 13.

A mountain resort, thought to be closed for the winter, is the setting for the fast-paced action. Kenneth Magee, a young novelist, heads for Baldpate Inn on a bet that he can write a new novel in 24 hours, and with what he thinks is the only key to the place.

But half a dozen other persons, each with a key, show up in rapid succession, and it soon becomes obvious that there is dirty work afoot. Magee at first thinks the intruders have come only to keep him from winning his wager, and he is quickly involved in a series of mysterious and sinister happenings. And there are romantic compensations.

Eduardo Ciannelli, MARGARET LINDSAY, ARTHUR SHIELDS, and Richard Powers are cast in the comedy-thriller.

A ranger is killed in an outlaw ambush, and a desperado poses as the law officer until Jimmy Wakely exposes the scheme, in Monogram's "Ridin' Down the Trail," due at the Palace next Sunday and Monday. Three range songs by Wakely are mingled with the action of the western picture, which promises exciting moments as rustlers attempt to kill the cowboy star and plunder the ranchers.

"Cannonball" Taylor is featured in the comedy role for the first time with Jimmy Wakely, and others in the cast are Douglas Fowley, John James, Doug Aylesworth, Beverly Jones, Matthew B. Slaven, Charles L. King, Kermit Maynard, Harry Carr, Ted French, Milburn Morante, Post Park, Don Weston, Richard Reinhart, Stanley Ellison, Wayne Burson, Jesse Ashlock.

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Mrs. Carl Stout was at the door to greet guests and present the honoree, Miss Norma Richards registered the guests in the bride's book.

Vari-colored chrysanthemums decorated the party rooms and bronze mums in a low bowl centered the lace-covered refreshment table. Green tapers in matching holders were on either side.

Mrs. Eugene Loika and Miss Wanda Richards gave several musical numbers and Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne gave an original reading about a model husband. Sandwiches and cookies with coffee were served to about eighty guests. Plate favors were miniature bride and groom bearing the inscription: "Dayton and Clara—December 11th."

Morning Glory Brownies Meet
The Morning Glory Brownie troop met last Thursday afternoon in the Library building. The leaders, Mrs. Jones Taylor and Mrs. Ralph Payette, directed the girls in hand painting paper plates to be used at the Christmas party.

Names were drawn for a gift exchange from a Christmas tree at the December 18th meeting, which will be held at the country club when mothers of the girls will be guests.
Betty Jo Cowlshaw served cookies and punch to thirteen members and their leaders.

Grindstaffs Hosts at Open House to Honor Mr. and Mrs. Porter
Complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Porter, who observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday, their daughter, Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, and Judge Grindstaff held open house in the afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock in the Porter home, 2901 Pine Street, Abilene.

The reception rooms were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves where approximately 50 guests called.

Assisting Judge and Mrs. Grindstaff in receiving were their son, Everett James; Judge Grindstaff's mother, Mrs. J. E. Grindstaff; and Mrs. Porter's sister, Mrs. Ora Sanderson, both of Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter moved to Abilene just after the Christmas holidays of 1918 and have lived there ever since in the same house in which their friends greeted them Sunday. The couple selected Abilene because they wanted to educate their only child, Atha, now Mrs. Grindstaff, in the schools there. Both Judge and Mrs. Grindstaff are graduates of Hardin-Simmons University, and they were married and moved to Ballinger soon after their graduation.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter were married December, 1897, in Denton, of which they were both residents. Mrs. Porter was born in Cleveland, Tennessee. They moved from Fort Worth to West Texas in 1900, and in 1902, Mr. Porter built the first house in Hamlin. He was in the gin business in West Texas, living in both Tom Green and Callahan counties before moving to Abilene. He has been engaged in stock farming since 1935, and for 12 years was in the dairy business.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Porter are members of the University Baptist Church.

Conquest Class Has Christmas Party in Erwin Home

Mrs. B. H. Erwin and Mrs. David Murray were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening, entertaining at the annual Christmas dinner party in the Erwin home on Eighth Street.

A beautifully lighted Christmas tree and arrangements of autumn foliage encircling the base of oblong candle holders which held large red candles were about party rooms, the dining room being especially lovely with large shaggy orchid mums for the centerpiece. Mrs. Ola McMillan and Mrs. Rufus Allen assisted with the three-course turkey menu.

Following the dinner, Mrs. G. P. Teague, class president, directed the business. The program chairman, Mrs. Murray, presented a Christmas program. Mrs. Harper McFarland gave the devotional after the group sang "Silent Night" in unison. Mrs. Una V. Doose told the story of the life of Clement Moore, who wrote "The Night Before Christmas;" and Mrs. McMillan gave the prayer. Ruth Ann Erwin assisted with the exchange of gifts from the tree.

Others present were: Mmes. E. S. Malone, Aurelia Webb, Hudson Owen, Bill Gruber, Hub Dean, G. E. Huddleston, John Reese, Paul Petty, R. W. Balke, Clark Koller, Altus Stokes, C. J. Jennings, Jack Ashton; Misses Maggie, Eunice and Eva Lilly, Carmen Demmer, and Carmen Carr of Galveston.

Local Teachers Attend Holiday Party at San Angelo

Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary society of women teachers, held its annual Christmas party Saturday evening in the home of Mrs. Claud Cotton, at San Angelo.

Mrs. Bob King, of San Angelo, president, directed the business, which was followed by a program. Carols were sung with special violin selections by Miss Carmen Demmer; accordion numbers by Miss Ruth Rich; speech pupils of Miss Clara Hutchings gave readings; games were conducted by Miss Ella McCalliard and gifts were exchanged.

Spiced tea and cookies were served to 36 members by the hostesses, Mmes. S. T. Allen, Verna Box, Dixie Louder of Miles, Ruth Smith, S. P. Bolding, G. C. Phillips; Misses Fern Van Court, McCalliard; and Mrs. Cotton.

The next meeting will be a joint affair with the Abilene chapter and Ballinger members when the local teachers will be hostesses on Saturday, February 14, 1948.

Attending from Ballinger were: Misses Marryatt Smith, Demmer, Mary Jane Klechle, Curtis Gregory, and Mrs. Ernest Caskey.

Miss McGregor Given Scholarship at University

Miss Pat McGregor, student of the University of Texas, Austin, was awarded a scholarship, which the Woman's Study Club at Austin presented for achievement in studies. This scholarship was established in 1943, and the club continues to award them each year.

Miss McGregor will spend the Christmas holidays at home with her mother, Mrs. Malcolm McGregor. Another daughter, Miss Armour Lynn McGregor, who is employed at Austin, and a son, Don McGregor, student at the

University, will also be at home for the holidays. Capt. and Mrs. James Holt and son, Dickie, will not be able to spend Christmas in the McGregor home this year. Capt. Holt is stationed at Fort Ord, Monterey, California, and as the army is quite busy receiving recruits he will be unable to get a leave. Mrs. Holt was formerly Miss Gloria McGregor.

Mrs. Bradley Hostess at Dessert Luncheon

Entertaining close friends with a dessert luncheon Tuesday, Mrs. John Bradley gave a party in her Tenth Street home and introduced her sister, Mrs. B. D. Nunley, of Coleman.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated with potted poinsettias and other symbols of the holiday season. A large massed arrangement of Christmas balls was outlined with oak leaves to center the dining table. All game and table appointments were in the holiday theme.

The hostess served home-made candies and coca colas during contract games when Mrs. Troy Simpson was awarded high score prize, and bigfo prizes went to Mrs. Mack Hartgrove of Paint Rock and Mrs. Claude Stone.

Others were: Mmes. K. V. Northington, Edgar Boelsche, Marvin Davies, George Newby, Ed Curry, W. K. Wheatley, E. W. Stasney, F. M. Pearce, C. F. Bailey, Alex McGregor, C. L. Baker, R. T. Wil-

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In-Honor Affairs Continue for Miss Lynn

Pre-nuptial parties for Miss Mary Lynn, who will be married to Bill C. Sykes on December 27, continued this week with Mrs. Alex Saunders hostess at a party in her home on Eleventh Street. The lighted Christmas tree and seasonal decorations were featured about rooms while chrysanthemums and red roses were used in the dining room.

Guests hemmed tea towels and embroidered designs in the corner. These were presented the honoree by the hostess. A sandwich plate was served with fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

Others were: Mmes. Estes M. Lynn, O. C. Sykes, Florence Reed, Lee Sykes, Theo Isbell, Malcolm McGregor, Alex McGregor, C. J. Lynn, H. W. Lynn, W. B. Woody, J. M. Pyburn, J. G. Douglass, Tom Caudle, Oscar Pearson, Paul Trimmer, Bruce Creasy, W. R. Bogle, John Gulon, Docia Copeland of Tulsa; and Miss Maggie Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Hill Hampton spent the week-end at San Antonio.

NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Norton home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Harvey Bryan December 4, with six members present.

After a brief business session a Christmas party was planned for the near future. Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on fruit ball candy. Refreshments were served.

The next meeting will be held January 8 in the home of Mrs. Lawrence Bryan.

Mrs. J. C. Sturges was ill the first of the week and unable to be in her store.

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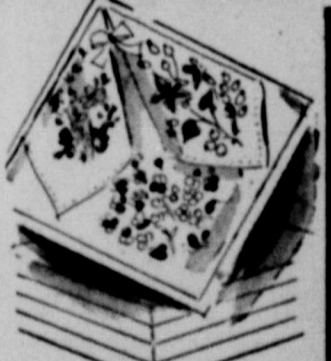
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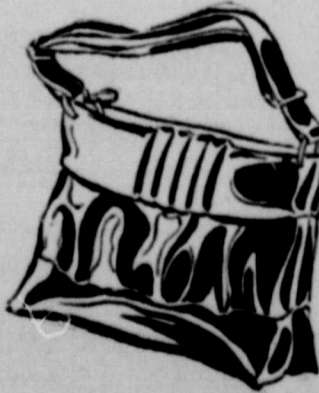
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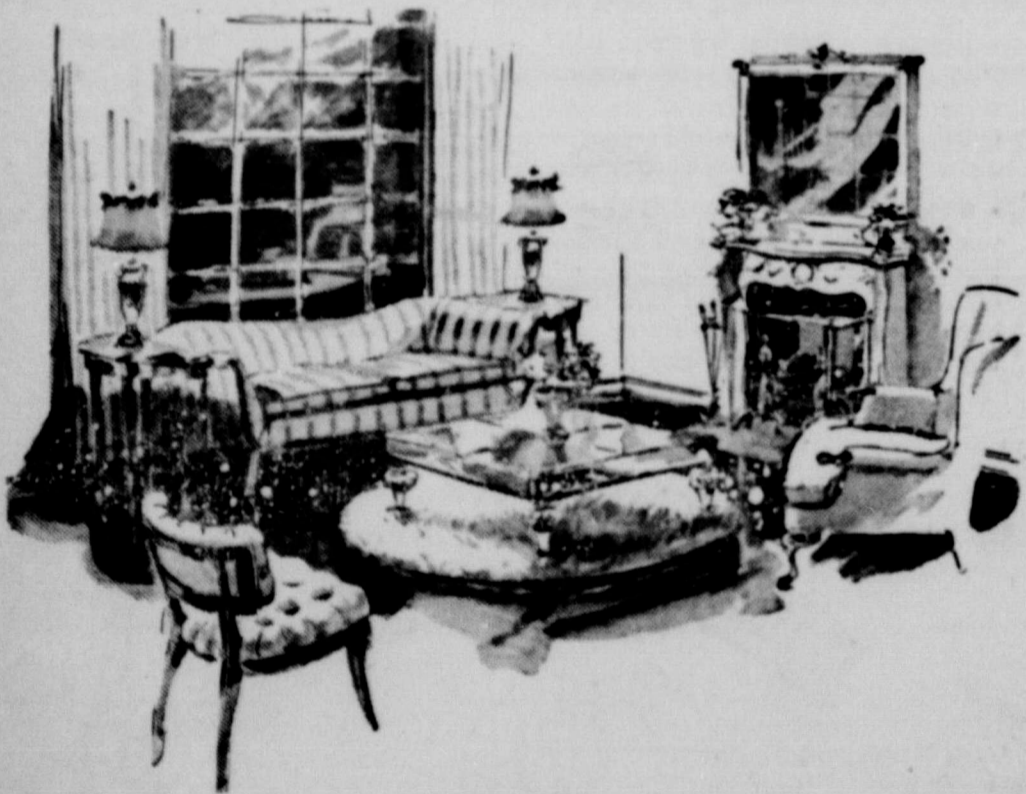
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DEATHS

John A. Endacott
John A. Endacott, 52, died at the Humble Pipeline station near Miles about 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon from a heart attack. He returned from his vacation Saturday and had been feeling about as well as usual.
On duty at the station, four miles east of Miles, he was the only man there. He called in his hourly report at 7 p. m. to the main office and when he did not call again, an official at the main plant southeast of Ballinger telephoned Ed Glass, who lives near

the Miles station, and asked him to investigate. When Mr. Glass went to the station he found Mr. Endacott dead in a chair in the office. The telephone and his 7 o'clock report were before him but the report had not been entered on the book.
A company engineer, Mr. Endacott had been an employee since 1925. He and his family have resided in Ballinger 18 years. During World War I he served in the navy and was a member of the Pat Williams post, American Legion, and the Presbyterian Church.
Survivors besides the wife include a son, Jimmy, a student in Ballinger high school; a daughter, Mrs.

Jean Hutton, Hobbs, New Mexico
two sisters, Mrs. R. A. Carswell and Mrs. Ruth Govel, both of Cisco.
Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the First Baptist Church, Rev. B. J. Martin officiating.
Newby-Davis Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

G. P. Teague
G. P. Teague, 52, died at his home Friday after being ill for the past month and in failing health more than a year. He was taken to Temple three weeks ago for a clinical examination and it was learned that he had an incurable disease.
Decedent was born at Blanket March 3, 1890, and later moved to

county in 1925. He lived at Norton, Bethel and Hatchel before coming here to make his home last year.
He had been a member of the Methodist Church since his boyhood and also held membership in the W.O.W. Lodge. Until recently he was engaged in farming.
Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. H. B. Loyd officiating, assisted by Rev. L. D. Hardt, of San Antonio, a former pastor at Norton.
Survivors besides the wife include three daughters, Mrs. Claude Simmons, Ballinger, Mrs. Williams Warren, Paint Rock, and Mrs. O. C. Gunyon, Odessa; six sons, Earl, of Ballinger, Fletcher, of Midland, Walter, of San Angelo, Ralph, of Boulder, Colorado, and Tom J. and Frank, both of Austin; two brothers, Julie, of Mullin, and Jess, of Lampasas; one half-brother, Theo McKinney; and two sisters, Mrs. Will Hodges, of Lampasas, and Miss Maggie Crockett, of Humble; and eight grandchildren.
Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vingie N. Myers
Vingie N. Myers, colored, was brought to Ballinger from Miles Friday night after he was killed by a train, 4 miles east of Miles. The negro attempted to catch a freight train near that city and is believed to have lost his hold and in the fall was thrown beneath the moving wheels.
The body was shipped from here to Milano where services and interment were held.
Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Card of Thanks
To all who helped us bear our grief and shock in the darkest hour of our lives, we wish to try to express our gratitude. We shall never forget one single kindness shown, and it is with an humble spirit that we recognize the feeling of our friends for our dear one.
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Brothers and sisters of Mr. Teague 11

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Underwood, Betty and James Lee, of Big Spring, visited friends in Ballinger and Winters the past week-end.

County Agent John A. Barton returned the past week-end from San Antonio, where he had been in a hospital following surgery. He is reported to be improving but will be confined to his home for some time.
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Committees are studying ways by which the city might acquire and operate the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. This action was taken when Dr. C. F. Bailey announced his intention of closing the institution in 1948 unless sold or acquired by some local group. Citizens at once became alarmed and it was pointed out that a hospital was one of the best assets a city could have. This started talk which resulted in every civic club in the city naming representatives to serve on a general committee. Spokesmen for the committee went before the city commission and while no definite action was taken, city officials promised to do everything possible to retain the institution here. Committeemen will go to Dallas next week to confer with officials of bond buying concerns to determine whether revenue

bonds voted against the hospital would be purchased. This plan is believed to be the best possible answer to the problem. If taken over by the city the hospital would be operated with an open staff and all doctors would have the privilege of using it for their patients. Local leaders believe the problem is of concern to every resident of this section.

Citizens who serve as officials and directors of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association are concerned over the slow response to the appeal to buy Christmas seals and the lagging bond sale in this county. These people give much time to the work of the association throughout the year. Their efforts have been responsible for the fine program in this county to check up on and discover early symptoms of tuberculosis and to tell people how best to take care of themselves. In addition treatment and hospitalization have been provided for a large number. There is no doubt about the value of this program but it cannot be continued at the top level without a successful sale of seals and bonds. This is the association's only means of support and a small contribution is all that is asked of



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WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Stephenville city commission announced last week that police and fire protection have been provided 24 hours a day. Fire truck drivers on duty 24 hours a day will double as desk police sergeants and will be available for telephone calls day or night. In turn they will be able to dispatch policemen to any part of the city. An ordinance was also passed making it mandatory for anyone erecting a building of

anyone. If you received seals and have not mailed a remittance to the organization do so at once.

Christmas holidays begin for schools in Runnels county next week and all pupils and teachers will get from ten days to two weeks. A different condition will prevail for most business men. Merchants and their clerks will be rushed until late Christmas eve and then must be back on the job after one day off to start taking inventories and preparing to close the year and start a new one. This will be a happy Christmas for all, however, as more families will be reunited than at any time since before the beginning of World War II.

any kind to get a permit from the city.

Coke County Agent Travis B. Hicks spoke on soil conservation at the meeting of the Bronte Lions Club last week. The speaker emphasized the importance of this movement, declaring: "We have a false prosperity now, at the expense of our own land, for we have only robbed ourselves by letting our land deteriorate." He pointed to the effects of letting land go without proper conservation measures and then showed the brighter picture of the increase in population when good land is available.

Concho county newspapers gave publicity last week to the open quail season. Considerable hunting is done on ranches in the county and in many cases these ranches are posted, the owners trying to build up the wild game population. In most sections of Texas the bag limit is 12 birds, but a few exceptions were noted, one being Pecos county.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce has announced prizes for the best decorated homes during the Christmas season. Cash prizes of \$15, \$10 and \$5 will be paid to the winners. A total of \$250

was collected last week to provide colored lights for the business district and these were bought outright so they can be used from year to year.

The Rising Star American Legion post recently purchased a large mess hall at Camp Bowie and the building has been moved and work begun to convert it into a modern club house for the post. The 28 by 96 foot building is equipped with stoves, tables, etc. When completed the club house will have a small auditorium which will be open to the general public at all times.

Delegations representing the Brownwood Livestock Association and the Brownwood Industrial Association were told by the war assets administration officials at Grand Prairie last week that values of Camp Bowie properties being sought by the two groups would be rechecked. Bids made by the two groups for the properties previously were rejected by the WAA. A block of buildings being sought by the livestock association has been promised for the January show whether or not the sale is closed.

Major J. F. Gaines reported to Coleman city officials last week that he had received a telegram from the Trans-Tex Airways stating that it is ready to include Coleman in its service, and asked if the city would meet requirements at the municipal airport. The city has informed the company that the airfield will be improved to meet CAA regulations for the landing and take-off of passenger planes.

Daily airline service started at Fort Stockton Tuesday morning. Trans-Texas Airline officials had checked and approved the field and a number of company representatives were on hand for the open house at the field Monday when the first passenger plane landed. Fort Stockton post office employees said thousands of air-mail letters were mailed for the first flight from the city.

The first public meeting of a temperance organization that has been in operation at Snyder for some time was held December 12 when the chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous sponsored the appearance of noted speakers. Dick and Ruth Breen, of Washington, D. C., were the feature speakers.

A number of mothers and fathers of Melvin F. F. A. chapter members made a field trip last week to inspect the youths' feeder projects. After the morning round the group stopped at the community center where a barbecue dinner was served. Feeding projects of the members include a large number of calves, lambs and hogs.

Three hundred Brady business men have been invited to attend a booster breakfast at which a drive to raise \$5,000 for the Girl Scouts of the area will be launched. Every man attending is asked to devote one day to an intensive effort to raise the \$5,000, to be used in constructing a Girl Scout cottage.

Open house was held Sunday, December 7, for Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Roach, on the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. Eight of the couple's children attended the celebration and in the afternoon many friends called to pay their respects.

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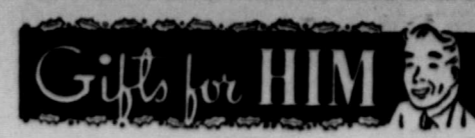
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IN SOCIETY

First Methodist W. S. C. S. Has Installation Service

The First Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service held its last meeting of the year, and installed officers for the ensuing year when members met in the Doss Bible Class room at the church on Tenth Street Monday afternoon.

The room was beautifully decorated with arrangements of yellow and orchid chrysanthemums where Mrs. W. O. Irby, retiring president, was presiding officer. Mrs. Henry Moody gave the annual report and Mrs. Joe Forman gave the devotional, on "Service."

Mrs. Marvin Davies presided for the presentation of life membership certificates. Mrs. C. R. Clark presented a certificate to Mrs. C. P. Shepherd from the Ida Campbell Circle; Mrs. Troy Simpson presented one to Mrs. W. E. Midgley from the Ette Gressett Circle; and a certificate from the Sally Odum Circle was presented Mrs. W. O. Wallace by Mrs. R. D. Midgley. Mrs. Davies presented a certificate from the W. S. C. S. to Mrs. Irby, retiring president.

Mrs. A. O. Strother, in a very impressive service and using the theme of "Christ," installed new officers: president, Mrs. Davies; vice-president, Mrs. George Newby; recording secretary, Mrs. H. G. Agnew; corresponding secretary, Mrs. E. C. Tinsley; treasurer, Mrs. W. R. Clark; secretaries—spiritual life, Mrs. J. W. Guynes; supplies, Mrs. Hatton Laxson; missionary education, Mrs. Wallace; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mrs. C. D. Harris; youth work, Mrs. M. E. McClenny; children, Mrs. Fred Middleton; students work, Mrs. Tom Agnew; literature and publications, Mrs. H. B. Loyd; status of women, Mrs. Moody; circle chairmen—Mrs. R. D. Midgley, Mrs. Flay Brevard and Mrs. Irby.

After the installation Mrs. Davies presided and named the following committees: spiritual life, Mrs. Strother and Mrs. Guynes; program, Mmes. Newby, Wallace, Harris, Guynes and Loyd; study and action, Mmes. Wallace, Harris and Guynes; finance, Mmes. Clark, Davies, Harris, Wallace and Newby; membership, Mmes. J. G. Douglass, Irby, R. D. Midgley and Brevard; fellowship, Mmes. Ford Taylor and Midgley; publicity, Mmes. Shepherd and H. G. Agnew; parsonage, Mmes. J. F. Currie, Sam Behringer and George Beard; flowers, Mmes. John Bradley, O. R. Lasater and Tom Caudie; sacramental, Mmes. R. W. Earnshaw, Fred Underwood and Bill Moore; Christian social relations and local church activities, Mmes. Harris, W. W. Chastain and J. L. Davis and Miss Theima Midgley; music, Mmes. Troy Simpson, Jack Nixon, Jr. and Price Middleton.

Mrs. Irby was hostess at the social hour and served a sandwich plate with cookies and hot spiced tea.

Miss Kemp Gives Book Review for Service Class

Miss Gladys Kemp gave a very interesting review of the book, "The Miracle on 34th Street," when members of the First Baptist Service Class held its regular meeting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Y. Bailey on Third Street Friday evening.

Betty Sue Cloninger presided for the business period in rooms decorated with chrysanthemums and other fall flowers. Miss Grace Jo Bondurant, class teacher, directed games and Christmas

carols were sung.

The hostess, Carol Ann Bailey, was assisted by her mother in serving a sandwich plate with cookies and hot chocolate. Others present were: Dian Tuekey, Joyce Brookshier, Theresa Elkins, Margaret Ann Hampton, Nathana Koen, and Cordelia Flanagan.

Mrs. Key Hostess to Presbyterian Young Women's Circle

Mrs. R. E. Key was hostess to members of the Young Women's Training Circle of the First Presbyterian Church Monday evening at her home on Eighth Street.

Christmas flowers and Yule decorations gave a festive air to rooms where Mrs. Oscar Batts directed the business session. Gifts were brought for the Christmas box which will be packed and sent to the young girl who is attending T. S. C. W., by the Auxiliary of the church.

Mrs. E. L. Ingram gave the Bible lesson, "What Do I Put First?" and Mrs. Leonard Stallings brought the devotional, a Christmas theme, "For Such Time as This." Mrs. Orland Middleton, secretary of Christian education and ministerial relief, presented plans for the circle members to assist with the candlelight service which will be held at the church on the evening of December 21. Miss Mary Lynn, bride-elect of Bill C. Sykes, was presented a

crystal compote from members of the circle.

The hostess served cake topped with whipped cream and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Roger Wheeler, K. V. Northington, Jr., L. F. Wilson, Jr., and R. L. Craig.

Three are Hostesses at Gift Tea for Miss Lynn

Miss Mary Lynn was again honored Friday afternoon when Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, Mrs. J. G. Douglas and Mrs. R. L. Craig were hostesses at a tea and miscellaneous gift affair in the Pyburn home on Twelfth Street, when friends called in two groups from 3:30 to 5:30.

Only the glow from candles, placed at vantage points, lighted the reception rooms where Christmas berries and foliage combined with potted poinsettias and cyclamen gave floral adornment while lovely mantle decorations and other Yule symbols gave added beauty and color where the hostesses, the guest of honor, her mother, Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, and the bridegroom-to-be's mother, Mrs. O. C. Sykes, received.

The centerpiece for the dining table laid in Normandy lace was an oval crystal bowl which held a reflected arrangement of red carnations with lace fern and tall red tapers burned in matching three-branched crystal candelabra. Potted poinsettias on the buffet and serving table also were flanked by red tapers. Mrs. J. F. Currie, Mrs. F. M. Pearce, Mrs. Alex McGregor and Mrs. Ernest Caskey presided over the silver service and Mrs. Harry Lynn, Mrs.

E. A. Saunders, Mrs. W. R. Bogle and Miss Louise Batts served decorated sandwiches and assorted Christmas cookies and mints.

Guests were: Mmes. B. C. Kirk, C. F. Bailey, C. D. Richards, R. T. Williams, E. E. King, J. R. Lusk, Bruce Creasy, Sam Behringer, E. Shepperd, Charles Hambrick, M. B. Wardlaw, R. C. Bledsoe, Henry Doss, C. J. Lynn, E. F. Batts, Cordelia Johnson, Chester Cherry, C. P. Shepherd, Emma Nash, Theo Isabel, Lee Sykes, George Holgan, Arthur Giesecke, Warren Lynn, R. G. Erwin, M. M. Alexander, C. L. Baker, L. R. Tigner, Max McCrary, Jr., Tom Caudie, J. W. Guynes, Ruth Bankston, O. F. Sensabaugh, R. L. Balke, K. V. Northington, Tom Routh, Paul Trimmer, B. J. Martin, Robert Lowry, C. R. Stone, N. F. Walker of El Paso, Troy Simpson, Q. V. Miller, William J. Wingo of Galveston, Docia Copeland of Tulsa; Misses Maggie Underwood, Marrayatt Smith, Nell Alexander, Griffie Atkins and Winnie Trill.

Mrs. Miller Entertains Contract Club

Mrs. Q. V. Miller was hostess to her contract club Thursday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street. Multi-colored lights on the decorated Christmas tree and other Yule symbols, and arrangements of chrysanthemums were used about the large living room where games were played. Mrs. N. F. Walker of El Paso, and Mrs. William Wingo of Galveston, houses guests of Mrs. Miller, assisted in serving a salad plate with coffee. Others were: Mmes. R. G. Erwin, Bruce Creasy,

F. M. Pearce, C. L. Baker, Estes M. Lynn, George Holman, Harry Lynn, Malcolm McGregor and Paul Trimmer.

Mrs. Caudie Compliments Miss Lynn

Mrs. David T. Caudie was assisted by Mrs. Tom Caudie and Mrs. E. B. Clappitt when she complimented Miss Mary Lynn, bride-elect of Bill C. Sykes, on Thursday evening, when she was hostess at contract and forty-two in the Tom Caudie home on Fifth Street.

Vari-colored chrysanthemums

were used in profusion about party rooms where games were played, and at the conclusion the hostess' gift and the high award, won by Mrs. Clappitt, were presented the honoree. At the tea hour a salad plate was served with fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee.

Included were: Mmes. Estes Lynn, O. C. Sykes, Malcolm McGregor, Alex McGregor, H. W. Ketchum, Oscar Batts, Max McCrary, Jr., Tom Agnew, Orland Middleton, Henry Bieciuk, Roy C. Bledsoe, Ray Key, C. W. Cheatham, J. D. Reneau, E. L. Ingram,

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E. O. S. SETS MEETING FOR MONDAY EVENING

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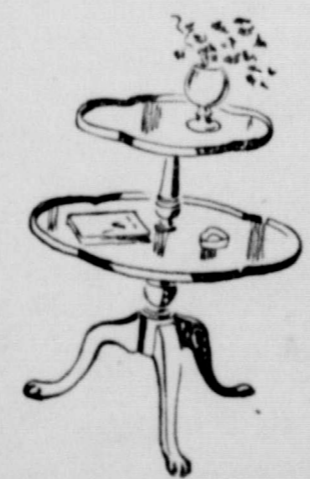
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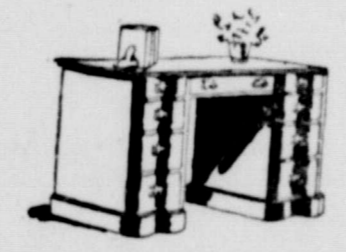


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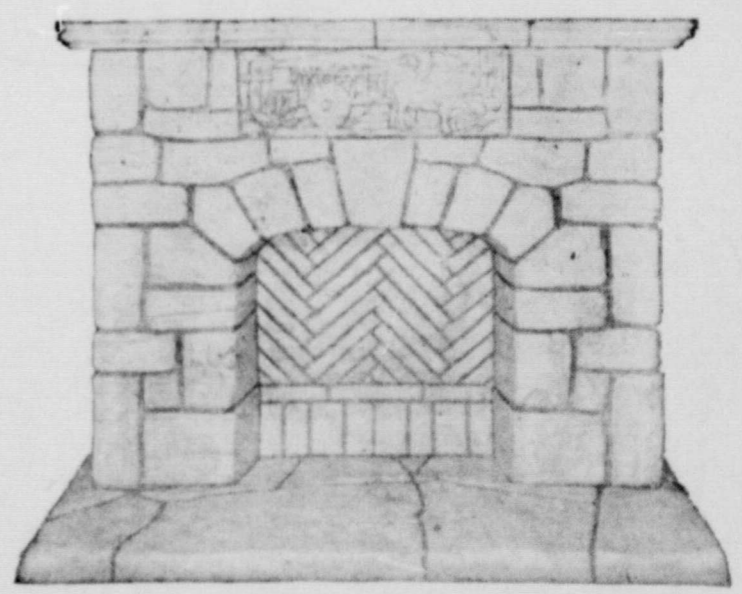
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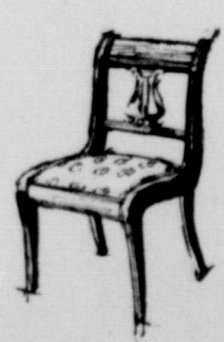
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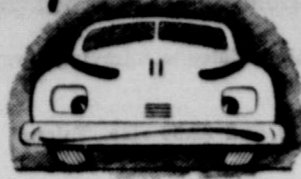
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LOCAL LIONS TO ATTEND BRONTE CLUB MEETING
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A program has been arranged

on which Judge E. C. Grindstaff, of Ballinger, past district governor, will be one of the speakers.
The Ballinger club assisted in organizing the Bronte club and a special effort is being made to line up a strong delegation to attend the meeting there.

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Service Officer Talks On Veteran Benefits For Ballinger Lions

The Ballinger Lions Club in meeting Friday heard D. G. Posey, county service officer, give a complete explanation of veterans' benefits. Mr. Posey has been engaged in this work for the past fifteen years serving first as service officer for the American Legion and later being employed as service officer for Runnels county. At the present time he is serving Runnels and Concho and parts of adjoining counties.

The speaker holds high ratings with the veterans' administration and is known in this part of the state for his thorough knowledge of laws dealing with former service men. In his address Friday he stressed the importance of veterans consulting a service officer so that proper steps can be taken now that will save much time later when an emergency arises.

Mr. Posey also pointed out that January 1, 1948, is the final date for converting insurance by members of the armed forces in World War II and added that much of this time was taken up at the present with insurance work.

At the conclusion of the program Clarence Bissett, president, presented gifts to Troy Simpson, director of the recent Lions minstrel, and Mrs. O. G. Joiner, pianist for the show.

McMURRY CHANTERS TO SING AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The McMurry College Chanters will present a Christmas cantata, "The Coming of the King," at the First Methodist Church Sunday evening. Announcement of the program by the Abilene college group was made Sunday by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Loyd.

The Chanters, one of the best known singing organizations in West Texas, will require the entire evening hour for their musicale. Rex Mauldin, assistant pastor and choir director of the local church, who also is a student at McMurry, arranged for the visit to Ballinger. Ladies of the church will serve the group following the program in the basement of the church and the singers will return to Abilene Sunday night.

This is the first of the Christmas programs to be presented in Ballinger churches. Several local churches will celebrate Christmas in sermon and song on December 21.

Boy Scout Official Speaker for Club; Scout House Built

A. H. Bird, Boy Scout executive at Camp Louis Farr, was heard in a talk on Cub work and other phases of scouting at the meeting of the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday noon. Mr. Bird began his address with a comparison of the life of the early Indian boys and what is being taught through the Boy Scout movement.

The comparison was picked up with an Indian boy and a Cub, both 9 years of age.

It was announced that the Rotary Club's scout house would be completed next week. The location is on Elm Creek near the pump station and activities there will be under the direction of troop leaders and members of the Boy Scout committee of the club.

Troop 30 will enjoy the facilities of this building, where all meetings are to be held. It is so arranged that a general training program can be carried on and actual work on the building and interior will be done by boys working for advancement and merit badges.

The club's annual Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 23.

Visitors at the meeting Tuesday were John Outland, Dallas; W. P. Guin and W. C. Hodges, Cisco; Clarence Cooper, Lubbock; all Rotarians; and L. F. Keeland, Cisco, and O. T. Byrd, Mertzon.

Oscar Batts was in charge of the program and presented the principal speaker.

FORMER CITIZENS WILL RETURN TO BALLINGER

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hearn, who have been residing at Carthage the past several years, have returned to Ballinger to make home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hearn lived here for a number of years while he was contractor in building the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Hearn stated that he had been in and out of Ballinger for the past fifty years and had decided that it was the best place in which to live. The couple intends to buy or build a home here.

W. B. Woody attended to business at Brownwood and Waco the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew transacted business at Waco several days this week.

Coronation Dance And Program to be Held Friday Night

One of the feature school programs of the year will be held tomorrow (Friday) night, the first portion at the high school auditorium and a dance to follow in the recreation building at Bruce Field.

The first event will be the coronation of class favorites and recognition of other special honors given by the annual body nominated by the student body will be presented in a program from the stage of the high school auditorium. The starting time is 7:00 p. m.

The hall at Bruce Field has been specially decorated for the coronation dance, a formal occasion.

The public is invited to attend the ceremonies at the high school, admission to which is 25 cents, while attendance at the dance is limited to those holding 50-cent tickets.

PRECAUTION IS URGED IN SHOOTING FIREWORKS

The first holiday fireworks are being sold here and so far local officers stated there have been no violations of the ordinance prohibiting shooting in the downtown fire zone.

Stands selling fireworks are outside the city limits but they are doing a good business with the youngsters. Parents are asked to inform their children in regard to where fireworks may be shot. The business district and adjoining blocks are in a restricted fire zone and it is unlawful to shoot fireworks inside this area.

Officers pointed out that where shooting is done in the permitted residential sections every precaution should be taken and adults should be with the children to see that burning pieces are not left to start fires in yards or on roof tops.

FORMER LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL DIES AT LUBBOCK

H. B. Self, high school principal and football coach here for a number of years, died at his home in Lubbock shortly after midnight Sunday from a heart attack. He had not been feeling well for several days but had continued with his work.

Decedent attended the Tuscola schools and McMurry College, Abilene. He came to Ballinger in 1930 as high school principal and remained here until 1935, coaching the football team here for two years.

Leaving Ballinger he went to Rising Star as superintendent and remained there through 1944. He became general agent for a life insurance company and moved to Lubbock, residing there ever since. Funeral services were held at Tuscola Tuesday afternoon, interment following in the cemetery there.

Survivors besides the wife include two children, Jack, 10, and Carolyn, 6, his parents and a brother.

BEARCATS WIN FIRST GAME FROM LAKE VIEW

The Bearcats opened the basketball season Tuesday night with a win over the fast Lake View team. The game was a thriller, the final score being Ballinger 17, Lake View 16.

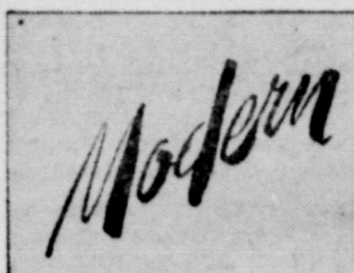
Lake View had been touted as the best team in the district and the Bearcats were ready for them. The half ended with the score tied at 7-7.

The two quintets fought on pretty even ground until the exciting finish. With ten seconds

to go, Attnip sank a goal which tied the score and Davenport sank a free throw to put the Bearcats out in the lead by one point as the game ended. Other players featuring on the Bearcat A team were Marshall, Agnew, Hill, Powers and Esquivel. In the game between the two B teams Lake View won by the score of 18 to 13, and the Lake View juniors also defeated the local juniors 16-12.

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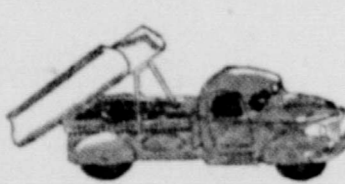
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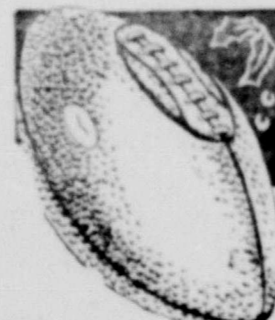
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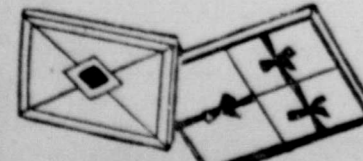
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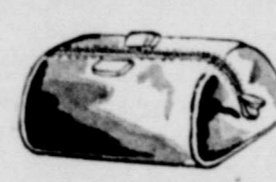
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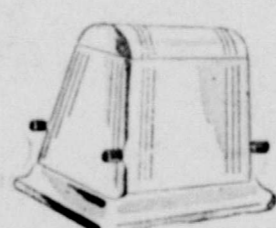
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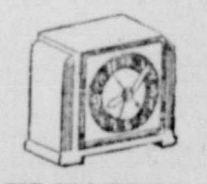
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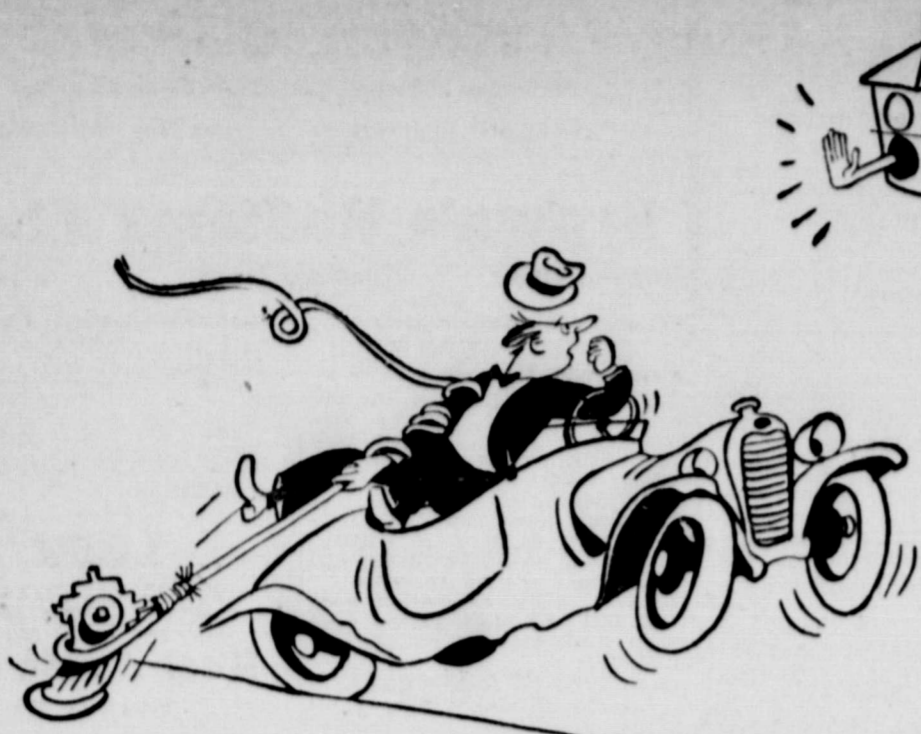
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SPORTS

The Coleman Bluecats, selected to represent district 9-A in the bi-district play-off, went down in defeat at the hands of the Eastland Mavericks last Friday night by the score of 26 to 6. Earlier in the season the Ballinger Bearcats, co-champions of district 9-A with Coleman, had defeated the Eastland team 26-6.

Football cannot be figured on paper—it takes four quarters of play to tell the result. The Bearcats were at their top physical condition of the year when they met Eastland. In their crucial games later in the season they were minus one backfield star and another was injured. Coleman also played Eastland with Clifford, a star back, on the bench most of the game.

The Mavs will play the Stamford eleven for the regional title next week. It is the first time the Eastland team has ever gone to the region, but the Stamford boys have played in it several times, once against the Bearcats in which the latter won 13 to 7.

A large number of players in the Longhorn Baseball League have been taken by higher classification clubs since the meeting of the national association at Miami, Florida. When all sales transfers and drafts are approved clubs in the Longhorn circuit will be made up of practically all new

passes and power plays to score their lone touchdown. It was Arrott who did most of the plunging and circling end for yardage and finally carried the oval across the pay line from the four. The kick for the extra point was wide. The score: 12 to 6.

One minute later Guyton took the Bronte kick-off on his own 20-yard line and stepped through the Longhorn defense wall into a clear field and raced the 80 yards to score. Napier drop kicked the extra point, making the count 19 to 6.

The rest of the game saw the Jackets racking up four first downs to carry the ball into Bronte territory before the final whistle ended the fray.

Fans were entertained between the halves, first by the Bronte pep squad in a well rehearsed drill on the playing field. Next the Menard band and pep squad took the field and presented several good stunts. These three units also kept the sideline color going throughout the evening.

The Yellow Jackets will play the Crane team next week to decide the regional championship. School officials will meet this week-end to decide the time and place of this game.

The Ballinger management has only a few men to recall for spring training and while contracts have been submitted to them, none has been returned here so far.

Bill Moore expects to be able soon to announce a manager for the local club. With a manager on the job a few players may be lined up this winter for the 1948 season. Most of the job will have to be done at spring training and from players to be supplied by the Cincinnati Reds at the beginning of the playing season.

The eighth club in the Longhorn League has not been secured and in case another franchise is not granted the loop may drop back to the original six clubs. San Angelo is definitely in if an eighth club is licensed. Coleman fans have given up in their drive to raise \$30,000 to build a park and place a team in the league. Childless interests have been given more time and if failure is reported three towns in Oklahoma probably will get a chance.

Menard and Bronte football fans here Friday night showed their appreciation for the use of the Ballinger park and facilities by their applause when Roger Wheeler extended them a welcome over the public address system. The game was also on the air over station KRUN, with business firms at Menard and Bronte sponsoring the broadcast.

VALLEY CREEK LAKE CATCHES MORE WATER

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Yellow Jackets roll over the Bronte Longhorns by the score of 19 to 6. The game was replete with

interest and sideline color and fans remained in their seats until the final whistle ending the contest.

The game started with each team playing on fairly even terms but in the second quarter the Yellow Jackets began displaying an offense that kept the Coke countians in trouble. Murchison intercepted a pass on his own 27 and the Menard boys started a passing wave which carried the pigskin down field to their own 30. Guyton threw a long one to McWilliams in the end zone for the first score of the game.

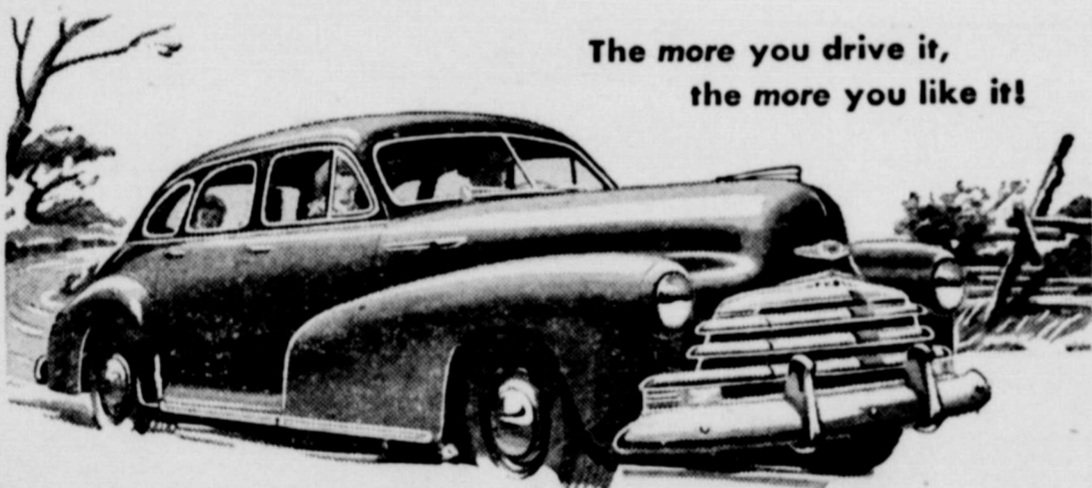
The Yellow Jackets took advantage of a Bronte fumble and started a drive downfield that ended with Dpton carrying over from the one-yard stripe. The extra point was missed the tally was 12-0.

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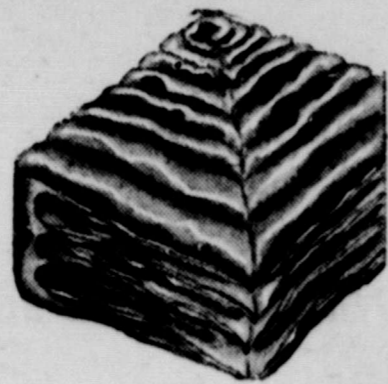
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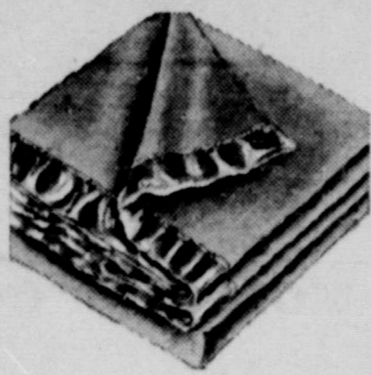


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Coleman Not to Take Longhorn Franchise; May Go to Childress

A group of Colemanites working to get a berth in the Longhorn Baseball League have discontinued their efforts and announced that

they will not operate a professional baseball club in 1948. Local club officials were advised of this development the first of the week and Childress was to have the next try to take over the eighth slot in the circuit. If Childress does not make the grade, league officials will offer the franchise to baseball interests at Brownwood or at some town in Oklahoma near Vernon.

High School Athletes Commence Training For Basketball Play

Coaches Wayman Wilson and J. E. Garrett started basketball training Monday and will begin a series of exhibition games, to be continued until the end of the season. A large number of boys, including several lettermen from last year, reported for the squad this year.

Seven clubs are definitely lined up for the 1948 season and if the eighth is not placed, the league will revert to a six-club loop and operate on a schedule similar to that of last summer.

A number of league officials and club owners left the first of this week for Miami, Florida, to attend the meeting of the National Baseball Association this week. J. W. (Bill) Moore, local club owner, cancelled air reservations for Monday because of illness but stated that he might fly to Miami later in the week for the last sessions of the winter conference.

The district games to decide the championship will commence on January 30 when teams of the western division come to Ballinger for a one-day tournament. Following this a second tournament will be held at Lake View on February 6, when the championship will be established.

During December and most of January the Ballinger coaches will play a number of exhibition tilts and also enter several invitation tournaments.

appreciation of the school and citizens of Bronte for the hospitality shown them last week when the Menard-Bronte bi-district football game was played here.

The facilities of the Ballinger football field were offered the two teams when a neutral site was sought for the championship game. Bronte was the home team here, having won the toss of a coin for the site, and named Ballinger.

C. G. CAPE HONORED BY LOCAL FIREMEN

The Ballinger fire department Thursday night presented a radio set to C. G. Cape in recognition of his 20 years' service with the department. Mr. Cape is retiring from the department and the social hour following the business session was in his honor.

After the business session a chili supper was served the firemen at the station.

Reports given at the business period revealed no fire losses in Ballinger during November. Only two calls were answered and both were handled without loss. The last alarm was on November 11.

In retiring from the department Mr. Cape stated that his personal business made it impossible for him to continue in the service.

For several years he served as driver of the No. 1 truck and was on continuous duty at the city fire station.

BASKETBALL GAMES BOOKED FOR BALLINGER HIGH TEAM

The Ballinger high school basketball team will go to Brownwood this week-end to meet the high school team there.

Games scheduled for the local high school gymnasium are: December 15, with San Angelo, night

January 9, with Winters
January 13, with Brownwood
January 27, open.

On January 30 the district tournament will be played in the Ballinger gym and teams from all towns in the western half of the district will participate.

SOUTH BALLINGER CLUB TO HAVE XMAS PARTY

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6:45 p. m., N.Y.P.S. program.
7:30 p. m., evening service.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer service.

Tuesday:

3:30 p. m., W.F.M.S.
J. MARVIN HARRISON, Pastor
(Eighth and Bonsall)

Sunday:

Bible School, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, 10:45 a. m.
Lord's Supper, 11:45 a. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.

Monday:

Women's Bible study, 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday:

Worship, 7:00 p. m.
The church welcomes you to all of its services.

J. D. PINKERTON, Evangelist

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

Preston Fitzhugh, superintendent.

11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.

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

Wednesday:

7:00 p. m., teachers' meeting.
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
8:15 p. m., choir rehearsal.

Foursquare Gospel Church

Sunday:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:45 p. m., Junior Crusaders.

Mary Lou Tindle, captain.
7:30 p. m., evangelistic service, pastor in charge.

Tuesday:

7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Thursday:

7:30 p. m., Senior Crusaders.
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C. R. DUNAWAY, Pastor

Park Avenue Baptist Church
(Park Avenue at Broadway)

Sunday:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:00 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

7:30 p. m., evening worship.

Wednesday:

6:00 p. m., Brotherhood meeting.

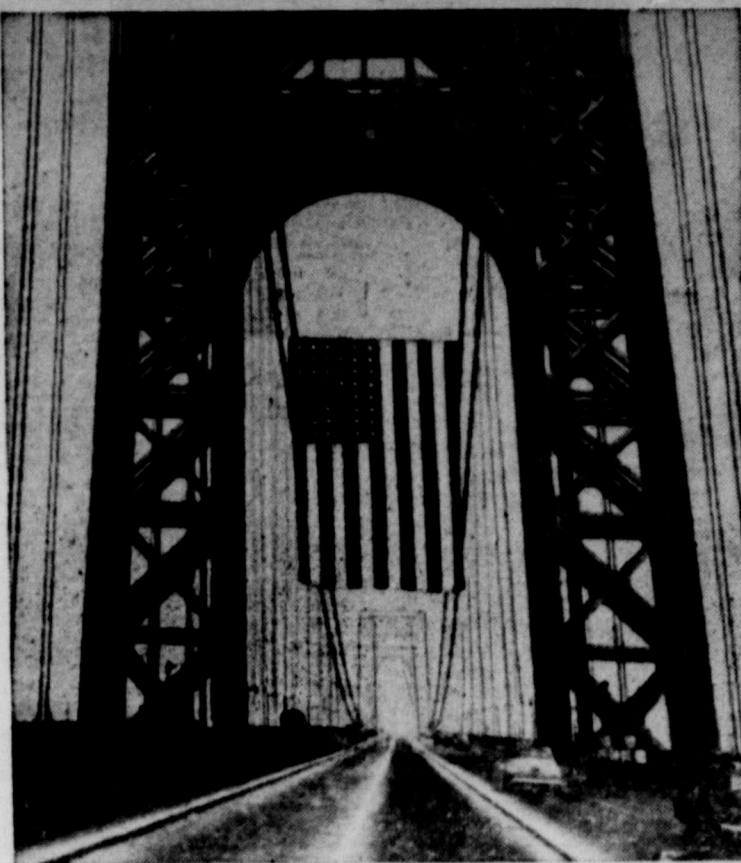
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church

9:45 a. m., Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.

11:00 a. m., morning worship.

6:00 p. m., Westminster Youth



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Church of God

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Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Junior Y. P., 7:15 p. m.
Young people, 7:15 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:

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

E. R. TRICK, 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.

First Christian Church

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O. P. Dorsey, Sunday School Superintendent.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

11:00 a. m., worship and communion.

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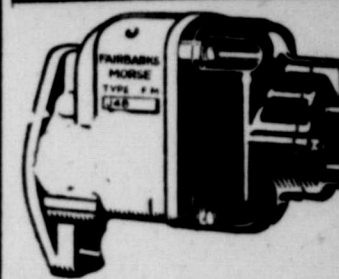
Christmas Shopping Rush Gets Underway Following Opening

The Christmas rush hit Ballinger this week and merchants were doing a good business as shoppers began buying gifts. Immediately following the official opening of the Christmas season Friday evening buying began and all stores have displayed merchandise for the busy period.

There are only 17 more shopping days left and during the remaining time before Christmas merchants expect to be rushed, even with added sales forces.

Postmaster Tom Caudle stated that as usual early mailing of Christmas parcels and cards would be appreciated. He expects to maintain the fine record of the local office of working all outgoing and in-coming mail each day and seeing that deliveries are made. After leaving the local post office the congestion may be so great that it will cause delays in delivery in other cities. Mailing early will assure all packages being delivered before Christmas.

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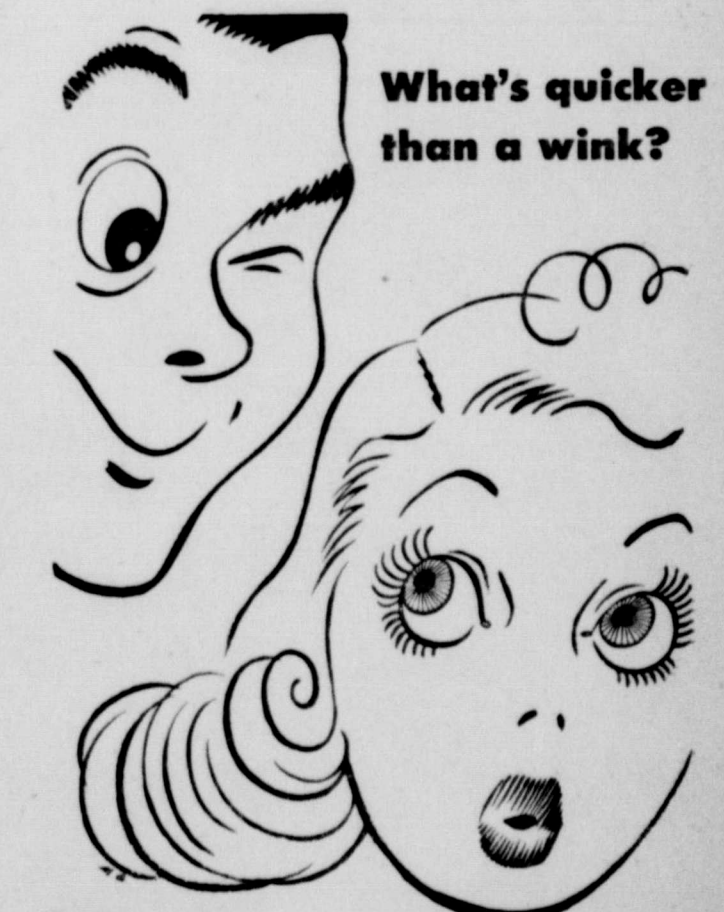


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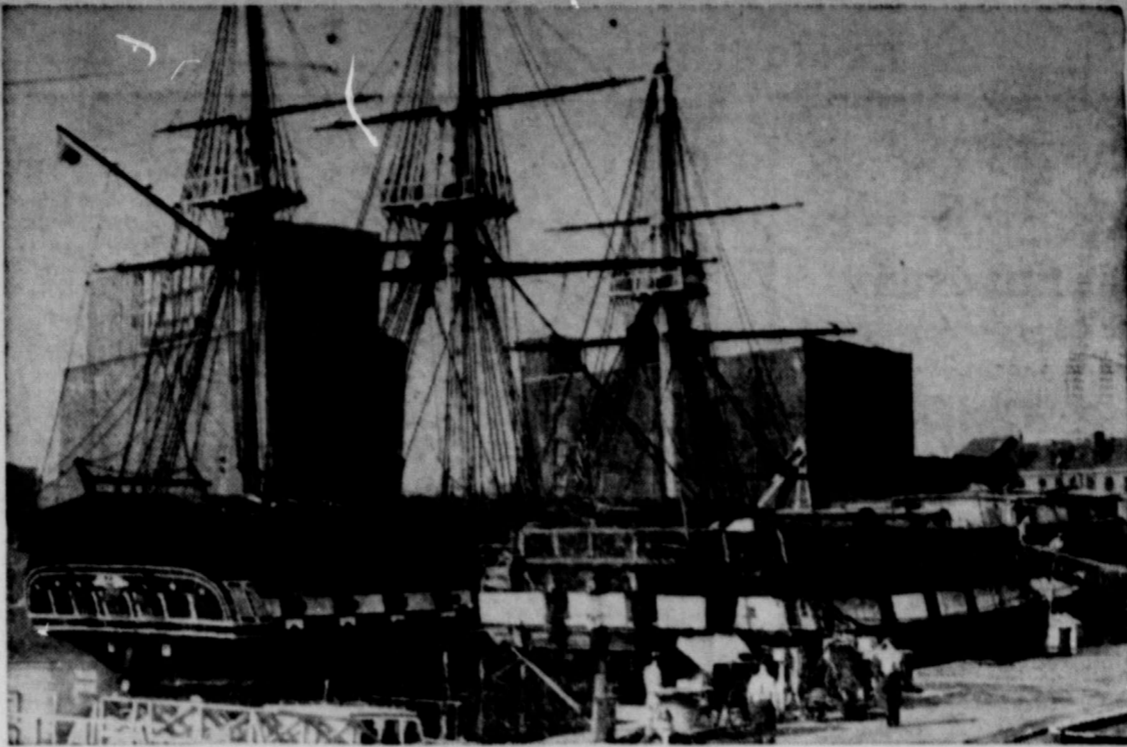
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a formal arrangement of poinsettias and fern flanked by red tapers in double candelabra. Game rooms were gay with holiday scenes and greenery where Mrs. H. G. Agnew received high guest award. Mrs. Marie Carter high club award, and the low prize went to Mrs. George Newby.

The table appointments emphasized the Christmas theme where Mrs. Castor served fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. G. A. Swann, J. E. Simco, Edward Sommer, Naomi Keithley, Misses Pearl Currie, Ollie Chenoweth, Lillian Knowles and Mary Jane Kiechle.

Member of General Federation Shakespeare Club Speaker
Miss Ethel Forster, of Sterling City, member of the board of directors of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, past president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs and past president of the Sixth District T. F. W. C., was guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Ballinger Shakespeare Club Thursday afternoon

when the meeting was held in the Doss Bible Class room at the First Methodist Church.

Arrangements of bronze and orchid chrysanthemums gave added beauty to the room where Mrs. Paul Petty presided for the business routine. Mrs. E. A. Saunders gave a report from the Federation News; and Mrs. Petty named the nominating committee, Mrs. R. T. Williams, Mrs. J. W. Guynes and Mrs. Loyd Herring.

Mrs. Dorsey Read, program chairman, introduced Miss Foster, who gave a short history of the General Federation, and outlined the themes of all the presidents of the G. F. W. C. from the first president to the present leader.

Miss Foster has been a club member for many years. She is now chairman of the club planning of T. F. W. C., and chairman of the Golden Jubilee endowment fund.

Others present were: Mmes. A. W. Gray, Chester Cherry, A. B. Stobaugh, T. J. McCaughan, R. F. Zedlitz, F. C. Miller, M. A. Foy, Edgar Boelsche, Marvin Clark, B.

C. Kirk, A. J. McDaniel, Roger Wheeler, J. O. Satterwhite, Elmer Greenwood, Sim Cottle, Mrs. S. Henry Kemp. The next regular meeting for a social gathering will be on January 6 in the home of Mrs. S. M. McKenzie.

Dorcas Class Has Monthly Social

The Dorcas Class of the Seventh Street Baptist Church held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. F. L. Cowan on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. B. C. McWright, Mrs. S. M. McKenzie, Mrs. C. D. Herridge, Mrs. Joe Jones and Mrs. Henry Kemp were present.

It was voted to hold a Christmas party on the night of December 19 in the home of Mrs. Henry Kemp. The next regular meeting for a social gathering will be on January 6 in the home of Mrs. S. M. McKenzie.

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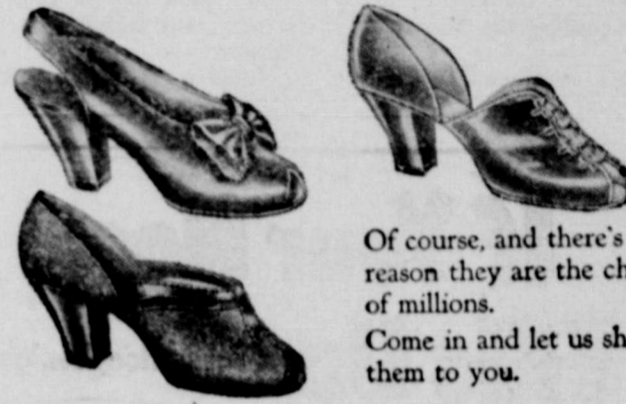
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