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C. of C. Directors Hear 13 Committee Reports

The last meeting of the present board of directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night. New business presented at the meeting Monday evening was discussed but definite action was tabled for the new board, which will be installed by December 31.

Thirteen committee reports were given on activities of the past twelve months. A general summary of these reports includes the following highlights:

G. A. Swann, chairman of the roads committee, was made a director of the Big Bend Trail Association.

The secretary-manager was sent to the following meetings—West Texas Chamber of Commerce Managers' Association, Southwest Institute School, Dallas.

Economic survey of Ballinger and Runnels county completed.

Sponsored mass meetings of citizens to hear reports on progress of municipal projects.

Cooperated with city officials in rat-proofing work.

Cooperated with city in getting Bruce Field turned over to the city by the government.

Paid balance of cost due on construction of labor camp which was in operation past season.

Sponsored open forum discussion on radio.

Sponsored one 4-H club boy and 4-H club girl trip to A. & M. Col-

lege for state meeting. Sponsored Christmas program in business district and for decoration of homes and yards with cash prizes.

Assisted a number of new residents in securing rooms and apartments.

Cooperated with Junior Chamber of Commerce in a number of worthwhile local projects.

Answered several hundred letters from individuals seeking information on this section.

Gave assistance to municipal projects, organized baseball, rodeo and numerous other programs.

Carried on work of Red Cross from the local office.

Cooperated with organizations in the city by providing typing and mimeographing facilities.

Conducted campaigns and signed up 35 new members. With these and old memberships budget was raised \$1,100.

Cooperating with city officials and organizations to acquire Bailey Clinic-Hospital.

Invitation accepted to play Menard-Bronte football game in Ballinger.

Made nine contacts with industrial concerns relative to locating plants in Ballinger, thereby providing payrolls.

Numerous other projects were worked on by committees during the year, and general routine business of the office continued.



VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS . . . Santa Claus (Carl A. Gebhard) paid an unexpected visit to five-year-old Peggy Bennett of Titusville, N. J., who is losing her eyesight. A tree all dressed up with Christmas decorations was the main feature of a party given the sick child when physicians said they feared Peggy would be blind by Christmas. She and Santa are looking over a toy record-player which Santa himself presented to her. Other gifts included lots and lots of dolls, clothing and more than \$300 in cash.

Red Cross Committee Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Runnels county chapter of the American Red Cross was held Thursday night at the Acapulco Cafe. Members were served a Mexican dinner preceding the business session.

Mrs. K. W. Jameson, area field representative, assisted in conducting the annual meeting and preparation of the budget for the next year.

C. D. Richards presided at the business period for O. L. Huddleston, county chairman, who could not be present and who has tendered his resignation. A nominating committee composed of Roger Wheeler, J. A. Schnable, Jack Nixon, Jr., and Mr. Richards was appointed to select names and present them for election at the annual meeting of the chamber of commerce January 15.

A county chairman, a finance chairman, a production chairman a first aid chairman and an accident chairman for the ensuing year will be named and the nominating committee is seeking citizens to serve in these posts.

It was voted to change Mrs. Margie Lukarski's title from secretary to executive secretary, to provide hospital and sick insurance through the Red Cross group plan and to set up the regular scale for the vacation period.

A report by the home service secretary revealed financial aid given 108, claims and benefits paid 20, communications 77, consultation and guidance, 62 referral service, 55; reports made on 55 cases; information furnished on 20 requests. Total cost in loans and grants was \$1,264.30. This does not include any costs of the office at Winters.

The authorized budget is \$5,030.00 and if this is approved at national headquarters will be the quota for Runnels county in 1948. Last year \$4,954.18 was contributed by citizens of the county in the drive held in March.

The junior Red Cross drive has been conducted through the schools of the county and up to Thursday night \$113.24 had been turned in to the local chapter. The drive had been completed in a few schools which had not been

reported. The junior organization also has a balance of \$283 which can only be used for project work. Final organization of the county chapter will be perfected January 16 after election of officers and directors for 1948.

December 23 Last Date to Place Club In Longhorn Loop

Officials of the Longhorn Baseball League this week set December 23 as the final date for the eighth club to be taken into the circuit. If there is no satisfactory application by this date the loop will be continued with the same six clubs as in the past year and a schedule of 140 games will be played.

April 21 was set as the opening date of the 1948 season and each club is to have 70 home games. Most club owners plan to start spring training in March.

Bill Moore, local club owner, stated that he would announce the Ballinger manager in the next ten days or two weeks. Final details are yet to be worked out before papers are signed.

Mr. Moore was presented the pennant for the 1947 season at the directors meeting this week, and stated that the first game of the season here would be pennant raising day at the Ballinger park.

Buddy Hancken, pilot of the Ballinger Cats last summer, has signed to manage the Greenville club in 1948.

Fans in most of the towns seeking the last franchise in the proposed eight-club league have given up and this week only Altus, Oklahoma, remained as a prospect. Tuesday of next week will be the final day in which to secure a franchise and place a team in the league for 1948.

BOND FORFEITED BY COURT IN LIQUOR POSSESSION CASE

A jury was summoned for county court duty Wednesday morning but the defendant, Lee White, charged with possession of liquor for the purpose of sale, failed to appear. Judge E. C. Grindstaff forfeited the appearance bond and dismissed the jury.

S. E. Cloninger, president of the Ballinger club, presented a bell and a gavel to the Bronte club.

Mrs. Ira Davis, of Fort Worth, is here for a visit in the home of Mrs. C. B. Looney.

21 Men Recruited In Guard Company; Four Others Signed

Capt. Ray Tisdale, commander of company C, 142nd infantry, said Tuesday that physicals had been completed and papers filled out and signed on 21 enlistments in the national guard and that there were four more applicants to be examined. From these he hopes to secure the required 24 men to form the organization and begin training.

The armory at Bruce Field has been made ready, quarters for the keeper prepared, and the captain said the first meeting of the company probably would be held soon after January 1.

Capt. Tisdale said that the best information indicated a military training bill would be passed by congress and in this event the guard would be one means of training young men. On this basis he hopes to enlist a large number of boys who want to take their training at home without loss of time from school or employment.

H. B. Edmondson has been commissioned a first lieutenant for the Ballinger company and one more officer will be named in the near future.

Former Ballinger Man Buys Bakery; Sloan to Terrace

A deal was closed this week in which C. W. Sloan sells the City Bakery to Norman Cotton, of San Angelo. Mr. Sloan remained in the bakery this week but Mr. Cotton is due here this week-end to take over the active management.

All present employees are to be retained and the bakery will continue to serve the public with the same products at the same high quality. Mr. Cotton was not available for an interview this week and may have other announcements to make regarding his services later.

A former Ballingerite, Mr. Cotton attend the local schools. For several years he has been driving a truck for the Mrs. Boehm's Bakery.

Mr. Sloan stated that he would continue to reside here but that it was necessary for him to get outside. He plans to do custom terracing and will start as soon as he can obtain a tractor and other necessary equipment. He will maintain an office here.

McMURRY CHANTERS PRESENT PROGRAM

The First Methodist Church was filled Sunday evening to hear the McMurry College Chanters in a Christmas program of music. Under the direction of Mrs. Gypsy Ted Wiley, the choir of mixed voices presented a full hour of music.

Three soloists appeared with the group and others made up the chorus for the cantata.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe V. Richardson, of Aruba, Netherlands West Indies, arrived this week to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Richardson's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Doose, Mr. Richardson is a civil engineer with the Standard Oil Co. This is the first time in eleven years that all of the Doose family will spend Christmas together.

Mrs. Augusta Bethany has resumed her work at the Higginbotham store after a week's illness.

Homes, Yards Judged In Christmas Contest

Ballinger homes and yards in the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by the Civic-Garden Club, were judged Tuesday night. Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Scott Hartgrove, of Paint Rock, and Mrs. R. L. Martin, who travels in Texas.

Five homes were open for the inspection of interior decorations and Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey were awarded first place, Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Lasater second place, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry received honorable mention.

Other homes visited were those of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan and Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McDaniel.

The tour began at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel, where the visitors were greeted and permitted to inspect the rooms made beautiful for the Yuletide.

Arthur Giesecke played Christmas carols while the inspections were in progress. Instructions were given for the remainder of the trip.

The next stop was at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bailey. Here guests viewed the beautiful setting, listened to carols played by Sally Bailey and were served refreshments. Mrs. W. B. Halley and Mrs. R. E. Porter, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, assisted Mrs. Bailey.

The third stop was at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Morgan on Sixth Street, where guests were ushered through the entire home. Guests were met by Dr. and Mrs. Lasater at the second prize winning place and permitted to inspect the rooms decorated for the season.

Last stop was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cherry, where carols were played by Mrs. N. D. Hoover. Mrs. W. J. Wilke assisted Mrs. Cherry in serving refreshments.

First prize for yard decorations went to Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney, second to Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and honorable mention was accorded Mr. and Mrs. Troy Stuart and Mr. and Mrs. H. Clark. Others entered in this phase of the contest were Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Eoff, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Fitzhugh, Mr. and Mrs. Archie W. Gray and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Huddleston.

A large number made the tour of inspection and then drove over the city to see decorations in yards and windows. Many homes displayed Christmas decorations which had not been entered in the contest.

Most of the decorations will remain in place until after Christmas and the public is urged to make a round of the town to see the beautiful lighted pieces.

Money Sought to Provide Food Baskets for Needy

Legion and Auxiliary Vote \$125 Donation To Goodfellow Cause

The American Legion and Auxiliary in business sessions Tuesday night at the Ballinger Country Club voted contributions to be spent by the Goodfellows in caring for several veterans' families here.

The Legionnaires voted to give \$100 which will be handed to Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene. The Auxiliary voted \$25 to be used in the same cause. Seven or eight former service men are reported to need assistance and the Legionnaires plan to supplement their cash contribution with clothing and other needed items.

Reports were heard on recent activities of the post and Commander Price Middleton asked each member present to secure one new member by December 20. The post voted to stage a home-talent carnival in the spring to raise money for activities.

R. W. Earnshaw was named chairman of the building committee and was instructed to appoint other members.

The program committee, composed of C. R. Stone, C. L. Armstrong and Jimmy Isaacs, will serve throughout the year.

In the Auxiliary meeting it was announced that gifts for veterans would be shipped next Monday. Anyone who would like to remember some veteran in the Kerrville hospital is invited to leave a gift at Stone's, depot for concentration of these presents.

The Auxiliary made plans for a membership drive to be conducted soon after January 1.

NO BUSINESS CHANGES ANNOUNCED THIS WEEK

A deal was closed this week in which LeRoy McAulay purchased Foy's Food Market and will take over operation of the business next Monday. For some time Mr. McAulay has been traveling for the J. E. Beadel Co., of Brownwood.

M. A. Foy has purchased Currie's Farm Store, which has been closed several weeks, and will open the store as soon after Christmas as possible. He stated that he would have a complete announcement to make of his opening within a short time.

Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene and members of his church are engaged in one of the biggest Christmas movements of any organization in Ballinger. Several weeks ago the pastor and young people of the church began repairing toys for poor children of the city. Later repairing of used clothing was added and to date many articles have been received for donations by this group.

The crying need now is cash with which to buy food. Monday morning Rev. Harrison had a list of 21 families with children from one to four in each, who will have no Christmas dinner unless someone comes to the rescue.

Last week the Ballinger Jaycees made a contribution of \$50 but this sum will not do much at present day prices towards feeding 21 families and several others likely to be added to the list. Several other organizations in the city are expected to make cash donations to this cause during the week.

Rev. Harrison said Monday that cash donations would be deeply appreciated. He stated that he would be glad to receive orders for food, or that checks could be mailed directly to him. His address is Rev. J. M. Harrison, box 482, Ballinger. Every cent received will be spent on food baskets to be distributed Christmas eve in order that needy families may enjoy a good Christmas dinner.

So far a large number of toys as well as much used clothing have been received. The Nazarenes will continue to accept toys and clothing, and there is also need for bedding.

Anyone who would like to participate in this movement may mail the check or hand it to Rev. Harrison on the street. He stated Monday that most of the families in need of help have had illness, and this is the principal cause of their condition.

XMAS SEAL-BOND SALES IN COUNTY TOTAL \$2,219

The sale of Christmas bonds and seals in Runnels county to date totals \$2,219.20, about \$1,000 short of the goal set for this year, the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association announced today.

Many people have received seals but to date have not remitted or returned the seals. Officials of the association are hoping that these people will respond soon and the goal of \$3,200 will be attained, so the work in the county can be continued on a broad basis.

Utilities District G Xmas Party Set Here Tomorrow

District G employees of the West Texas Utilities Co. and their families will assemble here tomorrow (Friday) for their annual Christmas party. Committees have been preparing for the party and stated Monday that everything was ready for the entertainment.

Preceding the Christmas celebration a safety session is to be held in the library building, commencing at 2:00 p. m. Chester Cherry, safety chairman, who will preside, has arranged an interesting program for the men.

The banquet is to be served at 7:00 p. m. at the school cafeteria and will be a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. After the dinner the main speaker will be Rev. H. B. Loyd.

Santa Claus will visit the banquet hall and bring gifts for all the children under 12 years of age.

Committeemen said about sixty tots, their parents, and older children are expected at the party. The banquet and program will be concluded at an early hour.

BROWNWOOD MINISTER TO SPEAK HERE SUNDAY

Rev. B. K. Tenney of Brownwood, will be guest speaker at the First Presbyterian Church for the Sunday morning and evening services. He will arrive in time for the Sunday school hour and will remain with the local church for all the services throughout the day.

Besides preaching at the 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. hours of worship, Rev. Tenney will also attend the young people's meeting in the late afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Habersang are the parents of a daughter, born at Westhaven, Connecticut, December 10. Mrs. Habersang is the former Miss Dorothy Brunson.

Mrs. J. A. Schnable and son, Jon, returned Sunday afternoon from Sweetwater, where they visited relatives over the weekend.

Miss Mary Brian Woody, student at McMurry College, Abilene, was listed on the mid-term honor roll. Only 55 students, those with averages of 90 or above, were listed.

Edward Palmer New Employee of Funeral Establishment Here

Newby-Davis Funeral Home has employed Edward Palmer as a regular embalmer and funeral director. It was stated Tuesday.

Mr. Palmer is a recent graduate of the Dallas School of Mortuary Science and while attending the school was an employee of a Dallas funeral home. He is a veteran of World War II and had more than three years' service in the army. His wife is a graduate nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer are now occupying the apartment in the funeral home on Eighth Street. Mr. Palmer was reared at Goldthwaite.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and children have moved to the Harry Lynn residence on Seventh Street. Mr. Davis said it was the first time for them to live in a home in the past sixteen years.

Messrs. Newby and Davis had been seeking an employee for some time and feel fortunate in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. Palmer.

5-ACT PLAY TO BE GIVEN AT FOURSQUARE CHURCH

Rev. C. R. Dunaway, pastor of the Foursquare Gospel Church, has announced that there will be special treats for all the children at the Sunday school Sunday morning.

Tuesday evening of next week a five-act play, "The Stumbling Block in the Manger," will be presented by the young people.

Rev. Dunaway extends a welcome to everyone to worship during the Christmas season and to attend the special programs at this church.

Judge E. C. Grindstaff, of Ballinger, was the principal speaker and his subject was "Who is a Lion?"

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The Ledger will be published next week on Tuesday. This will be the annual Christmas greetings edition and in order to make the mails for delivery on routes and out of other post offices the paper must be printed and mailed early.

Solicitors have been on the streets this week selling the greetings ads and have tried to call on everyone but may have missed a few. Anyone not contacted who wants an ad is requested to call at or telephone the office and space will be reserved.

Holiday layouts are available at this office with mats furnished for all ads. Saturday afternoon is the deadline for advertising copy in this edition.

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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 19th day of January, 1936, in a suit styled Dr. Ben L. Schoolfield, et al. vs. E. S. Price Corporation, et al. and against E. S. Price, Individually, wherein Harry A. 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 F. Armstrong, Individually and as Attorney in fact for Mrs. Marie A. McLernon and husband, Geo. J. McLernon, Chas. E. Armstrong, and F. L. Armstrong, of Bexar County, Texas, as Lessee on land described as Block No. 15 of the Subdivision of Antonio La Soya League and Labor Survey No. 515, Abstract No. 345, Certificate No. 605, Patented to John W. Harris, June 23, 1858, 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, 130 1/2 acres in Block No. 36 Dry Land and Cattle Survey—61 acres in Block No. 36 M. J. Parramore Survey—115 acres of Block No. 36 Domingo Diaz Survey No. 532 2nd tract, 190 acres in the Austin Williams Survey, 3rd tract, 96 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 381 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made for a field note description.

Oil and gas lease dated March 18, 1945, 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 840, 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, subject, however, to the overriding royalty of 1-32 of the production of oil and gas retained by Jno. H. Castor.

Oil and gas lease dated November 5, 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 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, subject to oil payments in favor of C. E. Lambert, Jane Willer Hill, and T. 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 August 29, 1945, 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 322, Abst. 113, and 35.75 acre tract hereby assigned being all of said 299.5 acre tract except the N 69.75 acres of Blocks 29 and 30 and the S 34 acres of the N 29 acres of Block 30 and the S 180 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 70, 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 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 940 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 lease 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 157 1/2 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 off 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. Berton, 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. 28, 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. 28; 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 1792 varas to S. W. corner of Block No. 28; 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 322; 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
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Beginning Sunday and continuing through Tuesday, December 23, the Texas Theatre will present Paramount's technicolor drama, "Desert Fury," co-starring Lizabeth Scott, John Hodiak and Burt Lancaster, and featuring Mary Astor and Wendell Corey.

colorful, ever-changing, ever-inspiring background is laid the tale of a notorious mother, a headstrong daughter and the gambler-killer who came between them.

Lizabeth Scott, sultry blonde, plays the daughter in defiance of her mother, who not only runs her own gambling establishment, but the town as well. Lizabeth becomes involved with gambler Hodiak. He is a brooding, unhappy man who cannot keep away from the desert town where his wife met death in an automobile accident. With Hodiak as his constant companion is Corey, a strange cold fellow who does everything he can to keep Lizabeth and Hodiak apart.

Also violently opposed to the girl's interest in Hodiak is Burt Lancaster, state highway patrolman, who suspects the two men of more than gambling and who is himself in love with Lizabeth. Tempers and emotions reach crescendo proportions when Lizabeth learns her mother's bitterness toward Hodiak stems from their romance of long ago and when events point to the murder of Hodiak's wife.

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**'Underground Maisie' Stars
Ann Sothern as Comic Cop**

"Undercover Maisie," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer comedy, is the principal attraction at the Ford Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 20 through 23. In addition the program contains several short subjects.

In "Underground Maisie," Ann Sothern, described as "the cutest cop who ever wore a skirt," is ably supported in "getting her man" by Barry Nelson, Mark Daniels, Leon Ames, Dick Simmons and Clinton Sundberg.

Miss Sothern gets into some real trouble in this delightful comedy, but manages to extricate herself and other members of the force by ingenious manipulations amid much hilarity.

'Christmas Eve' New Type Story of Return Of Prodigal Playboy

Although it won't be Christmas eve until another week rolls by, Benedict Bogeaus' motion picture, "Christmas Eve," which opened yesterday for a two-day run at the Texas Theatre, is chock full of what goes into the Christmas spirit.

The story of an eccentric, rich old woman and her three foster sons who return from their far-flung escapades to help her in her moment of need is as heart-warming as the wassail bowl and as gay as holly and mistletoe.

George Brent, George Raft and Randolph Scott portray the three sons. Brent is Michael, a carefree playboy; Raft is Mario, a nightclub owner on the shady side of the law; and Scott is Jonathan, an impetuous rodeo rider, whose boisterous good spirits cannot be downed.

As the ladies in their lives, Joan Blondell, Virginia Field and Dolores Moran came through with flying colors. Ann Harding is the eccentric Aunt Matilda.

In supporting roles, Reginald Denny turns in a sterling performance as Aunt Matilda's staid nephew who is not above misusing some of her wealth; John Litel plays an FBI agent on the trail of Raft; and Clarence Kolb is a New York judge.

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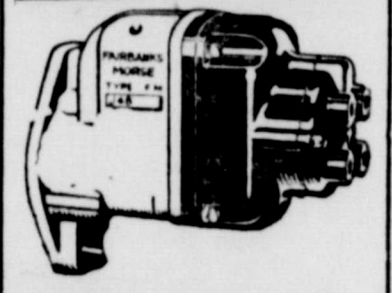
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**Latest Roy Rogers Trucolor Picture
Action Story of Western Circus Life**

The picturesque setting of a western-style circus provides a novel background for Roy Rogers' newest Republic action drama, "On the Old Spanish Trail," filmed in true color, which the Texas Theatre will present tomorrow and Saturday, December 19, 20, in conjunction with "Gas House Kids Go Hollywood," PRC comedy.

Roy plays the part of a young rancher who comes to the aid of the owners of a money broke circus.

**'Sis Hopkins' Stars
Zany Judy Canova**

The same lovable personality that has made "Sis Hopkins" a stage favorite for generations, comes to the Palace Theatre screen tomorrow and Saturday, December 19, 20, with the inimitable Judy Canova in the role of the hillbilly heroine.

Bob Crosby, Susan Hayward and Jerry Colonna have top supporting parts, and others in the frolicsome film are Charles Butterworth, "Cobina" of Bob Hope's radio program, Katherine Alexander, Carol Adams, Elvia Allman, Lynn Merrick, Mary Ainslee and Archie Twitchell.

Visitors to the Palace Sunday and Monday, December 21, 22, will be well rewarded for the journey for in "Underground Rustlers," the latest starring epic of "Crash" Corrigan, "Dusty" King and "Alibi" Terhune, all and sundry movie-lovers are in for plenty of the best in western film fare.

The Colorado gold mines is the background of "Underground Rustlers," and when the boys are sent there to stop repeated thefts of government bullion, the local bandits decide to beat them to the punch. The cause of the internal friction is pretty Gwen Gaze, not unknown to Range-

buster fanatics, and once more Miss Gaze comes through with flying colors. "Dusty" sings "Pistolwin' the Trail" and "Sweetie: it of the Range."

The first snow of the season fell at Snyder Thursday morning of last week. The fall was light and the sun soon melted the flakes. The snow was the aftermath of a full week of changeable weather in which some rain was received and the temperature was low most of the time.

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Junior High Choral Club



CHRISTMAS CANTATA PRESENTED BY CLUB

A large audience greeted the Ballinger junior high choral club Tuesday evening in its annual Christmas program, presented in the high school auditorium. "The Madonna's Choice," a cantata by Olds M. Carrington, was rendered by the group of seventy voices.

Taking speaking parts were: Cordelia Flanagan, Carroll Smith, Robert Bruce, Deanie Rountree, Joyce Hite, Harlan Forbus, Ruby Workman, Mynell Dodd, Emma Lee Bounds Adelaide Connor, Sue Ann Jacob and Peggy Mays.

The cantata included nine musical numbers and each was presented in a manner to show excellent work by the entire chorus and those in charge of direction.

Mrs. J. E. Garrett is director of the chorus and for the performance Mrs. West Talbot directed the dramatic action. Mrs. I. B. Funderburk was at the piano and the violinist was Billie Jean Kvapil.

CHURCH OF CHRIST TO MEET SUNDAY IN NEW BUILDING

Contractors on the new Eighth Street Church of Christ church at the corner of Eighth Street and Bonnell Avenue are finishing their work this week and the membership will meet in the new building for the first time Sunday.

During the construction the members have been meeting in the high school auditorium and have carried on their work in good order there. All departments will be ready for the classes and the regular preaching services in the new church Sunday.

Plans are being made for the formal opening of the church on the afternoon of January 4. The program has not been completed but may be announced next week. For this service a number of out-of-town speakers will be present.

Christmas seals support the fight to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in this community. Buy and use Christmas seals on all your holiday mail.

Lions Club Honors Ballinger Football Players at Meeting

Ballinger high school football players were special guests of the Ballinger Lions Club Tuesday noon. A steak dinner was served at the Acapulco Cafe, the boys occupying a special table in the center of the club dining room.

Following the menu, Frankie Berryman presented the coaches Coach J. E. Garrett, the first speaker, told what is being taught the boys other than football and how the game helps them. He urged the boys to continue the fine teamwork after leaving high school.

Coach Wayman Wilson expressed appreciation of the boys and coaches for the dinner, for rides provided by the club to take players home after practice in the afternoons. In commenting on the past season, Coach Wilson said the team did not get what it set out to do, but that the squad was a typical bunch of boys who played the game cleanly and were good sports. He pointed to their one loss and then the come-back win in their next game against a strong team.

Seventeen players have been awarded letters this year, Coach Wilson said, and added that of the lettermen fifteen would be graduated or lost to the team by the eight-semester rule. More candidates are needed, the coach said, and pointed to the small squad that reported for football the past season. Of the holdovers only one of the starting line-up, Walter Hill, will be back next year.

The play-off plan for class A schools will be changed next year and instead of a regional championship a state championship will be decided.

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DEATHS

John P. James

John P. James, 62, died at his home here some time Saturday morning from a heart attack. He was found by his wife Saturday morning when she went to his room to wake him.

Decedent came to Ballinger from Roberson county in 1906 and had made home here ever since. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Newby-Davis chapel, Rev. H. B. Loyd officiating, assisted by Rev. E. R. Trick, pastor of the Church of God.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Lewis James, Ballinger; step mother, Mrs. Mattie James, Ballinger; two brothers, Charles and Vernon James, Ballinger; three half-sisters, Mrs. Elsie Canady, Mrs. Jessie Booth, Ballinger; Mrs. L. Deitz, Odessa; and two grandchildren.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

W. B. Dankworth

W. B. Dankworth, 80, died at his home Tuesday afternoon following illness of several weeks.

Decedent was born in Austin county, moving to Gatesville when 17 years old and remaining there until 1909. He then moved to Bradshaw and came to Ballinger in 1920 to engage in the grocery business. Several years ago he retired from active work with the store here but continued to make this his home. He was married to Miss Lucy A. Bedwill in Gatesville in 1887.

Survivors besides the wife include four sons, Jim, George, Charlie and Vernon Dankworth, Ballinger; two daughters, Mrs. Emma Middleton, Ballinger; Mrs. Anna Poindexter, Plains; a brother, G. A. Dankworth, Safford, Arizona; a sister, Mrs. Mary McElroy, Youkum; 24 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the Newby-Davis Funeral Home chapel Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. H. B. Loyd officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Mauricio Gomez Rodriguez

Mauricio Gomez Rodriguez, 23, died at the home of his parents Sunday following protracted illness.

Funeral services were held at

St. Mary's Catholic Church Monday at 10 a. m., Rev. Edward B. Poster officiating. Interment was made in the Latin-American cemetery.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Harold Halfmann and son, of Rowena, were dismissed from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Alex Schwertner and son, of Miles, were dismissed last Thursday.

Mary Jean Martin underwent surgery last week and was dismissed Monday.

Joe A. Bynum, operated on last week, was dismissed Saturday.

Bryan Lusk entered the clinic Saturday for treatment and his condition today is some better. Lloyd King, of Winters, underwent surgery Saturday and is recuperating.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hedges, of Bronte, are parents of a daughter, born Monday. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Houston, of Paint Rock, are parents of a daughter, born Monday. Mrs. Houston and baby are doing nicely.

Miss Susie Harris, who underwent surgery Tuesday, is resting well today.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis are parents of a daughter, born Wednesday. Mrs. Lewis and baby are doing fine.

Mrs. Fred Multer, medical patient, was dismissed Wednesday after improvement.

Larry Robert Morrison, operated on Wednesday afternoon, is resting well today.

Former Ballingerites Will Have Been Wed 65 Years December 20

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bridwell will go to Georgetown Sunday to participate in the 65th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wood. All members of the family will gather at the D. B. Wood ranch home, four miles from Georgetown. Besides family members a few close friends will call at the home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood resided in Ballinger from 1907 to 1921 and while here Mr. Wood was engaged in the operation of a grocery store most of the time. The couple's

50 wedding anniversary was celebrated with a reception, and the 60th with a tea.

Members of the family who will be present include: Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Wood, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Wood and daughter, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutherland, Houston; Mrs. Cynthia Murray, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Galveston; Mr. and

Mrs. Bill Murray and son, Marble Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Murray and daughter, Ann, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murray, Georgetown; Mr. and Mrs. Bridwell, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Meader and two children, Sarah Kate and Tom, Eldorado. In the list are six grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Card of Thanks

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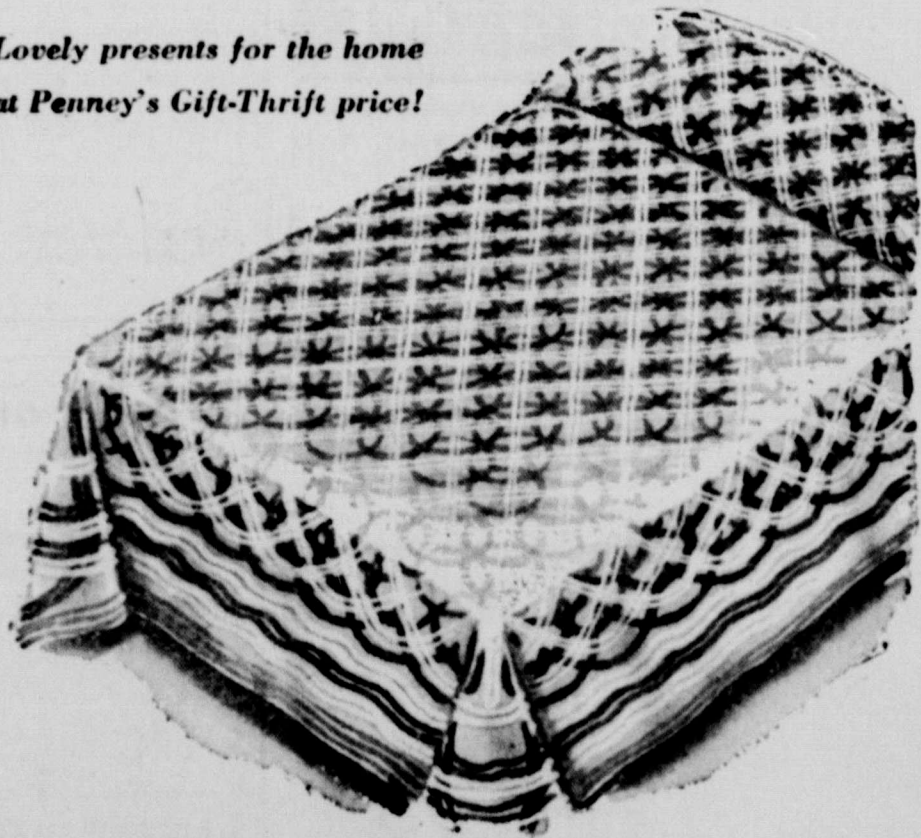
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Howard Altenhof, 18, of New Braunfels, receives a 17-jewel gold watch provided by Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago, for having the highest rating state record in the 1947 National 4-H Meat Animal awards program. His eight-year record in 4-H work shows that he handled 34 baby heaves and 259 hogs. Howard won many placings on his meat animal exhibits, including \$1,117.50 in cash prizes, which brought his estimated income from all 4-H projects to \$59,856.00. He began his steer feeding activities by first feeding fat hogs, many of which were champions. Home grown grains were used entirely except for protein feeds. Howard has exhibited 44 steers and 208 hogs in local, county, state and national shows.

Dorothy Terrell, 15, of Plainview, is Texas' top ranking participant in the 1947 National 4-H Frozen Foods activity. She receives the state award of a \$50.00 U. S. Savings Bond provided by International Harvester Co. Dorothy's record shows that this year she prepared and packaged 355 pounds and 79 plots of meats, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruits for placement in the home freezer, all the produce being home grown. Dorothy's record also shows that in her five club years she raised 1,225 fowl. She has shown a reserve champion Southdown lamb and several other prize winners at the Houston and Fort Worth Fat Stock shows.



Howard Altenhof



Dorothy Terrell



Jackie Brock



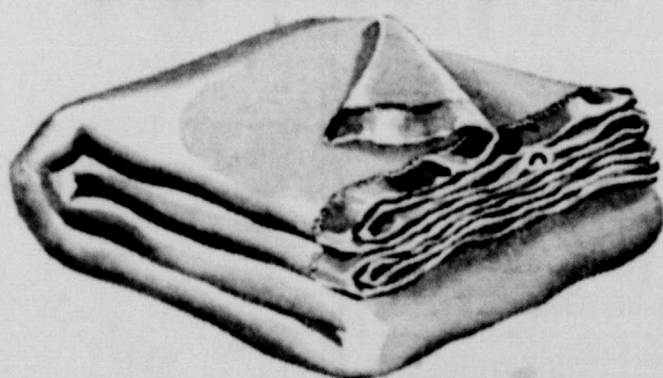
Eloise Woodruff

of the county, and president of the state organization. He won a trip to the National 4-H Camp, and was a national winner in 4-H safety last year. In addition he has held many offices in school and church organizations. Jackie completed 49 projects and won many placings on exhibits, including \$106.00, which brings the estimated value of his projects to \$19,475.00.

Eloise has been in club work for seven years. She has served as leader and president of her local club, vice president of the county, and president of the district organization. She has been awarded two trips to the State round-up, one to National 4-H Camp, and a trip to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. Estimated value of all of Eloise's projects is \$5,086.00. She has also been active in other community activities.

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IN SOCIETY

Turner-Hoffman Vows Read
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The First Methodist Church in Bethel was the scene of the wedding Thursday evening, December 11, when Miss Clara Marie Hoffman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aribert Hoffman, became the bride of Dayton Wayne Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mack Turner, of Millersview. The Rev. H. B. Loyd read the ceremony. Mrs. Eugene Loika played the

nuptial music and accompanied Mr. Loika in clarinet selections. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her attendants were Miss Laverne Dankworth, maid of honor; Miss Norma Joyce Richards, bridesmaid. Edwin Taylor Tickle served as best man, and Rudolph Hoffman, brother of the bride, was usher. The bride wore a white wine suit with black accessories. Her corsage was an orchid. Mrs. Turner is a graduate of the Ballinger

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high school and attended the school of nursing at Shannon Memorial Hospital, San Angelo. The groom is a graduate of the Millersview high school and served two years in the navy. The Turners are at home on their ranch near Eden.

Rowena Club Holds Christmas Party in Parish Hall
The Rowena home demonstration club held its annual Christmas party December 10 at the parish hall. The party was opened with Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, receiving a corsage from the club.

This was followed by the singing of carols and a poem read by Mrs. Ed Walthers and Mrs. Wm. Jansa, who were in charge of recreation. Gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree. A gift was presented Miss Chenoweth from the club. Sunshine pals were revealed and new ones drawn for next year.

Refreshments of fruit cake, cookies, various other cake and coffee were served during the evening to the agent, 27 members of the club and 11 children. The children received Christmas packages of fruit, candy and nuts.

F. F. A. and Future Home-Makers Have Joint Christmas Party
Members of the F. F. A. were hosts to members of the Ballinger high school Future Home-Makers Tuesday in the home economics cottage.

Reynolds Chick, chapter secretary, was leader for the program. Daniel Hallmark gave a talk on "How We Should Keep Christmas." The poem, "While Shepherds Watch Their Flock by Night," was read by Billy Davis; and Dan Egan read "A Visit from St. Nicholas." A talk was given by Richard Buxtemper on Christmas customs in other lands. At the

conclusion of the program the Rev. Edward Postert gave "A Christmas Story."

Miss Katherine Rawlings, home-making teacher, had made candy for the boys to serve at their party.

Mrs. Wade Hostess to St. Mary's Altar Society
Mrs. V. O. Wade was hostess to the Altar Society of St. Mary's Church Tuesday afternoon, entertaining with a Christmas party in her home on Sixth Street.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which gifts were exchanged, and other Yule decorations gave a festive air to rooms where Mrs. Walter Mueller presided for the business. For the program, Mrs. Ed Moonen read a Christmas poem and Mildred Wade read a story appropriate for the season. Rev. Edward B. Postert thanked officers of the society for their splendid cooperation. Members prepared plates of assorted fruits for the sick in the parish and distributed them. Christmas bags were filled with candies for the children who attend the Christmas tree program.

A molded Christmas salad was served with fruit cake and coffee. Others present were: Mrs. Lucy Rollewitz, Mrs. Louis Afflerbach, Mrs. Chester Afflerbach and Dian, Mrs. W. J. Curtis, Mrs. Charles Moonen, Mrs. Ernest Schott, Mrs. I. Kre, Mrs. Arthur Mueller and Miss Mary Frances Curtis.

Council of Catholic Women Meets at Church

Women of the St. Mary's Parish Council held their regular monthly meeting Sunday afternoon at the church in Sixth Street. Mrs. V. O. Wade presided at the business meeting. Reports were given on the Thanksgiving food collection for the starving peoples of Europe. A cash offering of \$65

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Mrs. Lee Evans was hostess to the First Methodist Workers Class for a Christmas party Tuesday afternoon in her Eighth Street home.

A beautiful lighted Christmas tree and other yuletide decorations gave added beauty to party rooms where Mrs. C. P. Shepherd conducted the business routine and gave the prayer following the singing of Christmas songs. Mrs. A. O. Strother gave a Christmas story, and Mrs. R. A. Williamson gave the closing prayer.

Games of forty-two were played. The hostess served cake and coffee. Mrs. W. A. Nance and Mrs. M. B. Wardlow were visitors. Others present were: Mmes. Hugh Campbell, Charles Harris, J. F. Currie, Ed O'Kelly, J. A. Borders, Cora Green, R. A. Dickinson, James A. Brewer, W. W. Chastain, Arch Brookshier, L. Midgley, Hamp Byler, Ed Pape, Ollie Midgley, W.

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Mrs. Vinita Fisher read "Your Destiny and Mine," and Rev. Postert, pastor, discussed "Your Responsibility as a Committee Chairman."

Alathea Class Has Christmas Party in Bartlett Home
Mmes. A. O. Bartlett, E. E. Woodson and W. A. Forgey were joint hostesses to members of the Alathea class of the First Baptist Church when they entertained Tuesday evening with the annual Christmas party in the Bartlett home on Broadway.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated in traditional holiday green and red. Arrangements of pine cones, holly and greenery with red tapers on reflectors adorned the dining table. The living room was decorated with a lighted Christmas tree and the mantle was banked with cedar, holly and red tapers.

Mrs. J. E. Jones presided for the business session during which new group captains were selected for the ensuing quarter. Mrs. E. P. Talbott gave the prayer. Mrs. W. E. Elkins, teacher of the class, told a Christmas story, "The Birth of Jesus." She was presented a gift from the class.

The hostesses served cake and coffee to: Mmes. R. E. White, A. M. King, Ralph McShan, Frank Kemp, R. P. Canady, Jones, Mollie Morgan, Joe Jones, C. E. Lowry, S. W. Burks, R. E. Truly, S. M. Jonas, J. B. Arterburn, Lee Sykes, Fred Wellhausen, Ruth Bankston, Elkins, J. A. Williams; and Mrs. Tom White, of Weatherford.

Sophomore Class and Sponsors in Christmas Party
Members of the high school Sophomore Class and their sponsors, Miss Lillian Knowles, Mr. J. E. Garrett and Mrs. Roger Wheeler held their annual Christmas party at the Library Tuesday evening.

The auditorium was decorated with sprays of evergreens tied with large red bows and gifts were exchanged at the Christmas tree decorated with multi-colored lights. A program was given which included solos by Patsy Crawford and Opal Fikes; readings by Gene Hirschfeld; a skit, composed of Patsy Crawford, Opal Fikes, Betsy Coffey, Sammy Kendrick, Doris Dankworth and Jessie Mae Henderson. The group sang carols following dancing and playing ping-pong.

Cookies, candies and fruits were served to about 40 students. **Mary-Martha Class Entertained in Sturges Home**
Mrs. Odie Barrington, Mrs. L. B. Rudder, Mrs. C. W. Jennings and Mrs. William Hill were hostesses to the First Baptist Mary-Martha Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the home of Mrs. J. C. Sturges on Broadway.

A brilliantly lighted tree from which gifts were exchanged to reveal secret pals, and artistic arrangements of berries and foliage were mantel decorations while a formal bouquet of white chrysanthemums centered the dining table.

Mrs. R. T. Williams presided for the business and gave the devotional. Mrs. West Talbott gave a reading, "The Madonna," and a humorous reading. A salad plate was served with spiced tea. Others were: Mmes. Otto Wood, H. Clark, J. H. Owen, O. C. Sykes, O. L. Britton, Drury Hathaway, Fred Holliday, George Scruggs, R. D. Jackson, W. H. Howell, R. M. Lowry, L. R. Tigner and L. A. Faubion.

Two Are Hostesses to Virginia Douglass Class
Mrs. Marvin Davies and Mrs. M. E. McClenney were hostesses to the Methodist Virginia Douglass

Class Tuesday evening in the Davies home on Sixth Street. Party rooms were decorated with the lighted Christmas tree, a snow scene on the mantel, and greenery with clusters of Christmas balls. Miss Ann Midgley directed the business.

At the social hour Mrs. Wylie Hearne played carols as a game was played, in which gifts were exchanged by members. A dessert plate was served with coffee.

Others were: Mmes. Guy Jones, H. G. Agnew, Edward Sommer, E. L. Rumpy, George Newby, Walter Duke, W. O. Irby, Sam Conner, Lynn Candier, J. W. Jones, G. R. Witter, J. K. Nicholas, Brown, W. E. Moss, J. W. Guynes, Tom McIntire, Allen Davis, Fred Underwood, Lee Parks, O. L. Hart, Play Brevard; Misses Wayne Byler and Bonnie Clark.

Ace High Contract Club in Freeman Home
Mrs. Joe Freeman was hostess to members of Ace High Contract Club Tuesday evening, entertaining in her Eighth Street home following a no-host Mexican dinner at the Acapulco Cafe.

Miss Norma Gene Bankston was awarded high score prize in games, and second high went to Mrs. K. V. Northington, Jr. Gifts were exchanged by members and guests, who were Miss Griffie Atkins, Mrs. Marvin Miller of Dallas, Mrs. E. L. Ingram, Mrs. R. E. Key, Mrs. David Caudle, Mrs. Melvin Witter, Mrs. Roy Bledsoe, Mrs. J. W. McCormick and Mrs. Henry Bieciuk.

Christmas Party for First Baptist Naomi Class
Mmes. Joe Flynt, Homer Bibb, Jim Golden, Chester Ueckert, Paul Best, C. B. Mosley and D. C. Kennedy were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Flynt home on Sixth Street.

Guests greeted Santa Claus, played by Mrs. Ueckert, and put gifts in a large basket on the porch, which will be given to a Mexican Baptist mission in San Antonio. Carols were played on the record player as a prelude to the party.

Vari-colored lights on the decorated tree and other symbols of the season were used about rooms where Mrs. Flynt presided for the officers' and committee reports. The following volunteered their services as group captains: Mrs. Mosley, Mrs. R. M. Bird, Mrs. W. D. Davenport, Mrs. Jim Golden and Mrs. W. E. Wright. Mrs. E. D. Lovelady gave the opening prayer and Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly brought the devotional and told of Christmas in Africa. Gifts were presented the class teacher, Mrs. B. J. Martin, and to Miss Truly.

The hostesses served a molded Christmas salad with cheese sticks, home-made candies and stuffed dates with hot spiced tea. Others present were: Mmes. Aubrey Ashton, Naomi Keithley, Howard Hamner, Earl Cope, C. E. Maedgen, Audra Grant, J. B. Hart, R. T. Richardson, W. J. Hembree, J. G. Tuckey, W. A. McDonald, Sim Ledford, Ellie Fox and Herman Scogins.

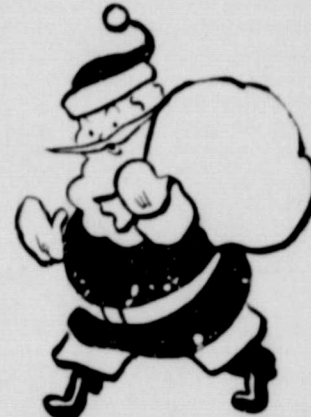
Christmas Social Held by T. E. L. Class in G. B. Nixon Home
Members of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. G. B. Nixon for their Christmas social Tuesday afternoon.

Colorful holiday decorations gave a festive atmosphere to the party rooms where Mrs. C. J. Lynn brought an impressive Christmas devotional, and Patty and Judy Sweeney sang carols.

Mrs. Nixon was assisted by Mrs. Morris Sweeney in serving coffee and cake to: Mmes. T. A. Rape, W. H. Doherty, Dean, John McKay, J. N. Key, Mattie Holliday, L. L. Stroble, B. C. Kirk, T. J. Parrish, R. D. Jackson, E. T. Branham, A. F. Brock, J. W. Blastell, H. T. Batchelor, T. J. McCaughan, J. E. Garrett, Lee Butler, H. T. Hester, and Miss Emma Thomas.



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Ballinger Jaycees have started the ball for the Goodfellows if the organization is needed here this Christmas. No check-up has been made in the city to determine whether there are needy families but charity institutions have not had many calls for aid recently. The Jaycees have contributed \$50 and if no Goodfellow club is formed the money will be given to the Church of the Nazarene to spread a little Christmas cheer in homes where there will not be much this year. Before the war the Goodfellow and adopt-a-family plans served a real purpose here. Following hostilities and plenty of jobs for all no Christmas program was conducted except through local churches. If there is need here now other organizations and individuals will be glad to help. A survey should

be made but there is no specific organization to do this.

Members of the Runnels county Red Cross chapter are making plans for next year's work and will launch a finances drive in March to raise the quota set by the national organization. An estimated budget has been prepared for the chapter which is expected to cover all phases of work for the next twelve months. During the year just ending the chapter has aided many veterans and their dependents as well as provided for a number of other charity cases. The work has been very heavy, more than 325 cases for veterans having been cleared through the local office.

Beginning Sunday evening a number of Christmas programs are to be presented in Ballinger. Most of the churches will celebrate Christmas in their services next Sunday morning and evening. Several concerts have been rehearsed for Sunday evening services and the public is invited to hear each of these. On other days until Christmas, various groups will present programs and several groups of carolers will sing for shut-ins.



SHORT SKIRTS OR LONG BEARDS... Male students at University of Kansas object to the longer skirts now in vogue with their feminine schoolmates and are voicing their disapproval by allowing their beards to grow. Four bewiskered members of the anti-long dress club are (left to right) Joe Francis, one of the originators of the idea; Carl Steeby, Bill Mabry and David Butler. It's the new look for men.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

George W. Fitzhugh is the new county agricultural agent for Concho county and has moved to Paint Rock. For some time he had been serving as county agent in Henderson county. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzhugh and child arrived at Paint Rock last week.

Otis Smith, Coke county commissioner, accepted delivery last week on a new grader to be used exclusively on roads in his precinct. The motor grader has a 100 horsepower Diesel engine and cost approximately \$10,000. Mr. Smith said the new machine would not be available for terracing and other private work but would be operated on roads exclusively.

Dr. Williams Hartford Lyon, of Miles, has retired from the practice of medicine after 50 years' continuous service. The 78-year-old physician announced last week.

Citizens are invited to drive over town and see all the Christmas decorations in yards and windows. Some homemakers have gone to considerable trouble this year and the pieces show good taste, are in keeping with the season and will help to create the real spirit of Christmas.

Santa Anna officers have been advised that a man held at Des Moines, Iowa, has confessed to the burglary of the Purdy Dry Goods Co. at Santa Anna September 28. The man gave his name as Bob E. Ritchey and stated that he had

an accomplice in the burglary. It is not known whether the second man is under arrest. Des Moines authorities will be asked for the prisoner, to be tried in Coleman county.

Terrell Bartlett, of San Antonio, engineer for the water filtration plant to be built at Coleman, has notified city officials that he will be there Monday with complete plans. Fifteen days after the plans are approved by the city, bids will be asked. The new plant will call for an expenditure of about \$100,000. It is to be part of the new water system to be tied into the big reservoir on Hord's Creek.

Brownwood was selected last week as the site for the state Democratic convention May 25. About 3,000 visitors are expected for the convention, in reality a three-day meeting as many delegates will arrive May 23 and be in committee sessions the day following the convention. Committees have been appointed to make reservations and many citizens will be asked to take guests in their homes as hotel facilities will not be adequate.

The First State Bank of Rising Star announced last week the installation of steel lock boxes. Boxes will be rented to patrons and a key will be furnished each box holder so that valuable papers may be safely stored in the bank and the owner have access to them any time the institution is open.

The Rowena Mothers' Club held a Christmas party at the public school lunchroom last week for primary and intermediate pupils. Gifts were presented all students whose birthdays fell in November. The first and second grades were also given a book of fairy tales. The club served refreshments to more than 50 children at the conclusion of the program.

The Quintilian Club is sponsoring a Christmas decoration program at Menard and judges will tour the residential streets on the evening of December 23 to select the best pieces. Through the efforts of this club a large number of citizens have put up home and yard decorations. This with street lighting and special show windows dressed by merchants give the city a festive appearance.

A number of buildings bought at the Camp Bowie auction were moved to Melvin last week. All the structures are of first-class lumber and some are being razed for the material while others are to be remodeled into modern dwellings. Construction on some ten or twelve of these buildings is to be started at once.

The Stephenville Lions Club will pack and distribute Christmas baskets to the needy. In a club meeting last week the names of 70 families were approved for the distribution. A committee had been surveying the city for distress cases the past several weeks.

Two thousand letters bearing the first flight cachet left Fort Stockton last week on the first scheduled airmail run from the Trans-Pecos country. Letters had accumulated in the Fort Stockton post office awaiting the arrival of the first plane on the regular air service. The new service will make possible the mailing of a letter in the afternoon and having it delivered in eastern cities the next day.

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IN SOCIETY

First Christian Woman's Council in Presson Home

Mrs. Walter Presson was hostess to the Woman's Council of the First Christian Church Monday afternoon in her Eleventh Street home.

Decorations featured a lighted Christmas tree and other traditional symbols where Mrs. Archie W. Gray presided after Christmas carols were sung by the group and Mrs. C. F. Bailey gave the prayer.

For the program Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh brought the devotional, "The Sunlight of the Kingdom," and Miss Lilly Clayton conducted a questionnaire on the Book of Genesis.

Mrs. Horace Murphy will be hostess at the next meeting.

The hostess served cookies and hot spiced punch to: Mmes. J. R. Lusk, Oscar Pearson, Murphy, O. P. Dorsey, John Allbright, N. D. Hoover, J. O. Satterwhite, E. D. Walker, Bailey, Stobaugh, Tom White of Weatherford; Misses Nan Kevil, Lula McElroy and Clayton.

Mr. and Mrs. Eoff Complimented at Dinner Party Here

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Eoff of Winters were complimented with a dinner party on Sunday in the home of their son, Dr. J. Dexter Eoff on Eighth Street. The party was given in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of the couple.

Reception rooms were beautifully decorated with fall blossoms in shades of gold and the dining table was centered with an arrangement of yellow rosebuds where the menu was served, and also at foursome tables.

Seven of the guests were present for the wedding 50 years ago. They were Mrs. Eoff's brothers, Dr. Love James and Mr. Dudley James of Galveston; her sisters, Mrs. Florence Bird of Coleman and Mrs. C. A. Peyton of Corpus Christi; and a sister of Mr. Eoff, Mrs. R. L. Adcock of Brownwood and Mr. Adcock and Mr. Peyton. This was the first time that all had been together in twenty-five years.

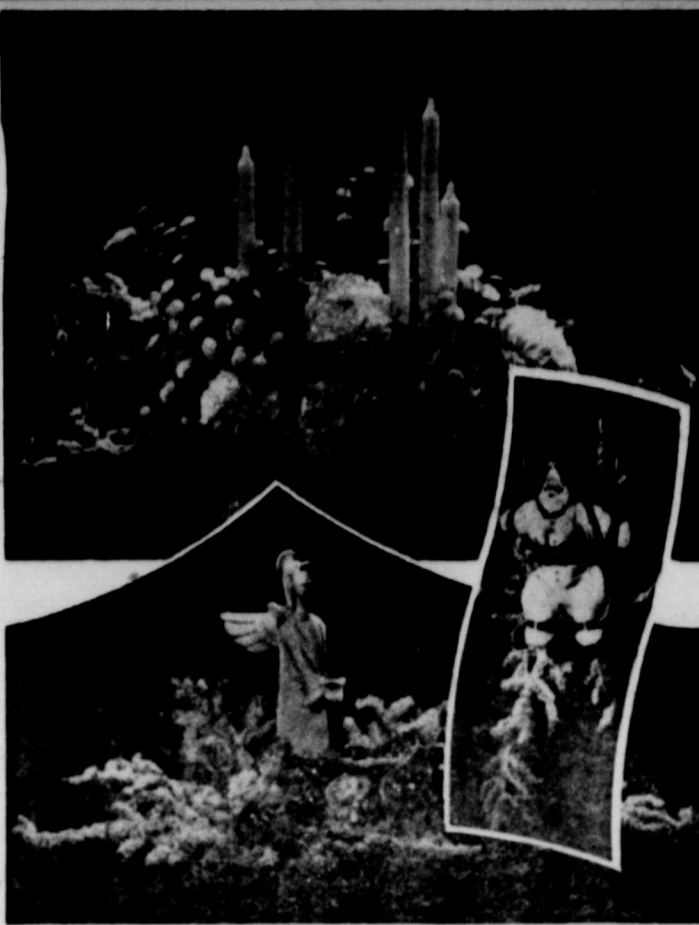
Others were: Mr. and Mrs. Wesley James and children of Valera; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Barkely and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McBroom and daughter, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Reid, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Asa Britton, Mrs. Dovie Meadows, James, Mrs. Lucy Rodden and B. I. James, of Valera; Miss Marie Britton, of Aransas Pass; Mrs. Christine Johnson and daughters, of Wym; Mrs. Lula Meadows Nesbit, of Chickasha, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren of the honored couple, Bobbie Marie, John and Jerry Eoff.

Agnew Home Scene of Philathea Class Christmas Party

Mrs. Tom Agnew, Mrs. Cecil Jones and Miss Ollie Chenoweth were hostesses to the First Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening, entertaining in the Agnew home in Wilke Terrace.

The glow of Christmas lights, red tapers and poinsettias about reception rooms gave a festive air and the decorated Christmas tree with sprays of greenery at the fireplace where a log fire burned was the point of interest. Miss Chenoweth conducted the business when members voted to contribute a Christmas donation to

"White Christmas" Theme Keys Holiday Flowers



Designers in the nation's flower shops urge more individuality in floral gifts for the home, according to Abby Wayne, official FTD stylist, who designed this Christmas preview. At Top—This all-white Christmas centerpiece is dazzling by day and spectacular by night. Equally suitable for the buffet, regal candles rise from clusters of mums and pompons, amid silvered pine cones and snow-laden evergreen. Below—For the story telling touch in a Christmas mantel or buffet arrangement, Mr. Wayne suggests a modernized cathedral angel amid snowy balsam, white pine cones and sparkling red ornaments. Inset—Inside story on Christmas door swags is more and more custom-design. Example here, for an apartment door knocker, is snow-laden balsam with a beaming Santa to greet the visitor with outstretched arms.

the Methodist Orphanage at Waco and to send a gift to the class orphan, Marshall Bremer. Using a pretty candle service, Mrs. H. B. Loyd gave the devotional, "The Light of the World," from the scripture on the preparation of the Coming of the King.

Gifts were exchanged and the hostesses served date loaf topped with whipped cream and coffee, nuts and mints from the dining table, which was decorated with a large massed arrangement of Christmas balls outlined with greenery, pine cones and red candles. Birthdays celebrated were those of Miss Thelma Midgley, Mrs. L. M. Setser and Mrs. Ralph Vancil.

Others present were: Mmes. R. W. Earnshaw, Tom Caudle, O. R. Lasater, Cal Adair, Ford Taylor, J. W. Barr, Marion Hays, Claude Stone, Paul Richardson, Robert Bruce, Sam Behringer and R. D. Midgley.

Presbyterian Auxiliary Meets in B. H. Erwin Home

Mrs. B. H. Erwin, Mrs. Hub Dean and Miss Eva Lilly were hostesses for the missionary program of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Monday afternoon in the Erwin home.

Mrs. Rufus Allen was program leader and gave the prayer after the group sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Mrs. John Reese gave the devotional, and topics discussed were "A Singing Church," by Mrs. E. S. Malone, and "The Hitching Post," by Mrs. Paul Petty. Miss Maggie Lilly read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer and gave the prayer for missionaries. The mizpah benediction was given following the singing of "Silent Night" in unison.

Room decorations featured the Christmas theme with the lighted tree as an added attraction where

hostesses served pie and coffee. Plate favors were Christmas corsages. Others present were: Mmes. J. W. Black, J. D. Coulter, Mary Spreen and Roy L. Hill.

Furgason-Stucke Wedding Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phariss, of Fort Stockton, are announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Billie Ruth Stucke, to E. W. Furgason, son of Mrs. Laura Furgason, of Kermit. The marriage took place December 6 at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Furgason will be at home in Kermit after the first of the year.

formerly lived in Ballinger. She is a sister of Mrs. J. C. Black.

South Ballinger Club Christmas Party in Williams Home

The Christmas party for members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club and their families was held Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Williams.

Games of 42 were played throughout the evening and gifts were exchanged from the beautifully decorated tree. Candy bags were given to each one present.

A sandwich plate with cookies, coffee and cocoa was served to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holstead, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Jones, Jackie,

Jimmy and David; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Holstead, Mr. and Mrs. Newman Smith, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Battle, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wallace, Betty Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fry, Jackie; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Branham, Jr., Joyce and Peggy; Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hutchins, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hutcheson, Mr. and Mrs. Calton Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Barnett, Jimmy; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Farley, Bobbie; Mrs. Fred Moncrief, Linda Kay; Clyde Williams, Mrs. Bob Williams, Mrs. C. D. Harris and Mrs. J. C. Reese.

H. V. Goss, of Houston, visited relatives here the past week-end, returning home Sunday.

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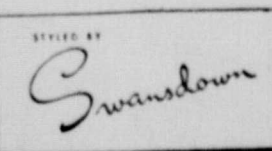
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IN SOCIETY

First Christian Sunday School Has Christmas Party
Members of the Loyalty Class of the First Christian Church, of which Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh is teacher, and teachers of the intermediate and primary department gave a Christmas party with husbands as added guests at the Country Club, Tuesday evening of last week.

The large living room was gaily decorated with cedar branches, chrysanthemums, and the Yule symbols and colors. Gifts were exchanged from the pretty, lighted tree following games of forty two

Mrs. Stobaugh, Mrs. Horace Murphy and Mrs. Gene Crawford served a sandwich plate with pie and coffee to: Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gray Messrs. and Meses. J. R. Lusk, D. B. Crockett, Bailey Mack, Marvin Clark, W. V. Connelly, J. O. Satterwhite, J. W. Longenette, Walter Presson, R. R. Williams, Newman Smith, Charles Clifton, E. B. Clappitt, John Albright; Messrs. Stobaugh, Gene Crawford, and Horace Murphy; Miss Lula McElroy and Miss Lilly Clayton; and Mrs. J. A. Williams and Mrs. Ann Kelly.

Second Year Homemaking Class Presents Style Show

Members of the high school second year homemaking class, under the supervision of their teacher, Miss Katherine Rawlings, presented a style show at the assembly in the high school auditorium last Thursday.

As an introduction to the show, a skit, "Six Keys to Popularity" was given by Frances Watkins, Mary Agnes Chick, Ginger Cervenka, Ruth Burris and Sammy Kendrick.

Models entered through a trellis outlined with autumn leaves. The setting was of chrysanthemums and other fall foliage where students modeled frocks, with Clara Bell Hill at the piano for music accompaniments. The judges for the affair were Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. John Bradley.

In the school clothes section, Betty Middleton won first place;

Helen Brown, second place; Doris Sanders, third place; and Carolyn McClenney and Jamie Morrison tied for fourth place.

For the gabardine dresses, Betsy Coffey won first place; Mazelle Caswell won second; and Alice Kohutek won third place.

Forty-seven girls modeled clothes in the style show.

Two Are Hostesses at Gift Tea for Miss Lynn

Miss Mary Lynn was again honored Wednesday afternoon of last week when Mrs. Max McCrary, Jr. and Mrs. R. E. Key were hostesses at a tea and miscellaneous gift party in the McCrary home on Murrell Avenue.

The living room was decorated in symbols of the holiday season where the hostesses greeted guests and presented the honoree, Mrs. Estes M. Lynn and Mrs. O. C. Sykes assisted at the bride's register and in displaying gifts, where a beautiful lighted tree gave a festive air.

The tea table, overlaid with a linen and lace cloth from Belgium, was centered with a low arrangement of red carnations which was lighted with white tapers in silver holders. Mrs. R. L. Craig, Mrs. David Caudie, Mrs. Drury Hathaway and Mrs. E. L. Ingram presided over the silver coffee service and served open-face sandwiches, assorted cookies and home-made candies.

Guests were: Meses Tom Agnew, Cal Adair, Dillard Adair of Dublin, Murrell Landreth, C. W. Cheatham, W. J. Hembree, Hill Hampton, Bitsie Vetterlein, E. W. Stasney, J. M. Pyburn, Leonard Stallings, R. T. Trail, R. R. Williams, Weldon Howell, H. J. Zappe, J. B. Dankworth, J. D. Reneau, A. O. Bartlett, Homer Sykes of San Angelo, O. H. Chandler, H. W. Ketchum, Warren Lynn, Jack Ransom and Lloyd Dobson, both of San Angelo, Edgar Boelsche, Sim Cottle, Oscar Batts, Henry Bieluck, Ed Curry, R. T. Hall, Orland Middleton, John Guion, K. V. Northington, Jr., E. B. Clappitt, Joe McCormick, Alex McGregor, E. A. Saunders, W. B. Woody, J. G. Tuckey, R. W. Earnshaw; Meses Lillian Ruth Keithley, Savannah Caperton, Norma Jean Bankston; and attending from Winters were Mrs. Albert Sykes, Miss Mary Margaret Sykes and Mrs. Joyce Wilkerson.

Boy Scout Troop 42 Has Meeting on Elm Creek

Scoutmaster Rev. Edward B. Postert accompanied members of Boy Scout Troop 42 to Elm Creek Tuesday evening of last week for an outing and for the purpose of members receiving the proper instructions for making camp fires and preparing meals. Supper was enjoyed around the camp fire.

In a game of Pioneer and Indian in which the groups were led by Hal McDaniel and Lynn Neill, the pioneers won.

Others present were: Fox patrol, Lynn Neill, D. Fowler, Kenneth

Landers, J. Elders, Jackie Reese Howard Hamner, Panther, Marvin Clark, Monroe and Glenn Hoelscher, Buddy Clark, Lavelle Foy Lawrence Harvey, Eagle, Blaine Esmond, Elroy Payne, Jessie and Harold Merrifield, Harold McDonald, Clarence Halfmann, Weldon Brevard, Billy Deekert, Stag, Charles Bailey, Jr., Paul Jenkins, Jimmy Williams, Lanny Maedgen, Jimmy Nixon, and Billy Watkins.

Troop 42 will hold its annual

Christmas party on the evening of December 22, at its scout headquarters on Sixth Street.

O.E.S. Chapter Adopts European Orphan

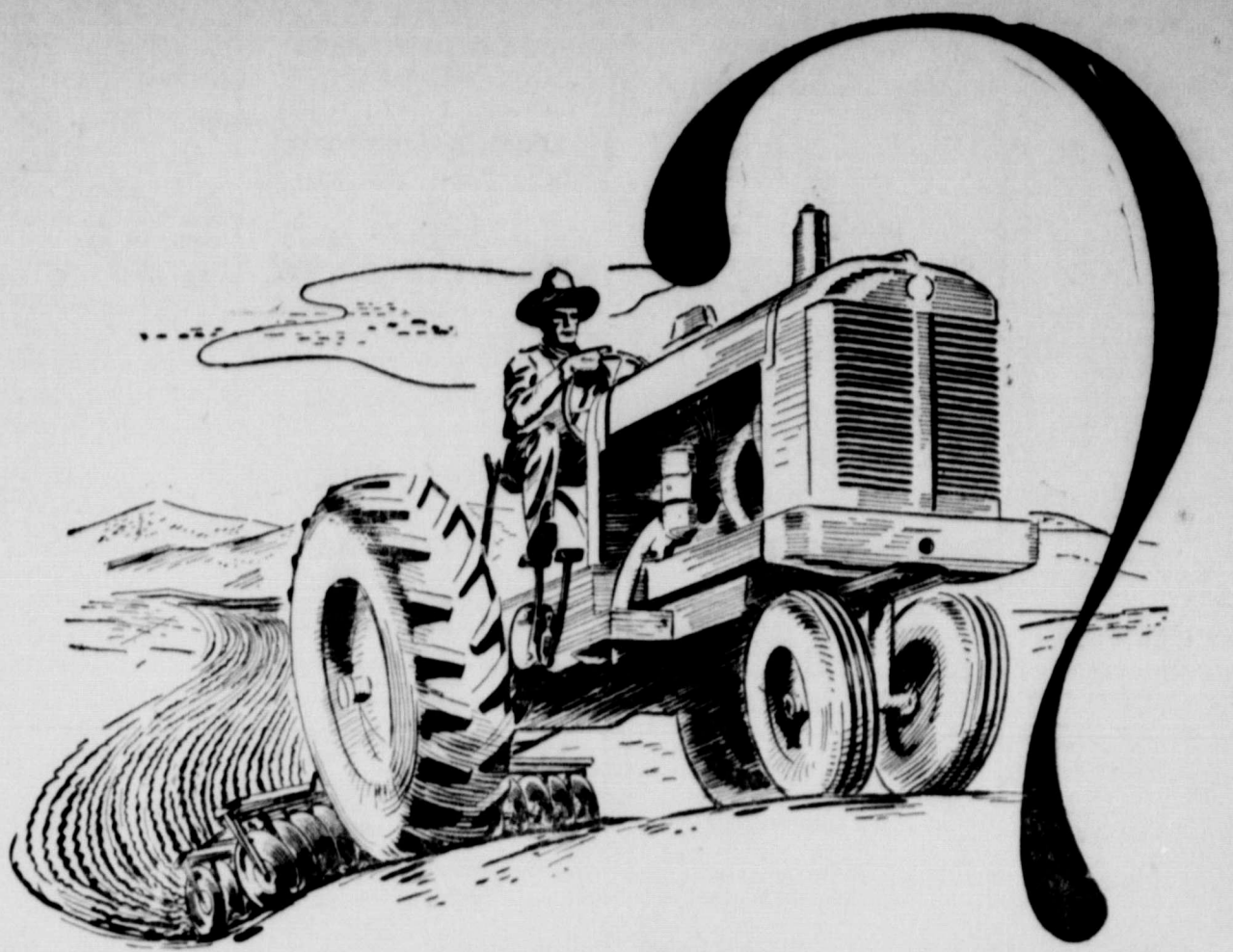
Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of Eastern Star, met in regular session Monday evening of last week with Mrs. Frances Zeditz worthy matron, and George Beard, worthy patron, in the East. Plans were made for the annual Christ-

mas party when food will be contributed for a needy family.

One of the projects for the year, that the Worthy Grand Matron had submitted to each chapter in Texas, was to adopt a European orphan for the year. The local chapter voted to do this, and will begin contributing for this cause at once.

Other officers and members present were: Meses Josephine Beard, Rachel Boswell, Nellie

Campbell, Edrie Petty, Johnnie Marie Frank, Faye Clark, Mary Jo Kemp, Odian Largent, Violet Williams, A. F. Brock, Joy Cannon, Kathleen Bailey, Rama Saunders, Zona Jones, Meses Griffie Atkins, Mary Jane Kiechle, and Agnes Gieber; Meses H. P. Largent, H. O. Campbell and J. M. Williams. Visitors from Paint Rock were Mrs. Mary Mosteller, Mrs. Adah Davis, Mrs. Blake Beckham and Ed Mosteller.



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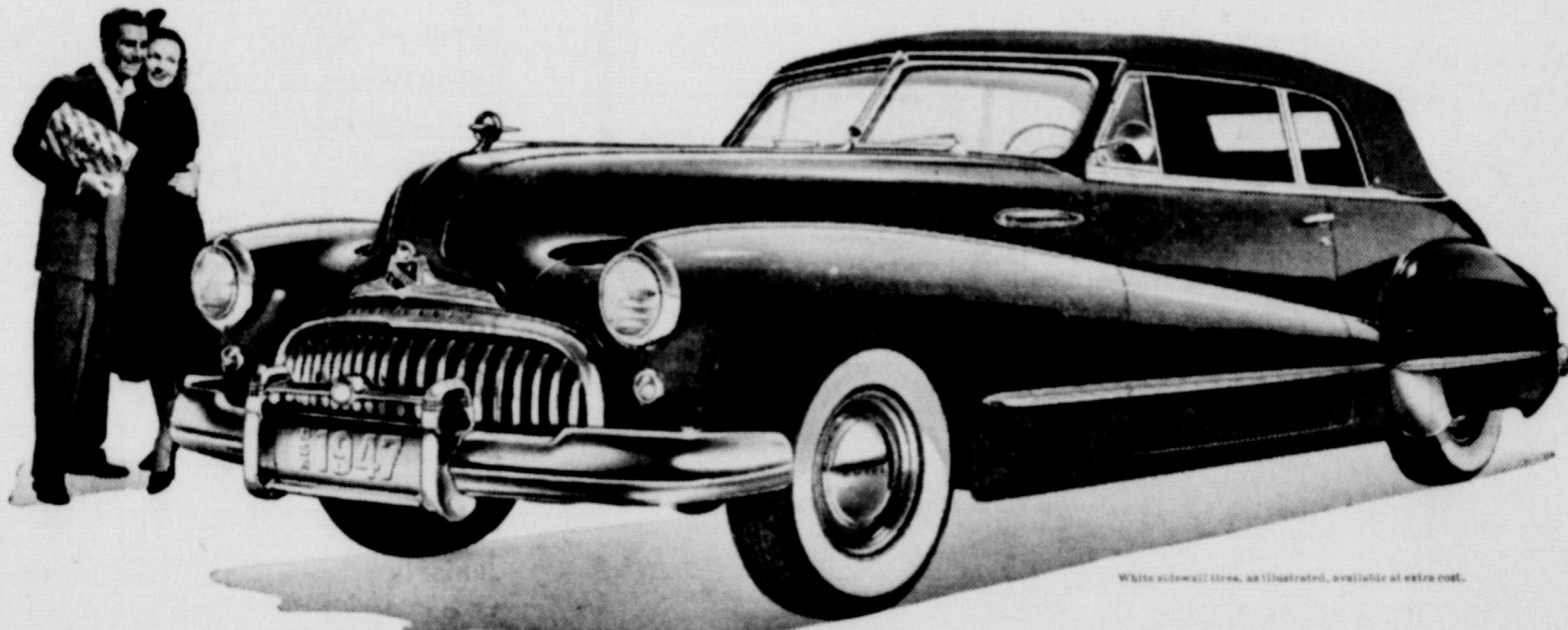
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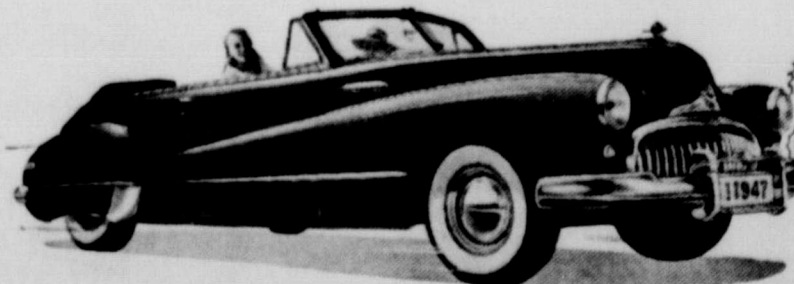
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**Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Isaacs and
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**FORMER BALLINGER MAN
 BURIED AT FORT WORTH**
 Military funeral services were
 conducted December 10 at the
 Haverson & Cole Funeral Home in
 Fort Worth for Fred Smith, 37,
 formerly of Ballinger but for the
 past ten years a resident of Fort
 Worth. Interment was in the
 Laurel Land Memorial Park.
 Decedent was born at Osceola
 November 3, 1910. He was reared
 in Ballinger and attended the
 local schools. During the war he
 served two years with the sea-
 bees.

Survivors besides the wife include
 his mother, Mrs. Olin Smith,
 Ballinger; two brothers, W. T.
 Smith, Ballinger; E. V. (Johnny)
 Smith, San Angelo; two sisters,
 Mrs. W. F. Lange, Ballinger; and
 Mrs. R. E. Taylor, Brownwood.

**D. M. WEST SUCCEEDS
 AT HOME IN BRONTE**
 David M. West, former Baptist
 preacher and West Texas pub-
 lisher for many years, died at his
 home in Bronte Monday from a
 heart attack.

Decedent published the Bronte
 Enterprise for many years, selling
 the plant several years ago on
 account of failing health, and
 since then had been writing spot
 news for a number of dailies. He
 suffered a heart attack Monday
 afternoon, death resulting at 4 p.
 m.

Funeral services were held at
 the home in Bronte Wednesday
 afternoon, Rev. George McCrary,
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 officiating. Interment followed in
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 Mrs. J. E. Osborne, Cleburne; and
 Mrs. Annie Benson, Abilene; two
 brothers, John West, Des Moines,
 New Mexico; and Jim West, Cle-
 burne.

Card of Thanks
 We wish to thank everyone who
 helped us to bear our recent
 shock and loss of our dear loved
 one.
 The many beautiful flowers,
 words of comfort and many kind
 deeds will ever be remembered.
 May God bless all.
 Mrs. T. A. Crockett and
 children
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Salmon	49¢	Peaches	17¢
Potted Meat	10¢	Apricots	25¢
Pickles	29¢	Preserves	25¢
Beets	12¢	Coffee	39¢
Corn	17¢	Coffee	48¢
Cut Okra	13¢	Bread	17¢
Tomatoes	23¢		
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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.

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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.
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J. D. PINKERTON, Evangelist

Church of the Nazarene

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning service.
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

Foursquare Gospel Church

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

7:30 p. m., evangelistic service,
pastor in charge.

Tuesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.



FIRST DRAFFEE RE-ENLISTS . . . Remember the man with No. 158, the first U. S. citizen to be selected for the peacetime draft? Little more than seven years ago Elmer Banks of Lexington, Ky., received the first "Greetings" and became the most discussed man in the nation. Now, with the war over, he has re-enlisted and is serving as a motor vehicle inspector at the Kadena, Okinawa, army air field.



MEDAL FOR MARLENE . . . Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor awards the medal for freedom to Marlene Dietrich who "covered" most of the war fronts as a USO entertainer during the war. It is the war department's highest civilian decoration.

Cherry Speaker For Santa Anna Firemen's Dinner

Chester Cherry and Fate Parker attended the annual chili dinner for the Santa Anna fire department Friday evening. The custom of the spread was started a number of years ago when Mrs. D. J. Johnson served the firemen the first meal in her home. She continued the practice until her death and since then the dinner has been held on her birthday anniversary. She was the mother of George Johnson, mayor of Santa Anna.

After the menu was served guests were introduced and Mr. Cherry was presented for the principal talk. His message dealt with fire prevention, fighting fire and insurance rates. He told the Santa Anna firemen that the best way to present fire prevention to the citizens of the community was through the public schools.

Judge Leman Brown, of Coleman, and Mayor Johnson, of Santa Anna, made talks in which they complimented the firemen on the city's small fire loss of only \$1,200 the past year.

BLANTON WORKERS' CLUB

The Blanton Workers' Club met December 4 in the home of Mrs. A. W. Malone with 14 members present. At the noon hour a delicious

dinner was served buffet style with a birthday cake cut for Mrs. J. W. Reese.

At the business meeting plans were finished for the Christmas party and turkey dinner to be held in the home of Mrs. William Wade on December 18. At that time members will exchange gifts.

RUNNELS COUNTY VETERAN LUCKY IN LAND DRAWING

Yeats W. Causey, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Causey, was lucky last week in a land drawing held in Wyoming. Gov. Lester C. Hunt pulled Causey's name from a fish bowl which gave the veteran prior rights in the purchase of irrigated farm land in the area.

Causey went into the service from Ballinger and after his discharge was here until about a month ago when he moved to Wyoming. He entered his name in the drawing for the farms of 5,700 acres and was fortunate in being among the first drawn.

In a letter to his father he said additional farms would be made available to veterans through the drawing system at a later date.

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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.

First Methodist Church
(Corner Murrell and Tenth)

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

11:00 a. m., morning worship.

6:00 p. m., young people's service.

7:00 p. m., evening worship.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., senior choir rehearsal.

H. B. LOYD, Pastor

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 Fellowship.

7:00 p. m., evening worship.

Wednesday Bible study and choir rehearsal, 8:00 p. m.

DAVID J. MURRAY, Pastor

Church of Christ
(1100 Ninth Street)

Lord's Day services, 10 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p. m.

Thursday, Bible study, 7 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. You are always welcome.

H. NORMAN GIPSON, Evangelist

Church of God

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

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:
7:30 p. m., senior choir rehearsal.

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 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
Murrell Avenue and Broadway

Archie W. Gray, Minister

O. P. Dorsey, Sunday School Superintendent.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.

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

7:30 p. m., evening worship.

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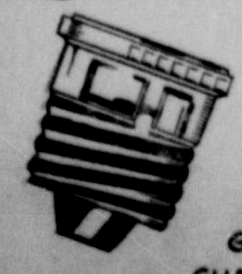


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ton.
The story traces the workers from the time they leave the valley until they are settled on jobs in West Texas. They are taken through the various labor camps which distribute them all over Texas.

**Salvation Army
Service Unit to be
Established Here**

The Salvation Army announced recently that a service unit would be set up in Ballinger and hereafter when financial campaigns are conducted one-third of the money raised will remain in the local chapter.

Ed Sommer will act as chairman and a board of directors will be set up to look after local activities. Special workers were here interviewing citizens in regard to serving on the board and a complete organization will be formed soon.

The organization will do social and welfare work in the community where other agencies cannot function. It will provide dental work, minor surgery, visual aid, family and transient service, post-war attention to service men's families and many services for school children.

Most of the attention will be centered on adding indigent children who need glasses and other physical corrections to do good school work.

The great need for this service all over the country has been responsible for establishing these units.

Officials of the Salvation Army who visited here stated that no financial drive would be made in this area until after the first of the year.

Christmas seals support the fight to prevent the spread of tuberculosis in this community. Buy and use Christmas seals on all your holiday mail.

Be wise—advertise.

**McDonald Explains
Boys' Ranch Plan;
To Supply Training**

Neil McDonald, member of the San Angelo Optimists Club, was here Friday in the interests of "Boys' Ranch," a project being fostered by the club for homeless boys of this region.

Mr. McDonald cited a number of cases where boys had no parents, but were not criminals, and were in need of some place where they could receive proper training.

It was stated that eventually all civic clubs in a number of West Texas counties would be asked to help in establishing the ranch. After part of the money required is raised a board of directors will be named, representing all clubs in the area covered and the general operation will be entrusted to this group.

The proposed budget for the first year is \$25,000. This would pay for the site, barracks and supervision, it was thought.

The Optimists have organized a Sunday school class which meets in a San Angelo theatre and last week 59 boys were present, none of whom had ever attended a Sunday school class before.

The Ballinger Lions have voted to support the ranch in every way possible. A number of the members will attend the Bob Burns show at the San Angelo municipal auditorium tonight. All proceeds from this performance will go to the boys' ranch fund.

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(Signed)
Rev. Norbert F. Wagner, Pastor

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BEGIN FOR BALLINGER STUDENTS

Christmas holidays for the Ballinger schools began this afternoon and students and teachers will be released until December 29, when regular classwork is to be resumed.

Most of the teachers who reside out of town left soon after dismissal and will spend Christmas with their families.

SCOUT TROOP NO. 29 NOW HAS SIXTEEN MEMBERS

Boy Scout troop No. 29, sponsored by the Ballinger Lions Club, has been making good progress since its reorganization a few weeks ago. Starting with only two members the troop now has sixteen active members and a number of others are expected to join about January 1.

Wayne Swift is scoutmaster and has taken over the active direction of this group. He is assisted

by Max McCreary and other members of the club.

The Lions Club recently completed a new home for the boys on the banks of the city's Elm Creek lake and this house is now used for all regular meetings of the troop.

Members of the Lions Club and all the boys were entertained at the Scout house Monday evening with a Christmas party. The boys provided the program.

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Good nutrition begins with soil itself. Out of the soil come the crops—the fruits and grains and vegetables we eat. Out of the soil also come the grasses and legumes and grains on which livestock feed—the very foundation of the meat and dairy products that are the protein backbone of our nation's food.

Today the American people are better nourished than ever before in history. This is cause for pride and rejoicing. For a better fed, healthier people leads to a stronger nation with greater capacity for clearer thinking, for work and production.

Good nutrition adds life to your years and years to your life. Good eating, which today we call the science of nutrition, is not an accident. It must be planned—beginning with the preparation of the soil and continuing through the raising of the crops and livestock, to the selection and preparation of meals for the table. This is an activity in which we all play an important part. Swift men of research and technology, like you farmers and ranchers all over America, are seeking ways in which the food of our people may be improved and our joint operations made to thrive ever more abundantly.



Business is Built on Faith

The American business system is based on keeping faith with the people whom business serves. For example, if Swift & Company is to continue to be successful, five distinct groups of people must have faith in our ability to serve them: producers, stockholders, employees, retailers and consumers.

Farmers and ranchers look to us to provide a daily cash market, and to compete in buying their livestock and other products. We, in turn, depend on you for raw materials. Our operations and yours are interdependent and based on mutual trust in each other's fair dealing.

The 64,000 stockholders invest their savings in Swift & Company with faith that good management will earn them a fair return on their investment. To keep that faith, the company must earn a reasonable profit.

Another definite responsibility of management is to provide regular employment, good working conditions, plants and tools for the 74,000 employees of Swift. Here again, mutual faith and understanding is essential.

In serving retailers in every city and town in the nation, Swift is very conscious of its responsibilities to this fourth important group. Through exacting quality-control we are able to supply the retailers with the grade and type of products their trade demands. To serve them faithfully, we have to study and understand their problems, and give them an understanding of ours.

The fifth and largest group served by Swift is the consumers of the nation. Their faith in the Swift name and Swift's branded products is the very basis of our business—and a great asset to both you and us.

As we review the operation of Swift & Company at year's end, we again resolve to do everything in our power to justify the faith placed in our business by so many people.

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President, Swift & Company

OUR CITY COUSIN

Why does City Cousin cry?
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Martha Logan's Recipe for MINCEMEAT

1 pound cooked beef	1 1/2 pounds brown sugar
shank, chuck, or neck meat	1 quart cider
1 cup meat stock	2 teaspoons salt
1/2 pound suet	2 teaspoons nutmeg
4 pounds apples	2 teaspoons cloves
1/2 pound currants	3 teaspoons cinnamon
1 pound seeded raisins	5 tablespoons lemon juice

Pare, core, and chop apples. Chop together currants and raisins. Add apples, sugar, cider, and meat stock. Cook about 5 minutes. Grind meat and suet. Add with seasonings to apple mixture. Simmer 1 hour, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Add lemon juice. This mincemeat may be made ahead of time and canned for use throughout the holiday season. (Yield: 4 quarts).

Track Down the Facts

The beaver is an industrious and intelligent animal. He fells trees, builds dams, and wastes little effort or material. A "by-product" of his building operations—the bark of limbs and logs—provides his supply of winter food.

We in the livestock and meat industry have been "busy as beavers" developing methods of saving the different by-products of livestock. These products benefit the human race in many ways. Many ailments are relieved by extracts from livestock glands. Numerous ordinary articles, such as glue, buttons, combs, knife handles, soap, etc., originate from livestock.

Under normal conditions the returns from livestock by-products are almost large enough to offset the operating and marketing expenses of the meat packers. The value of by-products has reduced the average cost of meat to consumers and has increased the prices the producer receives for livestock.

COMPETITION SETS THE PACE

There's lots of competition in the livestock and meat industry—both in the buying of livestock, and in the selling of the meat and by-products. U. S. Government reports show the best evidence of this competition when they list a total of more than 4,000 meat packers and more than 22,500 other commercial slaughterers operating in the United States. Of course, Swift & Company does not bid against every one of these 26,500 slaughterers at every point at which it buys livestock. However, there isn't a purchase of livestock or a sale of meat made that doesn't have to meet a considerable number of actual or potential bids of competitors.

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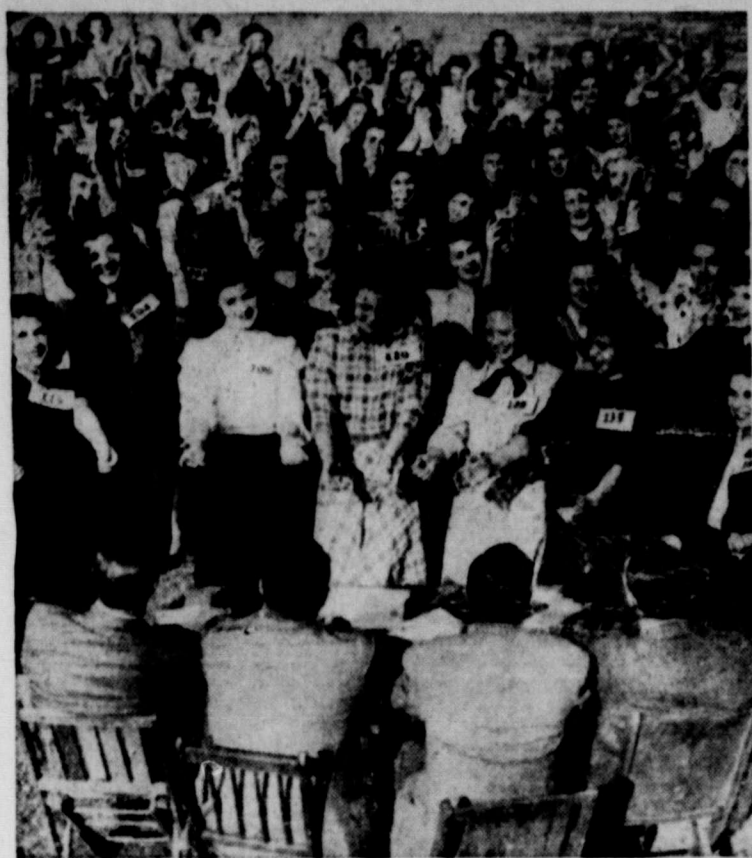
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CENTURY BETWEEN THEM . . . Hiram R. Gale, 101, of Seattle, past commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, holds one-year-old Barry Grimes who visited him on his 101st birthday — Mr. Gale's 101st birthday. Barry celebrated his first on the same day. The two got together for old time's sake.

Methodist Church Christmas Services Scheduled Sunday

Christmas observance at the First Methodist Church Sunday will provide a full day of activities. Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor, and Rev. Rex Mauldin, assistant pastor, have been preparing plans for the day which will start in the Sunday school.

At the 11 o'clock hour Rev. Loyd will deliver his Christmas sermon, "Taking Christ Out of the Cradle." The choir will sing Christmas music preceding the sermon.

At the opening of the morning service brief dedication rites will be held for a baptismal fountain given the church by Mr. and Mrs.

R. W. Earnshaw and John Weeks Earnshaw in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Weeks. The fountain, of Vermont marble, will be placed in front of the altar for use at all baptismal services.

During the morning hour the offering for the Methodist home at Waco will be taken. The goal set is about \$1,200 and large donations are being taken in advance.

Lillard Burgess, 13, adopted two years ago by the Doss Bible class of the local church, will be here this week-end and Sunday to visit the class and will be in the services Sunday. At the class meeting Sunday morning he will meet the men who supply his needs at the home and will receive his Christmas gifts direct this year.

First Baptists Will Celebrate Christmas In Programs Sunday

Celebration of Christmas at the First Baptist Church has been planned for all departments and some of the special programs have already been held. Sunday school departments and classes are holding parties this week and leaders of children's divisions had planned trees and programs.

Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his annual Christmas sermon at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. Special music has been arranged by the choir and one of the largest congregations of the year is expected on this occasion.

The feature program of the day will be presented at the evening hour, 7:30, by the choir. A Christmas cantata, "The Nativity Song," by Roy E. Nolte, is to be rendered by the large chorus under the direction of Glenn Murray, student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, and rehearsals have been underway for several weeks. Mrs. Earl Cope will be at the organ console and Mrs. O. G. Joiner at the piano.

At 8:00 a. m. Sunday young people of the church will assemble at the Central Hotel for their annual breakfast. All arrangements have been made for the breakfast program.

Rev. Martin and members of the church join in extending an invitation to the public to attend these Christmas programs. For the night service ushers will make use of all available space to seat the large congregation expected for the cantata.

Rev. Martin said a watch service had been planned on December 31 for the entire church membership. This program will commence at 9:30 p. m. and be concluded at 12:15 a. m. During the evening a film on the life of Dr. George W. Truett will be shown.

DISTRICT COURT SESSIONS TO BE CONCLUDED FRIDAY

Judge O. L. Parish stated Monday that there were a number of non-jury cases to be disposed of in the 119th district which would be cleared before the Christmas holidays. He was in San Angelo Wednesday, Paint Rock today, and will hear a civil case here tomorrow to conclude court sessions until after the holidays.

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SPORTS

Letters have been awarded the Ballinger Bearcats and a check-up reveals that most of the boys on the 1947 team pass out of the high school picture this year. Of the 17 to get letters, 15 will not be back or eligible for football next year. Graduation, age and the 8-semester rule will take a big toll and local coaches will have a struggle to fill all the gaps.

The Ballinger basketball team has shown plenty of speed and strength in its first games of the season. The defeat of the fast Lake View quintet proved that the Bearcats will definitely be in the district running and will be one of the favored teams. The schedule has been started but the chips will not be down until the last of January when the first district tournament is held.

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With 1947 about gone the eighth team in the Longhorn League has not been franchised. So far few club owners have announced managers or plans for the next season. The Ballinger team is still without a skipper but several prospects probably will provide

material for a selection early after the first of the year. Several clubs will be headed by the same managers as in 1947, who are already scouting for recruits.

C. West, owner of the San Angelo Colts, said recently that a number of men had applied for the job of playing manager. West expects to fill this position about January 1 and at the same time conclude a working arrangement with a major league club.

Regardless of working agreement each Longhorn League club will still have to carry eight rookies next year and these are the boys who are hard to find. The Ballinger club also has no carry-over pitchers, who also are very scarce. Pitchers who can win in this loop are not found in every hamlet.

Rev. Loyd stated that Jackie Hampton would preach at the evening hour December 28 as Rev. Mauldin will be at his home for the holidays.

S. E. Cloninger returned home the past week-end from a hunting trip near Menard and brought back a good buck.

Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Martin will leave Monday for Wichita Falls to spend the week visiting relatives and friends.

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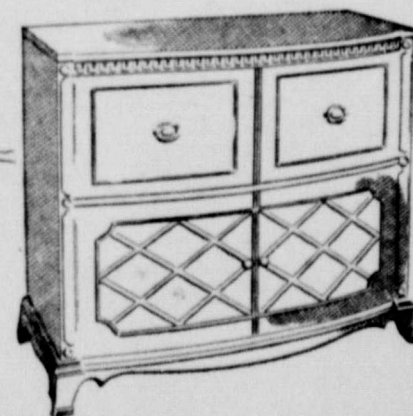
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IN SOCIETY

High School Annual Staff Sponsors Coronation Hit Parade of '48

Members of the high school annual, "Paw Prints," and newspaper, "Cat Tracks," staffs, with their faculty co-sponsors, Mrs. Hazel Johnson and Miss Merle Lewis, were hosts at the third annual formal coronation program, "Hit Parade of '48" at the high school auditorium Friday evening, followed by a dance at the recreation hall at Bruce Field.

Mistresses of ceremonies were Miss Lewis and Mrs. Johnson. Miss Lewis presented the honorees and Mrs. Johnson directed them to their places on the stage which was decorated with large blue and silver musical symbols. The crown bearers were Sharon Cook, David Lippe, Patty Sweeney, and Doug Wilson. Who's Who in the Band were: outstanding band member, Hal McDaniel; outstanding senior, Ebb Grindstaff; highest grade averages, Marilyn Sommer and Virginia Henniger; outstanding boys and girls, Bill Boggess, Rudolph Hoffman, Martha James and Clara

Hill; sweetheart, Betty Lou Batta, escorted by Joe Baker; alternate band sweetheart, Dena Bryan escorted by Clifton Reneau. Following in order were the F. F. A. sweetheart and queens. The sweetheart, Doris Dankworth, was escorted by Don Murphy. The queens Barbara Berry and Charlene Olsak, were escorted by Richard Buxkemper and Joe Vancil.

Who's Who in departments were as follows: social science, Emmalene Goetz, Lynn Neill and Sallyne McGahey; plane geometry, Rodney Balke; algebra, Granville Edwards; business, Willie Faye Seipp; typing, Ebb Grindstaff; senior English, Betty Jo Burk; junior English, Betty Middleton; homemaking, Betsy Coffey; agriculture, Ross Fowler; speech, Darlene Goetz; music, Wilma Duke; science, Doris Maas; journalism, Grace Ann Bryan; Bible, Jorita Duke; Latin, Ebb Grindstaff.

The class favorites, who were elected in secret ballot by the entire student body were presented. Senior Class, Marilyn Sommer and H'le Atnipp; junior class, Ariene Miller and Cleo Burks; sophomore class, Daniel Hallmark and Patty Morrison; freshman class, Eva Jo Flynt and Jimmy Parrish. The most popular were Bobby Jo Smith and Johnny Marshall, most typical Marilyn Agnew, editor of "Paw Prints," and Bob Agnew; football sweetheart, Janie Morrison, escorted by best all-around athlete, Walter Hill; most beautiful, Elnita Faubion, escorted by most handsome boy, Sonny Davenport; best Bearcette, Pat Caudie, escorted by Junior Henderson. Yell leaders for next year are Arlene Miller, Jessie Mae Henderson, Mary Neill and Gale Hays.

Bouquets of red roses which were brought to the stage by the ushers, Cordie Lou Forgey, LaRita Price, Cynthia Tuckey and Eva Jo Payne, were presented to Mrs. Johnson and Miss Lewis in appreciation of their work. The football sweetheart, Janie Morrison, was also presented a bouquet by Miss Lewis. Solos were sung at the intermissions by Miss Lewis, with Mrs. Earl Cope as accompanist. The formal dance followed at



MY LOVE HAS A HEART OF STONE. . . . Unrequited love shouldn't happen to a dog—but it does. "Bing," for instance, collie owned by Jerry Yorlo of New York, makes daily visits to a three and one-half foot statue of a retriever which was placed at the entrance of a statutory studio in the neighborhood recently. "Bing" apparently carries a flaming torch for his stony light of love, but doesn't even get a tail wag in return.



BOO . . . This is what happens to little girls with pigtails when they read ghost stories which were never meant for their tender years. Well, anyway, it happened to Margaret O'Brien when she became too daring in her choice of reading matter.

Bruce Field with students, faculty members and parents attending. The hall was decorated in the Christmas theme where punch and cookies were served by Wanda Zuelke and Sylvia Mueller. Mrs. Vivian Frazier and her 5-piece orchestra furnished music for dancing.

The girls who checked hats, dressed in appropriate costumes, sang several numbers. They were Dian Tuckey, Deanie Roundtree, Mary Alice Herral and Carolyn Bigby. Other vocal numbers were given by the high school sextet, Barbara Berry, Clara Hill, Elnita Faubion, Jackie Bankston, Susie Harris and Betty Burk. Dickie Cope and Charles Bailey sang solos.

Miss Manske Bride of John Lee Stuart

In a ceremony performed at six o'clock Friday evening, Miss Addie Manske, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Manske, became the bride of John Lee Stuart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Stuart of Eden. The wedding took place at the Broadway home of Rev. and Mrs. B. J. Martin before relatives and friends. Rev. Martin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, read the double ring ceremony.

Miss Callie Beard attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a dress of aqua crepe with black accessories and a white carnation corsage. Troy Stuart attended his brother as best man.

The bride wore a tailored dress of sky blue crepe fashioned with a high neckline, and a peplum with bustle effect trimmed the

skirt. Her accessories were brown and she wore a gardenia corsage. For something borrowed and something old she carried a white Bible and a linen handkerchief belonging to Mrs. Guy Middleton.

Following a short wedding trip to Corpus Christi, the couple will be at home in Eden, where Mr. Stuart is manager of the parts department of the Harris Motor Company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stuart are graduates of the Ballinger High School. Mr. Stuart attended Texas Tech for some time. Mrs. Stuart has been employed in the office of Dr. H. Cohen in this city.

Blackmons Entertain Ballinger Dry Goods Co. Employees

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Blackmon entertained employees of the Ballinger Dry Goods Company last Thursday evening with a turkey dinner in their home on Eleventh Street.

The Christmas theme was stressed in all the decorations, including the lighted tree and burning tapers which added to the Yule spirit.

The three-course menu was served and followed by an informal get-together. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ross Black and children, Mr. Earl Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. K. Dickinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Cam Blackmon and Joanne.

Cub Pack Members Have Yule Party

Cub pack members, their leader, Paul Petty, and Cub mothers were entertained at a Christmas party in the district court room at the court house last Thursday evening.

Den No. 2 members, under the leadership of Mrs. W. O. Irby, den mother, sang the national anthem and "Onward Christian Soldiers,"

followed by the opening prayer by Mr. Petty. Den Chief Delmond Calvert presented the Bear award to Mickie Hart. Den members under the leadership of Mrs. LeRoy McAulay and Den Chief Lynn Neill also presented numbers. Billy Maedgen played "Silent Night" and "Jingle Bells" on the cornet. Mrs. J. A. Schnable led the group of twenty boys in singing carols. Jon Schnable sang "Little Town of Bethlehem." The pack made plans to furnish baskets for needy families and also contribute toys to the children of needy families at Christmas. Mr. Raleigh Reese will accompany the group when they visit homes to sing Christmas carols.

A large tree, decorated with myriads of colored lights, tinsel balls and other ornaments was laden with presents. Mr. Petty presented gifts to the boys. Popcorn balls were served with soda pop. Dr. L. Ohlhausen made presentations. A large number of parents and members of Mrs. O. G. Joiner's den pack were present for the affair.

F.F.A. Boys Attend District Meeting at Coleman

H. B. Edmondson, advisor and teacher, accompanied the following F.F.A. boys to Coleman last Thursday evening to attend a district meeting: Don Murphy, Ross Fowler, J. B. Nunn, Wayne McDorman, Richard Buxkemper, Edward Moonen, Gilbert Armerdariz, Dan Egan, and two guests, James and Gerald Sloan.

Members of the chapters at Coleman, Brownwood, Ballinger, Burkett, Mozelle, Santa Anna, Bangs, May, Earley and Winters were introduced. District officers opened the meeting. Bill Brown, of Burkett, led the group in singing "America" and "Home on the Range." James and Gerald Sloan, guests of the local chapter, sang several numbers; piano numbers were rendered by Coleman and Brownwood members; and the Coleman F.F.A. sweetheart, Ann Miller, sang several numbers. Mr. Alexander, of Alpine, gave an interesting talk, "We Need to Conserve Our Soil."

Don Murphy, local chapter president, who is district secretary, assisted in conducting the program.

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Mrs. R. B. Carswell
Mrs. Ruth Goebel 11-21

ILLNESS STOPS SESSIONS OF COUNTY COURT HERE

Judge E. C. Grindstaff cancelled sessions of county court Monday morning when attorneys were ill. County Attorney Roy L. Hill was unable to be in court to represent the state, and a defense lawyer, also ill, was unable to take part in a trial docketed for Monday.

There were about 250,000 more people working on farms the first of October this year than a year ago.

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In 1946 T & P paid \$117,983 into the various county tax funds of the counties and parishes along its line in Texas and Louisiana.

FEDERAL TAXES
Uncle Sam comes in for his share of the T & P income, too. Tax payments to the Federal Government for 1946 amounted to \$1,544,716.

CITY TAXES
Last year T & P paid city taxes amounting to \$221,493—nearly a quarter of a million dollars for general city expenses.

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