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County Seal and Bond Sales Now Total \$3,133

The annual Christmas seal and bond sale, being sponsored by the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association, is moving into the finale of the campaign. A check-up Wednesday disclosed a total of \$3,133.00 received from both bond and seal sales and efforts are being made to attain the quota of \$3,750 by the end of this week.

Workers reported that through Wednesday a total of \$1,031.25 had come in on the seals. This money came to the organization from less than half the letters mailed out containing seals. Others who received seals and have not remitted, are asked to send in their checks as soon as possible.

Bond sales to date total \$2,107. In Ballinger the total is \$1,090, \$110 less than the quota. Salesmen said yesterday that some eight or ten firms are yet to be called on and they expect to meet the bond quota before the drive is ended.

Association officials are in hope that the county quota will be exceeded this year. Since making up the budget, the association has assumed the responsibility of providing part of the salary of the county health nurse. One official stated that unless the quota was over-subscribed some of the work planned for 1949 would have to go undone because of the extra expense in making possible a health nurse.

If a good percentage of the letters mailed out are returned with remittances the drive probably will go over by a small sum.

Those directing the seal sale hope to be able to close the books on the campaign before the end of December.



SOIL ERUPTION . . . On the farm of Henry Huppenthal near Cedar Lake, Ind., two hills of rich black loam are growing in an area of clay-loam farmland. One hill, covering 2,500 square yards, has erupted to a height of 30 feet in the past 25 years. The other, 500 square yards, has risen 15 feet in 10 years. Huppenthal, shown in the photo, says he has raised more than 110 bushels of corn to the acre on the new soil, and that the yield of oats was so heavy that stems of the plants collapsed under the weight of the heads of grain.

'Adopt-a-Family' Planned For Needy on Christmas

Officials of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, the Ballinger Ministerial Alliance and other organizations dealing with local charities, met Saturday morning to make plans for looking after needy families this Christmas.

The "adopt a family" plan will be used and Sunday school classes of all churches, civic clubs, individuals and other groups are asked to assist.

A further survey is being made but it is known there will be approximately 50 families in Ballinger who will need help if there is to be anything extra for the kiddies on Christmas morning and a Christmas dinner for the family that day.

Lists of these families are being prepared by a committee and selections of the families can be made from their lists at the Ledger office. These lists will give the number of children in each family, the ages and will also explain their needs. After a selection is made, those "adopting" the family are asked to visit in the home, learn first-hand just what is needed and then to assemble those requirements for delivery Christmas eve.

Those in charge also stated there would be a need for some cash and anyone who thinks he cannot look after an entire family is invited to make a cash donation which will be used to look after any families not "adopted," to purchase clothing for other groups in helping supply all the needs and in other ways which will help spread Christmas cheer. Contributions may be left at The Ledger office, radio station KRUN, or the two local banks.

Any merchant who has clothing he would like to contribute is asked to notify the Red Cross and the bundles will be called for and distributed. Toys will also be accepted for Christmas packages.

Food, clothing and a few playthings for the small kiddies are the biggest needs observed. The job will not be a big undertaking and with everyone cooperating all can be provided for and not be a burden to anyone.

Most of the lists are now ready and selections of families can be made any time.

The plan was announced in most Sunday school classes last Sunday and a large number of classes have made plans to look after families. Civic clubs will name special committees to select families and all organizations in the city are urged to participate.

During the war no organized plan was followed in Ballinger because the need was insignificant and local organizations were able to handle all charity. Last year Rev. J. M. Harrison, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, started the ball rolling and through his efforts some 30 families received aid. This year the need is greater and a city-wide, organized plan is necessary.

Santa Claus Greeted Here By Crowd of About 7,000

The largest crowd seen in Ballinger since the days of the old Runnels County Fair was present Friday night to meet Santa Claus and hear the first Christmas program of this holiday season.

It was estimated that 7,000 people jammed every street in the business district until it was difficult to get up to show windows to look for numbers on display for free prizes. Most stores remained open and this helped to take care of the crowd to some extent.

The program opened with the Ballinger band, under the direction of O. G. Joiner, playing a short concert on the court house lawn. This entertained the throng until a car brought old St. Nicholas to the truck on Hutchings Avenue. Just before his appearance here a plane flew overhead and Santa bailed out with a flare to guide his parachute to the earth. A committee followed the chute down and rushed the 'old fellow to the stand prepared for his visit. After extending greetings, bags of candy containing small gifts were handed to the children until the supply was exhausted.

Following this part of the program visitors were invited to view the Christmas windows and for more than an hour the sidewalks were filled with men, women and children.

Two Oil Wells Prepared For Tests of Production

Preparations for production are being made on two Runnels county oil wells and drilling is continuing today on several others.

Casing has been set to the bottom of the hole in the Price-Lenora Fowler and today the crew is drilling out plus in preparation to perforate pipe and test production. A good oil showing was struck several days ago and drillers have been busy since preparing for the test, which is due this week-end.

Drilling through the plug in the Price-Clayton is underway this week and a gauge of production will be made within the next few days.

Work is going forward on the Henry Fowler well, who has been drilled to the Gardner sand, and cleaning up is underway in preparation for a production test.

James D. Weaver Elected Manager Ballinger C. of C.

James D. Weaver, of Ingleside, was elected secretary-manager of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon at a called meeting of the executive committee.

Mr. Weaver was in Ballinger Friday to meet the committee named to interview applicants for the position. He was called here after he had filed a written application for the position and a number of letters had been received from various towns in the state in his behalf.

In a personal interview Friday, Mr. Weaver stated that he would come to Ballinger at once and that he would be here in time to work with Roger Wheeler for a few days before December 15, when Mr. Wheeler must leave for his new position at Sherman.

The new secretary-manager is 28 years of age, is married and has four children. For the past two years he owned and operated a picture show at Ingleside, with the exception of six months spent as a trainee in the Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce.

He graduated from the Rock Springs high school and later attended Texas A. & M. College. During World War II he served in the air forces and was in the service three years. Prior to that he was associated with his father in ranching in the Fort Stockton-Alpine region.

Mr. Weaver has had special training in agriculture and livestock work and will fit into the approved five-year agricultural program recently adopted by the local commercial organization.

A telegram was received from Mr. Weaver Wednesday afternoon, advising the board that he would accept the position here and would come to Ballinger as soon as his business there would permit.

ACA Election will be Held In County December 13-15

Runnels county farmers and ranchmen will elect county agricultural conservation association committeemen December 13, 14 and 15. Meade McShan, present county committeeman, said today.

Polls at Miles, Maverick and Rowena will be open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. on Monday, December 13, at Winters, Wingate, Norton and Crews, Tuesday, December 14, and at the Ballinger AAA office on Wednesday, December 15. Names on the ballots are:

Community "A"
 Delegate to the county convention, C. E. Clark and Earl Black.
 Alternate delegate, Emil Havlik and Otto Goetz.
 Chairman, community committee, Joe Holubec and Charles Matshack.
 Vice-chairman, community committee, Frank Gully and Emil Urban.
 Regular member, community committee, Alfred C. McAulay and Alton Bradberry.
 First alternate, community committee, Fred M. Tidmore and Roy Hardy.
 Second alternate, community committee, Ben Willberg and M. L. Nixon.

Community "B"
 (Offen, Hatchel, Bethel)
 Delegate to the county convention, Ed Hoelscher, H. G. Wilde.

Community "C"
 (Norton, Wingate, Pumphrey)
 Delegate to the county convention, Roy L. Roper and Kirby Robinson.
 Alternate delegate, Earl Broadstreet and Ira McNeill.
 Chairman, community committee, Roy Roper and J. S. Stubblefield.
 Vice-chairman, community committee, Osborn G. Barrett and J. M. Willis.
 Regular member, community committee, Elmer F. Bryan and W. W. Wheat.
 First alternate, community committee, Kirby Robinson and Dan McNeill.
 Second alternate, community committee, W. H. Konegay and R. H. Allen.

Community "D"
 (Winters, Victory, Crews)
 Delegate to the county convention, Neuhard M. Stoecker and Tom O. Carroll.
 Alternate delegate, John J. Swatchesue and Ralph Osborne.
 Chairman, community committee, John J. Swatchesue and Sam P. Wood.
 Vice-chairman, community committee, James I. Boothe and Neuhard M. Stoecker.
 Regular member, community committee, Bryant Bishop and J. A. Traylor.
 First alternate, community committee, Delbert Koehler and Alvin Nitsch.
 Second alternate, community committee, Jerry Landers and Bud Hendon.

School Officials of Three Counties to Meet Monday

County Superintendent W. E. Elkins stated today that everything was arranged for the meeting here Monday night of school people of three counties to hear Dr. Pat Norwood, executive agent of the Gilmer-Aiken committee.

The meeting will be held Monday evening at 7:30 in the high school auditorium and all trustees and teachers of Runnels, Concho and Coke counties are expected to be present and all school patrons are invited. Mr. Elkins was in communication with the county judges of Concho and Coke counties this week and they assured him that a good representation from their counties would attend.

The meeting is sponsored by the Runnels county board of education. These men believe it is necessary that a complete explanation of the Gilmer-Aiken proposals be presented to the people of this area. These proposals, if passed by the legislature, will change the entire school system of the state and will vitally affect schools in West Texas.

Dr. Norwood is possibly the best informed man in the state on the proposals and has been speaking in many sections on the changes which enactment would cause.

In a conversation with Supt. Elkins, Dr. Norwood urged that those who are informed on the work of the committee prepare all questions they would like to have answered and present them at the meeting here. After a question-and-answer period at which he will answer all questions possible put from the floor.

Mr. Elkins stated that every trustee in the three counties had been contacted and urged to attend the meeting. Teachers also are expected to be present and it is hoped that a large number of school patrons will attend.

School officials of this section think every person interested in the schools should hear a complete report on the proposals of the Gilmer-Aiken committee and study them in the light of effects on schools of this section.

Elmer Simpson, of Coleman, was here Friday to witness the Ballinger-Monahans football game and to visit relatives. Mr. Simpson has reached retirement with the Magnolia Petroleum Co. after 32 years service in the production department. He has accepted a position with the state railroad commission and after January 1 will have headquarters at Midland.

Health Advisory Committee Organized at Meeting Monday

A group of school officials and members of the local health groups met Monday afternoon to formulate plans for the governing body of the new health program to be started in Runnels county on January 1. The group will be known as the Runnels County Health Advisory Committee. Officers elected at the meeting Monday were: E. C. Grindstaff, president; W. E. Elkins, vice-president; and Mrs. Carl Black, secretary-treasurer.

The committee is composed of Judge Grindstaff representing the Runnels county commissioners' court; Supt. Ernest Caskey and Supt. I. L. Lasater, representing the independent district schools of the county; Supt. W. E. Elkins and Supt. L. M. Hays, representing the common district schools of the county; Joe Satterwhite, the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association; Dr. O. H. Chandler, the medical society.

Mrs. W. A. Jacob was employed by the committee as county health nurse. Funds for her salary are being received from the county and the tuberculosis association. She will be on duty three days a week for a twelve month period. Mrs. Jacob is a registered nurse and for some time has been working with the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association on all its local projects. She will be given time to make a study of her new work and will be ready to make a report when the committee holds another meeting later this month to plan for launching the campaign after the first of the year.

Mrs. John Bradley was recently employed by the schools as health coordinator for Runnels county and she will work with Mrs. Jacob in whatever program is undertaken in this county. The salary for Mrs. Bradley is being paid by the state and she also will begin her duties on January 1.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Five patients were dismissed from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital the past week, as follows:
 Mrs. J. D. Reneau, surgical, Friday.
 W. L. Carpenter, surgical, Friday.
 Mrs. Herman Brown, Bradshaw, surgical, Tuesday.
 Mrs. J. D. Reneau, surgical, Tuesday.
 Juanita Barina, Rowena, medical, Tuesday.
 Mrs. R. C. Haverland, of Miles, is reported improved after receiving medical treatment at the local clinic.
 Mrs. Mattie Holliday, who sustained an arm fracture more than a week ago, is improving.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moreland are parents of a son born last Thursday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.
 Mrs. W. A. Hale has entered the clinic for medical treatment.
 Davis Campbell, of Paint Rock, is reported improving after sustaining injuries in a car wreck Tuesday.
 LaRue Davis, of Paint Rock, also injured in the traffic accident, is reported improving.
 Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Harrison are parents of a daughter, born at the clinic Wednesday. Mrs. Harrison and baby are doing Bobby Kurtz, of Rowena, entered the local clinic Wednesday afternoon to be treated for burns.

Bronte Fire Calls for Aid

Ballinger firemen were called to Bronte about 9:30 this morning to help combat a fire that threatens the entire business district. As soon as the call for help was received here eight firemen and a truck left. A short time later Bronte citizens telephoned back to learn of the truck had left here and added that the flames were spreading.

The first message stated that the Kemp Tailor Shop and White's Garage were burning and other buildings were in danger. At press time, other Ballinger equipment was standing ready to assist in case it's needed.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Isaacs and children spent the past week-end at Abilene, visiting relatives.

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Double Anniversary Celebration Held by Rowena Couples
Saturday, November 27, was the occasion of the double silver wedding celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Backhaus and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Namken at O. D. H. S. Hall, Rowena. Guests were received during the afternoon followed by a barbecue supper at 5 o'clock with a dance in the evening. Annie Backhaus and Willie

Namken were married November 27, 1923, and Freda Kahfeld and Fritz Backhaus were married November 29, 1923, both at Rowena. Mr. Namken and Mr. Backhaus have been engaged in farming in the Rowena community. The couples are members of Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church of Rowena. Miss Darlene Goetz received guests. Miss Lillian Backhaus and

Mrs. Freddie Gallas presided at the registers. Miss Geneva Poehls and Miss Roby Faye Laxton pinned on favors, twin white bells outlined in silver. Marilyn Redman and Alene Henniger received gifts. Mrs. Alvin Redman played piano selections during the afternoon.

The hall was decorated with white crepe paper streamers and silver bells. A three-tiered wedding cake flanked by white chrysanthemums and white candles in crystal holders on mirror reflectors centered the wedding table. Bouquets of white mums decorated the other tables.

Mrs. Backhaus and Mrs. Namken wore gray afternoon dresses with white carnation corsages. Mrs. Backhaus wore a silver watch, a gift from her husband, and Mrs. Namken wore silver costume jewelry, her gift from her husband. All sisters and sisters-in-law wore white gladioli corsages, while those assisting wore salmon pink corsages.

A program was given after all were seated for supper. Darlene Goetz, Mrs. Fred Ernst, Jr., Miss Edna Matejowsky and Mrs. Freddie Gallas sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." A short talk and prayer were given by Rev. Frank Lammert. Miss Darlene Goetz sang "The Anniversary Song" with Mrs. Alvin Redman as accompanist.

The honored couples, sisters and brothers, and their husbands and wives and Henry Backhaus and Rev. Lammert were seated at the wedding table. Mr. Backhaus is the only living parent of the couples.

The supper menu of barbecue, potato salad, beans, pickles, bread, cake and coffee was served to 175 guests.

At 8 p. m. dancing began with the grand march led by Myron Namken, Miss Mabel Hoelscher and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hennig. Music was furnished by the Backhaus band.

Gifts were opened at 9:30 after which the wedding cake was cut and served with coffee.

Out-of-town guests for the occasion included: Mr. and Mrs. Vahrenkamp, Ferrel and Ralph, Mr. and Mrs. August Namken, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Namken, Neal and Calvin, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Namken and Jimmy, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Namken and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Namken, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Namken, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Namken, Harry Namken, all of Giddings; Mr. and Mrs. George

Ashenbeck, Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Namken, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Porter, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. John Namken, Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. Gerber Namken, Bobby and Barbara, Vernon; Lonnie Henniger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Henniger, Van Court; Willard Backhaus, Huntsville; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Backhaus and Myrtle, New Braunfels; Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Backhaus, Sharp; Mr. and Mrs. John Backhaus, Mr. and Mrs. William Backhaus and Linda Lou, Miss Lillian Backhaus, Rockdale; Mr. and Mrs. Milton Eckerman and daughter, Vickers; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eckerman and Doyle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ernst and family, Wall; Mr. and Mrs. August Stoecker, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Stoecker, Winters; Hilmer Wagner, Jr., Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Muery, Jr., Taylor; Dr. and Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz, Mrs. Grace Scheffel, Ballinger; Leonard Ake, Roy Terry, Paint Rock; Mrs. Albert Werner, August Backhaus, Albert Backhaus, Oscar Backhaus, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wanier and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Wanier and Doris Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Busher and Vernon Dean, Mr. and Mrs. Armin Eckerman, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peizel, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Schlake, Mrs. Otis Krempin, Miss Dorothy Fischer, all of San Angelo.

First Christian Faith Class Meets in Price Home
Mrs. Herman Price and Mrs. Neuman Smith were hostesses to members of the First Christian Faith Class last Thursday evening, entertaining in the Price home on Fifth Street.

Christmas decorations and winter greenery decorated party rooms where Miss Mary Jane Kiechle conducted the business routine. Members made a contribution for a gift which will be bought and sent to a adopted orphan, Wanda Louise La Son, who lives at the Juliette Fowler Orphans Home in Dallas.

At the social hour games were played and gifts exchanged from the Christmas tree. Hostesses served cake with coffee. Others were: the teacher, Mrs. Horace Murphy; Mmes. J. W. Longnette, Albert Kitchen, M. A. Foy, Marvin Clark, H. B. Edmondson, D. B. Crockett, Walter Presson, Truman Haupt, C. F. Bailey, Charles Clifton; and Miss Doris Lane.

Mrs. Taylor Narrates Story of Shakespeare Club
Members of the Shakespeare Club included former members and also honored past presidents when it met in the Library club room last Thursday afternoon to observe Federation Day. After the Woman's Creed was repeated with Mrs. B. C. Kirk as leader, Mrs. Dorsey Read presided

for the business and heard the treasurer's report by Mrs. Alex Saunders. Mrs. Edgar Boelsche reported that the club had purchased four new books, and other reports were given by Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and Mrs. Paul Petty. The president announced the nominating committee, Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, Mrs. Petty and Mrs. Chester Cherry. The club voted to give Mrs. Leonard Stallings an indefinite leave of absence. The federation counselor, Mrs. R. F. Zedlitz read an article from the State Federation magazine, which urged that club members plant bluebonnet seeds this month.

The Christmas program will be held in the home of Mrs. Arthur Giesecke.

The hostess and leader for the program, Mrs. Zedlitz, presented Mrs. Ford Taylor, who narrated the story of the Shakespeare Club from its organization in 1896 up to the present. A candle service was used when Mrs. Taylor honored the past presidents. As the 27 presidents who have filled the office were named, a red gladioli was added to a floral arrangement to honor the living officers and a white gladioli was added in memory of the ones who have passed on. After the bouquet was completed it was presented to Mrs. F. C. Miller, one of the charter members. The other charter member is Mrs. George Vaughn, of San Angelo. Eighteen of the presidents are living.

There were about thirty-five in attendance for the program.

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"Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," starring Cary Grant and Myrna Loy, is the main attraction at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, December 12, 13, 14.

Grant, Myrna Loy Build Comedy In 'Mr. Blandings's Dream House'

Cary Grant's and Myrna Loy's action adventure story which will home in the RKO comedy, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," to be presented at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 12 through 14, is entirely American inside and out. The architecture of the Blandings "dream house" is authentic New England colonial while the interior is furnished entirely in the early American period.

Grant and Miss Loy, as Mr. and Mrs. Blandings, who leave a cramped Manhattan apartment for a home in the country, decorate their "dream house" with Welsh cupboards, dough-bins, antique oil lamps, trivets, Windsor comb-back chairs and hooked rugs.

In this delightful comedy Mrs. Blandings is determined to get the authentic early American colors she wants in her new home, including: yellow in the dining room which matches the grocery store's best grade of butter; light robin's egg blue in the stair hall that matches a tiny dot in the wall paper; and red in the powder room which matches a minute piece of silk thread she's been carrying around in her pocket.

Miss Loy wears 20 different "new look" outfits in "Mr. Blandings," including styles covering a full calendar year. Cary Grant also gets an opportunity to display his wardrobe as Mr. Blandings, Manhattan apartment dweller who becomes a Connecticut country-gentleman.

A Monte Hale western "Son of God's Country," and a smashing melodrama, "Out of the Storm," comprise the twin-bill offering at the Texas tomorrow and Saturday, December 10, 11. In addition several short subjects will be presented on these dates.

"Son of God's Country" stars Monte Hale as a United States marshal who is engaged in tracking down a gang of killers and ranch raiders. This is a fast-

'Another Part of the Forest' Said Noteworthy Screen Event

One of the season's noteworthy screen events, the local engagement of "Another Part of the Forest," starts Saturday at the Ford Theatre and is to be concluded Tuesday, December 14. Based on the play by Lillian Hellman, the new picture co-stars Fredric March, Dan Duryea, Ann Blyth and Edmond O'Brien and is presented by Universal-International. In a competent supporting cast are Florence Eldridge, John Dall, Dona Drake and other Hollywood headliners.

"Another Part of the Forest" is said to have even stronger audience appeal than its predecessor, Miss Hellman's "The Little Foxes" which had the same principal characters. The Hubbard family in the current film consists of Fredric March as Marcus, Duryea as Oscar, O'Brien as Ben, Miss Blyth as Regina and Miss Eldridge as Lavinia.

How the squabbling, selfish Hubbard clan finally readjusts itself and how the frustrated Lavinia eventually triumphs, is declared to be superlative screen-fare with the camera capturing and amplifying all the moods and whims which made the stage play an outstanding success.

Camera flexibility, too, has permitted the addition of many connecting sequences and colorful stanzas which were left to the imagination in the stage version. Audiences will see the masked-killer attack on Sam Taylor, the Yankee banker; and the tavern scenes featuring Dona Drake as Laurette Sincee, the soubrette, are claimed to enhance the original picturesque action.

Coy Roy Burris recently enlisted in the army and has been assigned to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas, for training. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Burris and before his enlistment was employed by the O. P. Dorsey Service Station.

Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff spent the past week-end at Abilene, visiting relatives.

An electric roaster not only roasts, but it also pan-broils, fries, steams, and bakes—although it doesn't bake so well as the oven of a modern range.

City Still Retains Several Buildings At Local Airport

The city commission has disposed of part of the surplus property at Bruce Field but still has several buildings which it is offering for sale.

Included in the list of unsold buildings are the No. 5 barracks, mess hall, one 30 by 60 foot class room and the No. 3 and No. 4 hangars.

A deal was closed recently in which the hospital unit was sold to Ed Kudracek and the building will be moved within a short time.

The No. 3 barracks was sold some months ago to St. Mary's Catholic Church and has been moved to a site on Fifth Street near the church property and is being remodeled.

The No. 4 barracks has been sold to Felix Haverland and John Zentner, of Rowena, and moved there to be remodeled.

The barracks damaged by a storm is now in use on the Ballinger high school campus as a meeting place for the F. F. A. chapter and for shops. The Ballinger schools has also purchased a recreational building but it remains at the field and will be moved later.

Mayor J. W. Moore stated that the two hangars are filled with stored grain from which the city is receiving rental.

Other buildings including the administration building, flight house, two hangars and other smaller structures still belong to the federal government and are being held for the operation of a municipal airport.

Texas has 394 entries in the egg laying contest representing nearly 122 thousand birds. If each bird lays 150 eggs during the year of the contest, there will be over 18 and a quarter million eggs produced in the contest.

A girl may wear a golf outfit when she can't play golf, and a bathing suit when she can't swim, but when she puts on a wedding gown she knows what she's doing.

Thriller Romance, Whodunnit Palace Double-Bill Films

A western thriller, "Timber Stampede," and a "whodunnit" story, exposing the lurid profession of "throwing" professional football games, races and other sporting events, "King of the Gamblers," make up the double-feature program at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 10, 11.

A romance between a two-fisted cowman and an enterprising newspaper woman is woven throughout George O'Brien's "Timber Stampede," in which O'Brien fights a gigantic land grab instigated by a group of robber barons seeking to despoil a rich timber tract. Marjorie Reynolds portrays the feminine lead, who learns she is being duped when she falls in love with O'Brien.

"King of the Gamblers" is said to be chock full of entertainment, thrills and suspense, all delivered at a fast pace. The cast, headed by William Wright, Janet Martin, Thurston Hall and William Henry, pulls together in effective teamwork to turn out a satisfying story.

In the face of modern advancements, the navy has given up its old tradition of having every officer competent to handle every job by setting up "specialist duty only" classifications for officers in the fields of communications, photography, public information, psychology and hydrography.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Miss Beard, Clarence D. Richards Wed at Abilene

In a candlelight service, Miss Callie Mae Beard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Beard of Coleman, was married to Clarence David Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards of Ballinger, Tuesday evening at six o'clock.

Dr. Millard Jenkins, Baptist minister of Abilene, read the double-ring ceremony in the home of the bridegroom's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richards, on South Twelfth Street, Abilene. Vows were repeated at the fireplace which formed an altar. Low arrangements of fern and white chrysanthemums flanked the mantel which was flanked by candelabra containing cathedral tapers.

The bride wore a street-length dress of thistle crepe with interwoven gold designs which had a low neckline, and the skirt was draped at the hipline. Her accessories were brown. She carried a white Bible belonging to Mrs. Foy Wilson which was topped with an orchid, showered with satin ribbons. For something old she wore a necklace belonging to Mrs. John Lee Stuart.

The couple's attendants were

Mrs. and Mrs. Harold Richards. Mrs. Richards wore a gray crepe dress with black accessories. Her corsage was white carnations.

The bride, a graduate of Ballinger High School, has been employed by the Southwestern States Telephone Co. the past three years. The bridegroom is a graduate of Santa Ana, California, High School. He served six years in the Navy, in both the Pacific and Atlantic, and is now employed at the Ballinger postoffice.

For a wedding trip to South Texas the bride wore a black gabardine suit with gray accessories. She wore the orchid from her bridal bouquet. The couple will be at home at 1009 Eighth Street.

Mrs. Giesecke Hostess to Ballinger Music Club

Mrs. Arthur Giesecke was hostess to the Ballinger Music Club Tuesday evening in her home on Broadway.

Mrs. Gene Crawford directed the short business routine. Mrs. Troy Simpson, program chairman, directed the group in singing the hymn, "Sun of My Soul," and presented Mrs. Marvin Davies, who gave an interesting review of

"Church Music," telling of its origin and the development of hymns up to the present day. Christmas carols were sung at the conclusion of the program. Mrs. E. L. Craig was at the piano for accompaniments. Mrs. Giesecke gave a musical current event.

Others were: Mrs. Bertie K. Spooner, of Oklahoma City, a visitor; and Mmes. E. Shepperd, O. R. Lasater, John Guion, A. B. Stobaugh, W. R. Bogle, R. T. Williams, Jack Nixon, Jr., Horace Murphy, F. M. Pearce, Sim Cotelle; Misses Maggie Underwood, Olga Schawe, Carmen Demmer Junior members present were: LaRita Price, Wilma Duke, Carolyn McClenney, Virginia Lange.

Miss Helen Reese Exchanges Vows with Bobby Curry

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Curry are at home in Abilene following their marriage Saturday evening in the parsonage of the Norton Baptist Church. The Rev. G. K. Corley, pastor, performed the ceremony in the presence of close friends and family members.

The bride is the former Miss Helen Reese, daughter of Mrs. John Reese of Ballinger. Mr. Curry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Curry of Norton.

For her bridal costume, the bride chose a gray wool gabardine suit with black accessories and her corsage was fashioned of carnations.

Marcus Curry, brother of the bridegroom, and Mrs. Curry were the couple's attendants. Mrs. Curry wore a brown suit with a pink carnation corsage.

The bride, a 1948 graduate of the Ballinger High School, is employed by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. at Abilene. The bridegroom graduated from the Norton High School and is now employed at Abilene. He served some time in the Navy.

Miss Moe, Francis Pearce to Wed at New Orleans

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alvin Moe, of New Orleans, are announcing the approaching marriage of the former's sister, Miss Jeanette Irene Moe, of that city, to Francis Marion Pearce, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pearce, of Ballinger.

The wedding will take place Sunday, December 19, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Orleans.

Mrs. Saylor's Hostess to Club

Mrs. Dee Saylor was hostess to members of Know Your Neighbors on Wednesday afternoon when she entertained in her home on Sixth Street.

Arrangements of gladioli gave added beauty to party rooms where plans were made for the Christmas party when members will include husbands. The rest of the time was spent in handwork.

Mrs. LeRoy McAulay assisted the hostess in serving doughnuts with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Jack Nixon, Joe Flynt, Curtis Bryan, John Castor, Bill Clark, John Barton, Cal Adair, Play Brevard and Herman Roundtree.

Nazarene Missionary Society to Meet Monday

The Missionary Society of the Church of the Nazarene will meet Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the young people's department of the church.

Mrs. Barney Watkins will lead the devotional and the guest speaker will be Mrs. Joe Forman, who will talk on "Our Stewardship."

All ladies are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Mrs. McWilliams Entertains Sewing Circle

Mrs. Zane McWilliams was hostess to members of the newly organized Young Matrons Sewing Club last Thursday afternoon in her home.

Plans were made for a Christmas party when husbands will be included. Individual handwork



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DEATHS

Mrs. T. P. Reed

Mrs. T. P. Reed, 80, died at her home, 805 Eighth Street, Monday morning at 8:20 o'clock after illness the past several months.

A native of Arkansas, Mrs. Reed lived at Goldthwaite from 1901 until she moved to Ballinger to make home in 1934, following the death of her husband.

A funeral service was held here this morning at 10 o'clock at the First Baptist Church, Rev. B. J. Martin officiating. The body was taken in a Newby-Davis funeral coach to the Big Valley Baptist Church where a second service is to be held this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. Martin also was the minister at the second service. Interment will be made in the Big Valley Cemetery.

Survivors include four sons, C. B. Reed, Breckenridge; C. W. Reed, Cisco; Ralph Reed, Green Bay, Wisconsin; James L. Reed, White Sands, New Mexico; three daughters, Mrs. O. C. Sykes and Mrs. L. O. Sykes, Ballinger; Mrs. W. T. Forehand, Midland; four brothers and sister, who reside in California; nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Mrs. D. E. Caudle

Mrs. D. E. Caudle, 76, a resident of Rannels county since 1902, died at her home in Hatchel Sunday afternoon at 4:30 after illness of several months.

Decedent was born at Montgomery, Alabama, on October 24, 1872. She was married on November 13, 1890, at Durango, and came to Rannels county with her husband in 1902. Mr. Caudle passed away in 1939. Mrs. Caudle had resided at Hatchel since 1915 and had been a member of the Church of Christ since 1891.

Funeral services were held at the Hatchel Church of Christ Monday afternoon, H. Norman Gipson, of Amherst, officiating. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery, Ballinger.

Survivors include five sons, Tom Caudle, Ballinger postmaster; Ted and Earl Caudle, Ballinger; Fred Caudle, San Angelo; Eddie Caudle, Odessa; six daughters, Mrs. Velma Shelburne, Mrs. Lizzie Thompson, Stanton; Mrs. Luck Smith, Little-

field; Mrs. Hallie Campbell, Mrs. Almedia Hardiman, Hatchel; Mrs. Vita Bell Campbell, Abilene; two brothers and twenty-six grandchildren.

W. B. Scott

W. B. Scott, 40, died Monday at the family home near Pumphrey after being in failing health for some time and in a critical condition since last May. Death was attributed to leukemia.

Decedent was the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Scott, who moved to the Pumphrey community in 1920 and have resided there ever since. He was married in 1930 to Miss Bernice Clark and the couple continued to make home at Pumphrey. A member of the Methodist church, at the time of his death he was superintendent of the Sunday school and a member of the board of stewards.

Funeral services are to be held this (Thursday) afternoon at 2:30 at the Pumphrey Baptist Church, Rev. J. B. Adair to officiate, assisted by Rev. J. C. Morton, of Talpa. Interment will follow in the Pumphrey cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Wayland; a daughter, Shirley Ruth; his mother, Mrs. B. F. Scott; three sisters, Mrs. Robert Parks, Ballinger; Mrs. Leon Bridwell, Sweetwater; Mrs. G. W. Scott, Drasco; four brothers, Dewey Scott, Georgetown; J. C. Scott, Ballinger; Earl Scott, Big Lake; Lewis Scott, Midland.

Spill Funeral Home of Winters is in charge of arrangements.

Charters Presented Three Lions Clubs At Banquet Meeting

About 250 people attended the Lions Club banquet here Monday night at the high school gymnasium at which time charters were presented to the new clubs at Miles, Rowena and Paint Rock by Jack Wiech, of Brownfield, 2A district governor.

Besides the memberships of the three new clubs, other Lions were here from San Angelo, Coleman, Eden, Santa Anna, Bandera and Robert Lee.

Ed Curry, president of the Ballinger club, presided at the meeting. After preliminaries in the

gymnasium, the meal was served, cafeteria style, by members of the Rannels county home demonstration council.

After the welcome, extended by Mr. Curry, the Lions Club quartet rendered a group of harmony numbers. This was followed by a number from each of the three new clubs, young women presenting vocal selections.

Judge E. C. Grindstaff introduced visitors and presented key pins to Ed Curry and Frankie Berryman for new members secured during the year. Deputy District Governor Bob Ellis, of Coleman, introduced Mr. Wiech, who spoke on Lionism, addressing his remarks mainly to the new members of the three clubs receiving charters.

The district governor declared that Lions International was the fastest growing organization in the world and announced the three clubs receiving charters were the 105th, 106th and 107th in this district which had 87 when he assumed his duties last May. He stated that he would attend a meeting at Beaumont Wednesday when the 500th club in Texas would receive a charter, and said since the program was planned 17 other clubs had been formed and actually there were 517 in Texas as of Monday.

New Lions were told what it would take to make a good club and in conclusion Mr. Wiech presented framed charters to the presidents of each, Henry Teplicek, of Rowena; C. S. Coleman, of Miles; and W. C. Deaver, of Paint Rock. A bell and a gavel were presented the Miles and Paint Rock clubs from the Ballinger Lions, and the Miles club joined the Ballinger club in presenting a bell and a gavel to the Rowena club.

Mr. Wiech went from Ballinger to Robert Lee Tuesday night to present a charter to the new club there.

Roger Wheeler will leave next Wednesday for Sherman, where he will assume his duties with the chamber of commerce. Mr. Wheeler intends to return here for the Christmas holidays and Mrs. Wheeler will remain here until the end of the school year.

Rev. E. L. Craig attended to church business at Coleman Tuesday.

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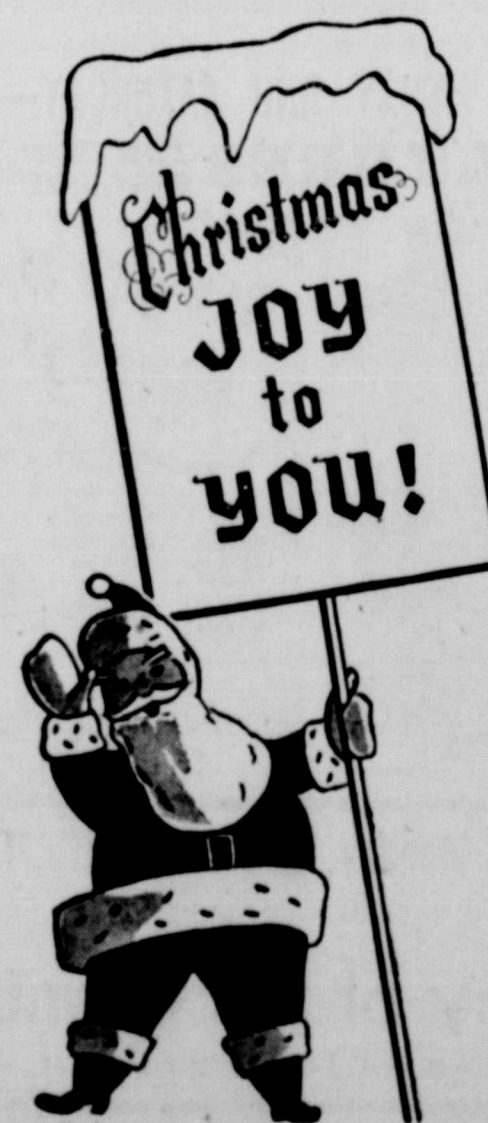
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THE MORNING AFTER... A surging London crowd gathered in front of Buckingham palace's gates the morning after the royal baby arrived, to read the latest bulletins on the condition of Princess Elizabeth and her newborn son...

Livestock Men Elect Officers for the Year At Meeting Monday

Directors of the Runnels County Livestock Association met here Monday afternoon to complete the organization for the ensuing year. The directors were elected at the annual membership meeting the night of November 4 in the high school gymnasium.

The board also gave approval to a move now underway to petition the commissioners' court to adopt a standard dog law by a vote of the people.

Lloyd Rumsey, assistant county agent, was made an ex-officio member of the association to serve with John A. Barton, county agent.

The secretary has asked that all old members, who have not yet paid dues, to do so as soon as convenient and added that new members would be welcome.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Saturday, March 5, 1949.

Samuel Max Strother, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Strother, volunteered for service in the navy and left Houston Friday for San Diego, where he will get primary training as an electrical engineer.

Max attended San Angelo junior college after graduating from Ballinger high school.

C. L. Howell, Austin Williams and Hamp Byler left Sunday for Mason county to spend a few days hunting deer. This party hunted earlier in the season in the Rock Springs area but failed to make a kill.

New boxed stationery at Ledger office.

Methodist Church To Feature Cantata Night December 19

Organizations of the First Methodist Church are busy with plans for the observance of Christmas in all phases of church work.

Rev. E. L. Craig, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the morning hour on December 19. Special Christmas music also will be a part of this service.

Climax of the observance will be the Christmas cantata by the choir on the evening of December 19. "That Song of Old," by Fred B. Holton, will be presented, and Rex Mauldin, choir director, has been working with a chorus for several weeks to perfect the rendition.

Other features planned for the Sunday school departments include one big Christmas tree and program on the night of December 22. All departments of the church school are working cooperatively in staging this part of the Christmas activities which will be for all the children as well as the adults.

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By HELYN CONNELLY

BETTY JANE threw her purse at a chair and sat down heavily on the bed.

She wore her father's shirt and her brother's blue jeans, a costume she adopted a year before with Woody Anderson's permission.

"What's the matter, dear?" She jumped as the words cut the silence, but she didn't turn. She didn't want her mother to know anything was amiss—not yet, anyway. And then suddenly the tears came, like angry flood waters bursting through a barrier, unable to be restrained any longer.

Mrs. Miller was careful to keep a straight face as she wiped her 16-year-old daughter's face with her handkerchief. "Why, dear? Did Lance upset you?"

Betty Jane shook her head vehemently. Why did mother always think her brother was to blame for



"Gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

her tears? Grown women never cried over their brothers! "It's what Lance saw, not what he did," Betty said in a burst of confidence. As her mother waited she continued wretchedly. "He saw Woody buying a bottle of cologne. Cologne, mother, imagine! He was so glib when he told me I looked cute in jeans and now he's two-timing me with some fluffy female who actually uses cologne! Oh, how can men be so beastly?"

"Darling, how do you know the cologne isn't for you? Maybe Woody thinks you've outgrown your jeans."

"He knows what I think of these pink and white girls who use that horrible concoction! He wouldn't dare get me any. And besides, I already told him I wanted roller skates for Christmas. . . . I have to be ready for the new rink that's opening next month, don't I? I thought Woody and I would be going together, but now that's all over."

She threw her arms around her mother and cried tragically. "Oh, mother, I'll never smile again! I definitely won't!"

This time Mrs. Miller smiled over her daughter's head. She well recognized the stage Betty Jane was going through and decided she must take a hand. "You're sure the cologne wouldn't be for a sister or a cousin?"

"He hasn't a female in the family, and his mother never uses it, so who else could it possibly be for? I'll bet it's for Estelle Bryan. All the other fellows like her but Woody used to say she was too fragile. Oh, mother, how he's deceived me!"

HER mother arose. "Well, dry your eyes, Betty, dear. It's Christmas Eve and you want to be happy today. Woody will probably come over with your roller skates tonight and we'll surprise him. If he likes fragile girls, he'll get one."

Betty Jane sat up straight. "Mother, no! Not that horrible blue dress you bought me!"

"Yes, wash up and put that dress on, Betty."

"We'll wait for you downstairs." With that, Mrs. Miller closed the door on her tomboy daughter and hurried downstairs. As she reached the bottom step the doorbell rang and she admitted Woody Anderson, a lanky boy with unruly red hair and freckles marching in perfect formation over the bridge of his nose. He was clutching a box, obviously containing the roller skates requested by Betty Jane.

"She'll be right down," Mrs. Miller informed him, then left him alone for the surprise.

It came a half-hour later when Betty Jane made her appearance. The blue dress looked even better than she had hoped it would.

"Gosh, Betty Jane!" Woody contributed to the conversation. The smile broadened. "For me, Woody?" she asked, nodding toward the box. "Is it cologne? Lance saw you buying some." So casual, so indifferent.

"Oh—gosh, no, Betty Jane. Gee, you asked for skates and I got them for you. I bought cologne for Miss Lindsay, the English teacher that helped me with my essay for that contest."

"How sweet of you." She stepped down into the living room and accepted the box from Woody. "Thank you," she said gravely. "Yours is under the tree."

"Gee, I didn't think I'd ever like you dressed up as a girl, Betty," he gulped. "Estelle looked so awful and I was proud to have you run around with me in blue jeans, but, gosh, you look wonderful like this!"

Mmes. Nellie Campbell, J. M. Williams, Paul Petty and H. P. Largent, and Miss Demma Barron attended a meeting of the Norton chapter of the Eastern Star Monday evening Mrs. E. B. Cole, of San Angelo, deputy grand matron, also was a visitor.

The naval ordnance test station at Inyokern, California, roughly equals the state of Rhode Island in size.

Rags wanted at Ledger office.

Two Miles of Rowena Streets to be Paved, Connecting Highway

Work is being pushed on approximately two miles of paving at Rowena and it is expected to be ready to start black surfacing within the next few weeks. Base work is well underway on all the designated blocks.

Pavement will include streets which connect with highway 67 east and west of town. Both of these streets will be paved so that traffic may leave the highway and make the loop through town and back to the highway without getting off pavement.

The business section will be paved from curb to curb, 60 feet in width, and side streets will also be paved about twenty feet so turns can be made at intersections without getting off the hard surfacing. The street leading through town, past St. Joseph's Church and to O. D. H. S. hall will be paved with a 20-foot strip and side streets leading by St. Joseph's school and the public schools also will be paved. In addition a number of citizens are having pavement laid in front of their homes.

Caliche base work is well underway and will be completed in a short time and ready for topping. A contract is being awarded for the asphalt topping which will be commenced within a few weeks and completed as fast as possible.

State Director Tells School Authorities Health Plan Details

Lewis Spears, director of health education of the state department of education, was in Ballinger Wednesday to speak to a group of school officials, teachers and interested patrons on the new health plan to be put in effect in Runnels county on January 1.

Mr. Spears explained the work of the health coordinator and how the work would tie in with the school, the home, physician and health units of the county. He stated that a definite program for the coordinator could not be given but would be worked out through the cooperation of schools and health agencies.

Those present at the meeting manifested considerable interest in the plan and promised full support in going forward with the program to promote better health.

Mr. John Bradley has been employed as health coordinator

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and is now engaged in studying plans for setting up a schedule after the first of the year. She was employed at a meeting of the county board of education two weeks ago.

Part of the definite program, Mr. Spears said, was: "Adequate care and appropriate education for children with health problems can best be provided when teamwork characterizes the efforts of parents, physicians, schools, and health agencies. Each of these individuals or agencies should understand what the others are doing and how the efforts of all may be coordinated for the benefit of the child."

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Mrs. Aurelia Webb To Become Welfare Worker for State

Mrs. Aurelia Webb has passed an examination to become a field worker in the Texas public welfare and children's welfare service. Examinations were held at San Angelo recently when applicants from a number of West Texas counties appeared there. Results of her grades were received the past week-end with compliments on her high average on the courses.

On January 15 Mrs. Webb will go to Fort Worth, where she will enter a training school for one month. At this school she will receive actual experience in all lines of field work of the two agencies.

After completing this school she will go to Austin for several days

The head always starts swelling about the time the mind stops growing.

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orientation in the state office. Here she will be given instruction in the use of all standard forms used by the department and observe how the written reports are filed by state office workers.

After the stay in Austin she will receive an assignment. Mrs. Webb is completing her twelfth year in the office of county treasurer. Last summer she announced she would not be a candidate for reelection and would enter another field of work. She stated today that she had not sold her residence here and would call Ballinger home for some time yet.

Cecil Davis, Jack Scales, Vernon Dankworth and Lawrence Blackmon hunted the past week-end near Segovia, but came back home without the "bacon." None of the party sighted a buck. Some of these men intend to make another try of it before the deer season ends.

Advertisement for Home Furniture Company, featuring a winter scene illustration and the slogan 'Let Your Home Come First'.

Advertisement for a military drill in Berlin, featuring a photograph of a city street and a caption about Red Army police power.

Large advertisement for Piggly Wiggly grocery store, listing various products and prices for the week-end, including margarine, beef roast, picnic hams, chocolates, and oranges.

The Ballinger Ledger

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Ballinger had the welcome sign out Friday. First was the large crowd from Monahans that came here to witness the championship football game...

There are just 13 more shopping days until Christmas and those who have waited until now to do their gift buying will have to take part in the final rush.

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a little happier if he has extended help to some unfortunate. This year there is a need in Ballinger for this kind of help.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

A special Christmas clean-up campaign was launched at Brady last week by Mayor J. Earl Rudder. The city is offering free hauling of trash, leaves and other rubbish from all homes in the city limits...

The Menard 4-H club livestock judging team was awarded 12th place at the Chicago International Livestock Exposition last week.

San Angelo was host to the 23rd annual meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association this week, more than 700 reservations being made by ranchmen for the meeting.

The city of Melvin and Jack Tetens have taken over the Eden Gas Co., which heretofore has served Melvin, Millersville, Paint Rock and Doole.

The Coke County Game Man-

agement Association held its annual meeting last week on the Weaver ranch. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed regulatory powers relating to wildlife.

Clarence C. Keele, of Winters, is attending the recruit training school of the Texas highway patrol at Austin.

Ranger police were searching last week for burglars who entered the First Baptist Church and took about \$20 in cash from the office.

The state highway commission has ordered work in the near future on the farm-to-market road from Rising Star to Carbon.

Brownwood business men have launched a sale which they hope will dispose of 5,000 books of three

tickets to the annual livestock show to be held January 18 through 25. The books will sell at \$1 each while single admission tickets to the grounds will be 50 cents each.

Surfacing of a 14.8 mile road from the present end of farm-to-market road 586 north to highways 67 and 84 has been approved by the state highway department in the Bangs area.

More than 16,500,000 pounds of peanuts have been marketed at Comanche this season, according to buyers' tabulations.

Large Audience Pleased by Lions '48 Minstrel Show

A full house greeted the cast of the annual Lions Club show at the high school gymnasium last Thursday night.

The fun started with the gathering of the crowd and funmakers assisted ushers in the seating. The curtains were then opened to present Santa Claus conducting the big candy sale.

Next came a group of local musicians, "The Elm Creek Stompers," composed of Gerald Sloan, James Sloan, Bill Zedlitz, Snookie Herring and Dewey Lou McGinley.

Girls Forget Fears, Thanks To 2-Way Help

What to do for woman's oldest problem, functional monthly pain? Many a girl and woman has found the answer in Casper's 2-way help.

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TO RELIEVE SORE THROAT

Due to a cold. Try DURHAM'S ANTHESIA-MOP and see how pleasant and effective a mop can be.

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NEW RELIEF! FROM MISERIES OF Dad's Coughing Cold.. VAPORUB STEAM BRINGS RELIEF WITH EVERY BREATH

You know what wonderful relief you get when you rub on Vicks VapoRub! Now... when you have a nagging, itchy cough due to a cold, here's a special way to use Vicks VapoRub.

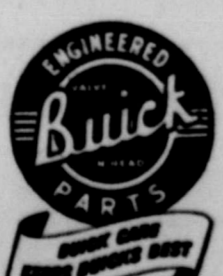
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OH WHAT FUN TO "GIVE THE GUN" TO BRAND-NEW FIREBALL POWER

YOU'LL feel like singing too—when you have one of these fresh-from-the-factory Fireball engines in your time-tested Buick. It's a swell Christmas gift for the whole family—the gift you'll enjoy for months or years of motoring.

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Underwood Motor Co. TENTH AND HUTCHINGS - BALLINGER, TEXAS

BALLINGER PARTY TAKES SECOND TRIP FOR DEER A hunting party composed of W. O. Wallace, Chester Cherry, W. B. May, J. G. Tuckey, E. C. Grindstaff, W. J. Hembree, D. G. Posey, M. A. Foy, and R. T. Gray, of Winters, went to their Mason county lease Saturday for a week-end hunt.

Do "Plate-Sores" Rother You? If your "GUMS" itch, burn, or cause you discomfort, druggists will return money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy. Pearce-Rogers Drug.

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Farmers Already Know About How Much Cotton in '49

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 8.—Cotton planting time is still several months off. But Texas cotton farmers already have a good idea as to what they intend to do about cotton next year, says Fred Elliott, extension cotton work specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

This year's three and a quarter million bale crop that was grown on nearly nine million acres will probably be increased in 1949, says Elliott. This is especially true of the irrigated areas around Pecos, El Paso, Fort Stockton, the lower Rio Grand valley and in the high plains.

On August 1 of this year, the record shows a carryover of three million bales. Spinning will use close to nine million bales, and four million will be shipped out. There goes 13 million bales. Take that from the 15 million bale crop this year, and you get two million bales to add to the carryover. And come August 1, 1949, the carry-over will have built up to five million bales.

Price supports will run about the same—at not less than 90 per cent of parity. This parity price is the product of 124 cents (the 1910-1914 cotton price average) and the August, 1949, index of prices paid. This includes the tax and interest.

If this index were to drop as much as 5 per cent—which seems unlikely—the parity price of cotton would be 29.45 cents a pound, says Elliott. And the loan rate is 26.50 cents per pound on middling seven-eighths inch cotton in the average location.

The naval ordnance test station at Inyokern, California, roughly equals the state of Rhode Island in size.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations. Ballinger Printing Co.

Runnels One of 65 Counties Infested By Pink Boll Worm

A pink bollworm quarantine proclamation has been issued by the state department of agriculture and rules and regulations set up regarding treatment of seed from the 1948 crop.

Sixty-five Texas counties are included in the quarantine and Runnels is one of this group. All adjoining counties are also part of the designated zone.

The purpose of the proclamation is to set up conditions under which cottonseed may be bought, sold, handled and transported in the regulated area.

Under the rules specified by the commissioner of agriculture, J. E. McDonald, cottonseed produced in these counties during 1948 is permitted to be returned to the farm of origin without treatment. It requires that all cottonseed sold, offered for sale or moved within the area to a non-infested area, be treated by the heat method of temperature of 150 degrees for a minimum of thirty seconds, or fumigated with methyl bromide in an approved testing machine or fumigation chamber under the supervision of an inspector. It further provides that untreated cottonseed may be retained on the farm of origin for planting in the spring of 1949 or for feeding of livestock up to June 1, 1949. Cottonseed produced within the zone may be moved to a processing or treating plant, designated to receive, handle, treat and process such seed in accordance with the stipulations incorporated in the dealer-carrier permit.

The quarantine became effective November 29.

Food requirements of the navy in 1941 were 1,000,000,000 pounds; in 1945 they had risen to 5,700,000,000 pounds.

The head always starts swelling about the time the mind stops growing.

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RETAIL MERCHANTS CREDIT ASSOCIATION'S purpose is to establish Your Credit Rating in Ballinger—whether it be good or bad.

Unless otherwise agreed your charge accounts with local merchants are due between the First and Tenth of the Month following your purchase. When a merchant extends credit to you it's similar to a cash loan. When you buy merchandise worth \$15.00 and say "Charge it," the merchant automatically lends you \$15.00 until the next month. Multiply this situation by several hundred times and you can readily understand why the local merchant appreciates prompt payment of charge accounts. Credit is extended as a favor to you—when you neglect paying your bills, you are not repaying that favor.

Retail Merchants Credit Association

Large Crowd Hears International Officer At Meeting of Lions

A large crowd was here Friday to attend the meeting of the Ballinger Lions Club and hear Walter C. Fisher, first vice-president of Lions International, of Queenston, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Fisher had been in Texas more than a week, making official calls on a number of clubs and two stops in Mexico. He came here from Abilene Friday morning and was accompanied by Joe Childress, International officer; Joe Williamson, secretary of the Abilene club; and Nat Williams, superintendent of the Abilene schools.

Mr. Fisher told local Lions that from a dollar and cents standpoint Lions membership was a paying investment. He gave relaxation at club meetings as a means of prolonging life in these busy times and pointed to various other ways in which Lions fellowship helped to increase a man's business. He urged youth activities as a means of creating better citizenship which would guarantee liberty in the future.

At the business session a financial report was made on the club's 1948 minstrel and gifts were presented to Troy Simpson for the direction of the performance and to Mrs. O. G. Joiner, pianist.

Arrangements were made for a delegation of Ballinger Lions to attend the charter night meeting at Robert Lee Tuesday, and reports were made on final plans for the three-club charter night program here Monday evening.

Twins occur in dairy cattle on the average of one out of twenty-five births.

Carder Represents Ballinger Baseball Fans at Meeting

H. S. Carder left Saturday night for Minneapolis, where he will attend the annual meeting of the National Baseball Association for Minor Leagues as a representative of the Ballinger club in the Longhorn League. Officials of the Ballinger Sportsman's Club voted Friday to send a representative and Mr. Carder was able to get away at this time.

The convention opened at Minneapolis Tuesday morning and is to end tonight with the annual banquet. Mr. Carder was instructed to remain for all sessions and to make all possible contacts which might assist Ballinger fans in retaining organized baseball.

Mr. Carder had a number of meetings scheduled with baseball men who are interested in coming to Ballinger both as player manager and as players. He also will confer with scouts in regard to assistance during the 1949 season.

Bill Moore is also attending the meeting, representing his club, now located at Roswell, New Mexico. He said he also had a number of meetings slated with prospective managers and with baseball scouts.

Upon his return Mr. Carder will make a complete report on the annual meeting and of his contacts with baseball men.

Quick pastures are small grains, sweet clovers, sudan grass, and stubble fields, and give high yields of fresh green grazing for a few weeks in late fall, early spring and mid-summer when the sod pastures are low.

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Their Future is in the Balance

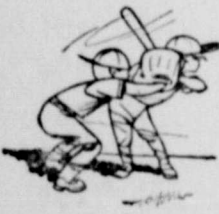
Meat animals are what they eat! It takes a balanced ration to keep them healthy, growing and gaining. Successful livestock men know this. Hundreds of controlled feeding experiments prove it. Morrison, the great feeding authority, states—"Lambs on unbalanced rations require 46% more corn and 15% more hay for each 100 pounds of gain!"

Balanced rations for hogs show spectacular results. Anyone can make a lot of fat and a little lean with corn and water. But that's the slow, expensive way. It takes a pile of corn to do it. But with corn balanced with proteins and minerals and vitamins hogs can be fed to market weights in six months or less. Think of the corn you can save—11 bushels of corn alone will make 100 pounds of pork, but only 6 1/2 bushels of corn plus 35 pounds of protein supplement will do the same job faster.

Scores of feeding trials prove that a balanced ration pays with steers and lambs, whether on the range or in the feedlot. In fact, the same basic principle applies to all livestock and poultry. Forage and other homegrown feeds, properly balanced with proteins and minerals, make more and better meat pounds at less cost.

Continuous research affords new and exciting means of using available materials in improved rations for livestock. At first, tankage alone was used to add protein to hog rations. It did a good job. Then research proved that a combination of proteins

How good are you kids at knowing the names of the animals used to help you play games?



In baseball, what part of a steer do you wear? Why, the glove has a padding that's made from its hair!



In what game would you say the pig best fits in? Yes, football, that's right—the ball's called a "pigskin"!

And the last time you walked a tennis ball—wham! Did you know that the racket strings came from a—lamb!

By-products that meat packers save every day increase livestock values, make stockmen more pay.

Martha Logan's Recipe for BAKED HAM SLICE

Cover a 2-inch-thick slice of ham with honey or orange marmalade. Add 1 cup water or fruit juice. Bake in a covered pan in a slow oven (325° F.) about 25 to 30 minutes per pound (about 2 hours).



is better than one kind alone. A mixture of tankage, soybean meal, linseed meal and, in some areas, cottonseed meal, produces better quality pork even faster. This improvement in rations makes for more efficient and economical use of proteins. But what about vitamins and minerals? Here, too, many advancements in techniques of supplying these nutrients have been made. Dehydrated alfalfa, milk solids, vitamin oils, and some synthetic sources provide essential vitamins and other factors. Mineral balance is necessary, too. Salt, the universal need, supplies sodium and chlorine. Steamed bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus, and other major minerals. With these, alert research men now are combining other known essential elements, such as cobalt, manganese, iron, iodine, copper, and magnesium, to turn slow gainers into fast gainers.

Soda Bill Sez: You can't make money last unless you make it first! What America needs is less soiled conversation and more soil conservation.

Quotes of the Month

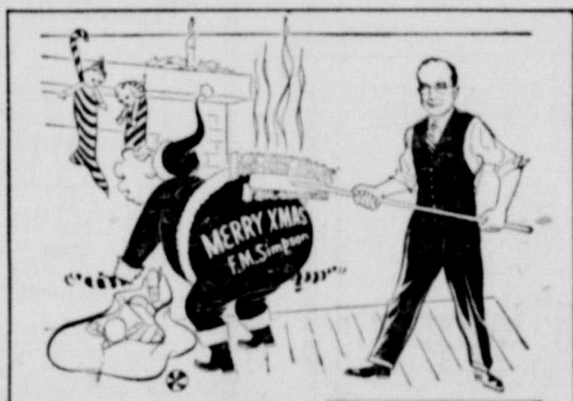
It's cheaper to warm water with fuel in the tank heater than with corn in a steer.

E. T. Robbins, University of Illinois For proper nutrition of brood sows, feed good quality alfalfa hay liberally, ground or otherwise. Use at least 15% in mixed rations for sows, or self-feed the hay in a rack.

Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station A flock of 300 hens will consume 17 tons of water annually. If possible to install, running water in a laying house will save a lot of walking, carrying and plain hard work.

M. A. Seaton, Kansas State College A phosphorus supplement fed to ewes in amounts to satisfy their requirements would increase their vitality, help maintain their weight during the winter, and increase the percentage lamb crop.

Farm and Home Science, Utah



First Calves Forecast Production

by Marvin Kuger, Animal Husbandman, New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station

Want to estimate efficiency of calf production in your cow herd? The cow's first calf tells more than her good looks. In a New Mexico study, we took the weaning weights of first calves weaned by three-year-old cows. These weights were compared with the weaning weights of calves raised by these same cows in the next four years. Cows and calves were placed in five groups (according to the weaning weight of first calves). Here's the 5-year record:

Groups	Average First Calf Weight From 3-Year-Old Cows	Average Calf Weights From Same Cows for Next 4 Years
Group 1	321 pounds	404 pounds
Group 2	349 pounds	417 pounds
Group 3	383 pounds	430 pounds
Group 4	409 pounds	443 pounds
Group 5	441 pounds	456 pounds

Considering only the two extremes, Group One and Group Five, it was shown that breeding stock picked from Group One could be expected to produce, for the next four years, calves that had a yearly average weaning weight of only 404 pounds. But those picked from Group Five should produce calves with a yearly average weaning weight of 456 pounds, 52 pounds more than Group One.

These figures show that later calves are apt to be a repeat performance of the cow's first calf. Cows doing poorly their first calving year continued to produce the lightest group of calves. They were poor risks. Culling cows with light, scrubby first calves would be well repaid in greater profit through more efficient production.

If you would like a full report on this experiment, write to New Mexico A. & M. Experiment Station, State College, N. M.

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This little tractor is good when used for its proper purposes. But it is not built to pull such a heavy plow.

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That's where the "big tractor" proves its worth. The country needs nation-wide meat packers like Swift & Company. For with processing plants located where most of the livestock is raised, we can help bridge the gap between western range and feedlots and the kitchen range. It is an important job, filling the vital needs of producers and consumers. As we have served them over the years, we have grown. And as we have grown, so also our ability to serve has grown.

M. Jarvis F. M. JARVIS, Vice-President, Swift & Company

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To keep warm get coal at Brunson's Feed Mill now. 16-1f

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New crop alfalfa, good seed oats, corn meal grinding. Brunson Feed Mill, South Eighth Street. 28-1f

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Complete Abstracts to Land in Kunnels County
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No charge for investigating the damage. Expert in charge of work and full satisfaction assured. Call us for appointment. Williams Hatchery & Supply, Ballinger, Texas. 15-1f

FOR SALE—Angle, flat, channel iron for your building needs. See Ballinger Salvage Co., Eighth St., three blocks south of Post Office. 6-1f

FOR SALE—One thrifty P. N. O. Disc, team hitch. J. E. Minshew, Norton. 21*

FOR RENT—Garage apartment, 603 Eighth Street, phone 1208. 18-1f

FOR SALE—C. C. Case tractor, 4 row equipment. P. M. Hickam, Norton. 24-21*

FOR SALE—Cleaned and tested Pawnee wheat seed. H. J. Zappe. 18-1f

FOR SALE—Four room home, one year old, two small bedrooms, living room, large kitchen and large bath. Has nice hardwood floors, large closets and many conveniences found in larger homes. Fenced in back yard. Near schools. Has FHA loan. See at 1104 Seventh Street, phone 746. 18-1f

To be sold immediately, 320 acres black land stock farm in the northwestern part of McCulloch county, 135 in cultivation, \$50 per acre. If not sold immediately will lease for \$800. If interested contact H. T. Montgomery, 1004 Eleventh Street, Ballinger; Jim Montgomery, Melvin, Texas; or H. E. Crumley, Salt Gap, Texas. 18-21*

FOR RENT—High Speed Floor Polisher. Ballinger Home & Auto Supply. 8-1f

FOR SALE—Pure rye and Tenmarq seed, free of Johnson grass. Floyd Partin, 1 1/2 miles south of Priddy. 25-21*

FOR LEASE—120 acres, 7 miles north of Ballinger, 98 acres cultivated, 20 irrigated, electricity, well water. R. L. Wiley, 203 Fourth St., Ballinger. 9-21*

FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, just like new, ideal Christmas present, reasonably priced. See at 409 Ninth Street, telephone 1337. 9-11*

FOR SALE—Ford tractor, cultivator and planter. Edward Davis, Hatchel. 11*

FOR SALE—Every week, battery raised fryers. Charles L. Shepard, phone 853F3. 9-21*

FOR SALE—Boy's beautiful two toned sport coat, size 14. Wrightway Cleaners. 11*

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FOR SALE—One new and one used self feeder for hogs. Robert Alan Halfmann, Rt. 1, Rowena, Texas. 9-21*

FOR SALE—Furniture for five rooms, good condition, reasonably priced. 704 Sixth Street, telephone 1332. 11*-H

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, 3 rooms, Frigidaire, close in. Phone 319. 19-1f

FOR SALE
Cecil's Snack Bar
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Would take car or real estate. Down payment, balance easy terms. Money-making proposition for a couple.
CECIL DAVIS
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WANTED—Your wet wash, 5c per lb., rough dry 7c per lb. Pick up and delivery. Helpy-Selfy Laundry, Tenth St. Laundry, Telephone 7. 4-1f

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FOR SALE—Christmas cards and wrappings; all-occasion cards; stationery; aprons and other hand-made articles suitable for gifts. Mrs. E. F. Batts, 1008 Ninth Street. 11*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, 906 Sixth Street, phone 221. 9-11*

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FOR SALE—Two small leases, all of the farm land sowed in oats and wheat, ready to graze. Paul Beard, six miles north of Ballinger. 11*

Guard Your Credit Rating Now. You may Really Need Credit Some Day. 2-8t

FOR SALE—Used gas heater and electric ironer. May be seen at Ballinger Electric and Appliance Shop. 2-21*

FOR SALE—Good quality Futlex seed oats, \$1.50 bushel. Everett Witter, phone 775. 2-31*

WANTED—Custom horse shoeing at my place in Talpa or will go in country for two or more. W. T. Kelley, Talpa. Telephone 191, Box 247. 2-21*

Don't Abuse Your Credit, it's Your Most Valuable Asset. 2-8t

FOR LEASE—A nice stock farm, 408 acres, about 200 in cultivation, 108 acres net fence, plenty of water, electricity, school and mail bus at door, seven miles south of Ballinger on pavement. In Olsen community. See or write Herman Halfmann, Wall, Texas. 2-1f

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FOR SALE—By owner: 6 rooms, bath, large lot. Could easily be made into duplex or three apartments. See V. C. Tankersley at Miles. Phone 12. 2-1f

FOR RENT—Furnished two-room apartment, 1306 Ninth St. 9-11

FOR SALE—18,000 chick capacity incubator and a number of starting and growing battery brooders. Will sell for cash or trade for milk cows, hogs, chickens, feed. See V. C. Tankersley at Miles, phone 12. 2-1f

See Mrs. D. K. Hall
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It takes a long time to build a good credit rating, but it takes a very short time to ruin it. 2-8t

FOR SALE—Furnish regular on rubber, with power lift, planter, cultivator and Williams attach. See Calvin Howell, South Ballinger. 2-21*

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One five room house, seventeen hundred and fifty dollars, small cash payment.
One 4 room house with bath, on Eighth Street, twenty-two hundred and fifty, good terms.
I have houses for these prices to fifteen thousand dollars. See me if you are thinking of buying a house.
I also have a four hundred acre stock farm priced to sell. Small business going good, owner says sell.
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Evergreens
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WANTED—Would like work caring for children, day or night. Mrs. Lola Graves, 402 Twelfth St. 9-31*

FOR SALE—Air compressor, with motor. Wrightway Cleaners. 9-21

FOR SALE—3-4 inch galvanized pipe. See Foy's Hardware. 9-1f

FOR RENT—Four room furnished apartment. See Dayton Smith at Dayton's Food Store. 9-11

FOR RENT—To a couple, furnished apartment, private bath. 800 Sixth Street, telephone 1274. 9-11*

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JOE'S WRECKING YARD
On Coleman Highway 2-4t

FOR SALE—Fresh milk cows and heavy springers. Dan Dorner. 2-21*

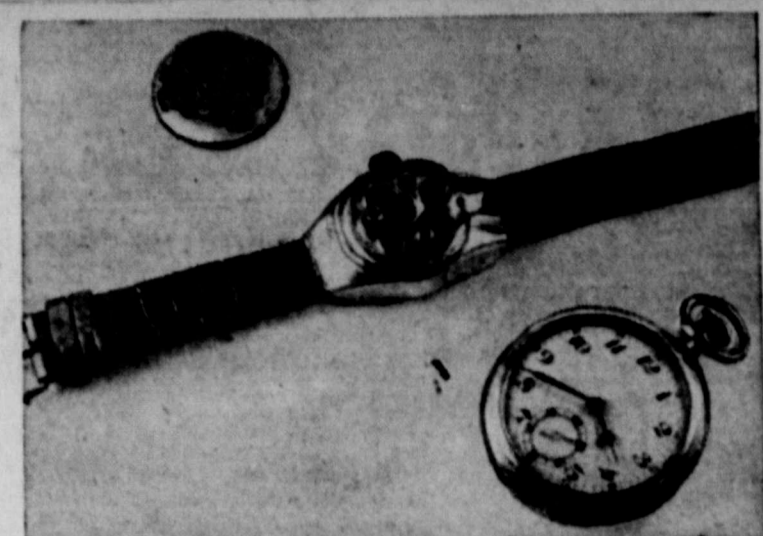
FOR SALE—F20 Farmall with 4 row tool bar; two row cultivator. In good condition. Lewis Sturm, Norton. 2-21*

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FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, upstairs. 608 Bonsall, phone 173. 11*

Two houses for rent. See Hopper, the Rent Man, or phone 385. 11*

FOR RENT—One room furnished apartment. Telephone 1430. 11H

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey and daughter, Sally, spent the past week-end in Lubbock. Dr. and Mrs. Bailey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowry, and Sally was a guest of Miss Mary Brian Woody, a student at Texas Tech.
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HOWARD PAYNE RECOGNIZED BY SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION

Howard Payne College, Brownwood, achieved a long-sought goal last week when the college was admitted to full membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, powerful accrediting body.

The action was taken at a meeting of the association in Memphis, Tennessee, and the news was sent from the president of the college, Dr. Thomas H. Taylor, last Thursday when he was attending the meeting at Memphis.

At its meeting at Providence, Rhode Island, the Association of American Universities abandoned its efforts to classify colleges and gave up its approved list, Dr.

Taylor explained, so recognition of Howard Payne by the Southern Association became a national recognition, the highest in the United States.

The Southern Association has a membership of more than 200 colleges and junior colleges and 1,400 high schools in eleven southern states. Howard Payne has for 20 years been on the approved list of this association.

Felton T. Wright, former coach of the Ballinger high school team, is the head coach at Howard Payne. His two sons, Bob and Bud, play on the team. Others from Ballinger attending the college are Vershel Smith, Bill Scoggins, Sonny Davenport, Dickie Cope, George McCorstin, Rev. John Parker, and Miss Wanda Patterson.

REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

By HELEN PETRONE

JANET opened the door to her apartment, thinking as she did so that it had been only a week since Craig and she had shared this apartment they called their "Ivory tower," named that because of its odd shape. It had been a storage room until the housing shortage became prevalent. Then old Mrs. Root, feeling sympathetic toward the plight of Janet and Craig Norris, newly married and homeless, had cleared it out, partitioned it off into two small rooms and rented it to them.

That was just 13 months ago, Janet remembered, dropping her gloves on the table and lighting the lamp with the same gesture. They had been married only three weeks, just long enough to realize they were imposing on Craig's family who were cramped for quarters themselves. Just a week ago they had the quarrel that had sent Craig from the apartment. It had been a blow



"She sat down at the window and looked out at the dark, starless sky."

to his pride from the day of their wedding that Janet should continue working. She enjoyed her position in the advertising firm where she had risen from a clerk to copy writer in just two years. Since she left the house after Craig in the morning and returned before him at night, she never felt her working interfered in any way with her household duties. But friends had spoiled everything with their snide remarks about "poor Janet still working," and it was more than Craig could bear. "They think I can't support you!" he'd storm at her, but the more he pleaded the more adamant she had become. And now he was gone.

The whole thing seemed so unimportant now. She glanced at the telephone, half-inclined to call him home, but her own recalcitrant nature refused to allow such a move. She turned on the radio instead and pretended the tears that welled in her eyes at the strains of "Silent Night" were merely tears of weariness after the preparation of the office party that morning. Deliberately she opened the dresser drawer to put away last night's ironing. Her sovereign box loomed temptingly before her. Lifting the cover, she stared at the items she had collected: Craig's class ring, exchanged for a diamond after their graduation from college; a pressed orchid, one of those she had carried at her wedding; various cards, Christmas, anniversary, birthday, valentine. She picked up a small gift card and read again, "To my dear wife, Janet, on our first Christmas." It was the card with the watch he had given her last year.

TREMBLING, she closed the box and turned quickly from the dresser. She had been a fool, she decided. Without Craig, Christmas could never hold the same meaning for her as it once had. She didn't stop to lock the door for there was nothing of value anyone could steal from her. Even her \$100 Christmas bonus lying on the table went unnoticed. The one thing she must not lose was happiness, and that was no longer in her home with Craig gone. She hurried into her coat as she started breathlessly down the 3 1/2 flights of stairs. Tears coursed down her cheeks and she prayed with fanatic zest that she was not too late. As she reached the last flight of stairs, she crashed into a figure who was hurrying up, as oblivious of his surroundings as she. She gasped at the impact, but the man quickly regained his balance and caught her before she could fall. "Janet!" he cried.

She looked at him almost in disbelief. Then, throwing her arms about him she gave full vent to her tears. "Oh, Craig! Darling, I was just coming for you."

He kissed her and held her tightly. "Janet, I've been such a fool. I didn't realize until tonight what an awful thing pride can be. Will you ever forgive me?"

She sighed. "There's nothing to forgive, Craig. I was the one who was wrong. I'm going to quit my job right away."

"No, you mustn't. I don't want to deprive you of any happiness and if you want to work, I'm not going to stop you."

She laughed sootily. "We'll argue that out later, shall we?" Arm in arm they climbed up the stairs.

At the end of the recent war the navy had approximately five square miles of roofed storage space.

All men, including statisticians, are interested in figures.



BIG WIGS AT PARLIAMENT . . . Garbed in the traditional robes and wigs of their office and encircled with many medals, British judges leave the parliament building in London after the colorful opening session during which the king wore his crown and parliamentary robes for the first time in ten years. Representatives from distant parts of the empire also are shown leaving the famed hall.

lid and clamp. Leave the pet-cock open for seven minutes, or until you see the steam coming out. Close the cooker lid and raise the pressure to five pounds. Release it immediately to bring out the moisture, and, at the same time, create a vacuum inside the jar.

Take the jars out of the pressure cooker and complete the sealing job. Wipe them dry and allow to cool before storing them on the pantry shelf. Now they're ready for eating.

If you'd rather leave the pecans in the shell, better store them below 32 degrees F.—and they will last as long as a year.

Whether frozen, canned or stored in the shell, says Miss Shultz, they'll taste mighty good these cold winter evenings or next spring.

It's highly important for dairy calves to get plenty of good roughage early in life. They need the iron that's in it.

Cattle need plenty of water. And be sure the water is clean, easily located, and not too cold during the winter.

Several Processes For Storing Pecans Given by Specialist

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 8.—Whether they are canned, frozen or in the shell, pecans go nicely with cold evenings by the fireside. And, if you intend to store any of this year's big crop of pecans, don't wait too long to get started. This information comes from Lucille Shultz, extension food preservation specialist of Texas A. & M. College.

Waiting too long before putting them away might give the pecans a chance to get rancid. So for best results, store them before January.

Freshly shelled pecans may be packaged in cellophane bags, tin cans, freezer jars, or heavily waxed cartons. Seal the container and store at 0 degrees F. in a home freezer or a commercial locker. No heating is necessary when freezing pecans.

If you're canning pecans, they should be shelled, sorted, and cleaned of all the little bits of shell. Put pecans in a slow oven for a pre-heating treatment, but make sure they don't scorch. When done, pack the pecans to within an inch of the top of hot, dry jars, and drop in a piece of

crumpled parchment paper to absorb the moisture. Semi-seal the jars and put them in the pressure cooker. Adjust the

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RETURN OF THE EXILE . . . After four years of self-imposed exile, General Fulgencio Batista, former president of Cuba, returned to his native land and was mobbed by admirers who tendered the "strong man" a tremendous welcome in Havana. Enthusiastic followers broke through police lines when he arrived at the airport to take over a senatorial office to which he was elected in absentia.



THE WINNING TICKET . . . Dewey won the public opinion polls, but President Truman won the election. And that is the only indisputable fact in all the welter of speculation that has been taking place on the subject of "Just what exactly did happen on November 2?" The Harry Truman-Alben Barkley ticket which the Democratic party had nominated was conceded virtually no chance of victory. But when all the votes were counted and the tumult and the shouting had died, not only did the nation find itself with a Democratic administration but with substantial Democratic majorities in the senate and house, also.



FRENCH LABOR STRIFE . . . The war between miners and the French government has been no less bitter than a civil war and, like a civil war, it has produced casualties. While mobile guards and Communist-led strikers battle in the background, women attend a wounded man in the foreground. This skirmish started when striking miners invaded Bethune city hall, kidnaped Sub-Prefect M. Pee and attempted to induce him to release seven miners previously arrested. M. Pee was freed after 10 minutes of brisk head-breaking.

Monahans Downs Locals 33-28 in Regional Game

The Ballinger Bearcats proved they were championship timber Friday afternoon when they played the Monahans Lobos to a standstill but wasted one scoring opportunity to lose by the count of 33 to 28. The Bearcats entered the contest rated from two to three touchdowns the underdogs, but their powerful running and passing game made the Monahans fans glad to hear the last whistle which left them holding a five-point lead.

The Bearcats continued to let fumbles hurt and three times lost the ball in their own end of the field because of the ball slipping away from the carrier. Each time the invaders cashed in on the break by going on to score. The toughest break came in the last minute of the first half when a pass took the ball to the Monahans 18-inch line. Hill dropped

to the Ballinger 9, from where Cathey raced across standing up. He also hit the line for the extra point to tie the score.

Ballinger received and returned to its 37-yard line. On the first play from scrimmage a fumble in the backfield was recovered by Parrish on the Ballinger 30. Two plays chalked up yardage and Sampson heaved a pass to Cathey, who took it on the 9-yard line and raced across for the second touchdown. Young found a hole in the line to slip across for the extra point, putting the visitors out front 14 to 7.

The third Lobo touchdown came by the same route. The Bearcats got possession of the oval after a kick-out on the 35-yard line. On the first play Hill fumbled and the ball was recovered by Monahans on the Ballinger 34. Again Young and Cathey went to work to chalk up a first down and Cathey turned in one of his best runs of the afternoon when he went 21 yards to the double-striped line. Young hit the line for the extra point and the oil town crew were out front 21 to 7. It was in the fading minutes of

the half that the Bearcats ran and passed their way to the 18-inch line where a high pass from center set them back to the nine-yard line and time was up.

The Bearcats came back strong in the second half. Taking the ball on their own 42, Hill hit twice for yardage and then passed to Hallmark for 21 yards and a first down. On the next play he broke into the secondary and powered his way nine yards across the goal stripe. Davenport again kicked the extra to make the score 21 to 14 in favor of the Lobos.

The Monahans team received and started a drive with Wolters, Young and Cathey toting. After going to the Ballinger 9, it was Cathey who went over behind beautiful blocking of his teammates. Young attempted to carry the ball over for the extra but failed. This made the score 27 to 14 for the visitors.

Monahans got off a poor kick which was taken by Middleton on the 49-yard line. Hill hit three times for a first down and then passed to Davenport, who carried it on across. Davenport kicked again to make the tabulation Monahans 27, Ballinger 21.

On the kickoff, Davenport lifted a long one which was taken by Young on his own 5-yard line. He picked up blockers and stepped into a clear field to race 95 yards for the score. The attempt for the extra point failed and the count was 33 to 21.

Monahans later failed to gain and kicked to Bell, who returned the pigskin to the Monahans 31-yard line. Two completed passes to Bell was responsible for the final score of the game with Davenport kicking the extra to make a perfect afternoon for his educated toe. The final result was 33 to 28.

First downs were equal, each eleven making 16, while the record on yards gained from scrimmage on running and passing was Ballinger 304, Monahans 241.

HUSBAND OF FORMER BALLINGERITE BURIED

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts received a message Sunday from Mrs. George Faust, of Fort Worth, informing of the death of her husband. Mr. Faust passed away Sunday morning at the family residence in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Faust was the former Miss Dovie Pipkin and lived in Ballinger until a few years ago.

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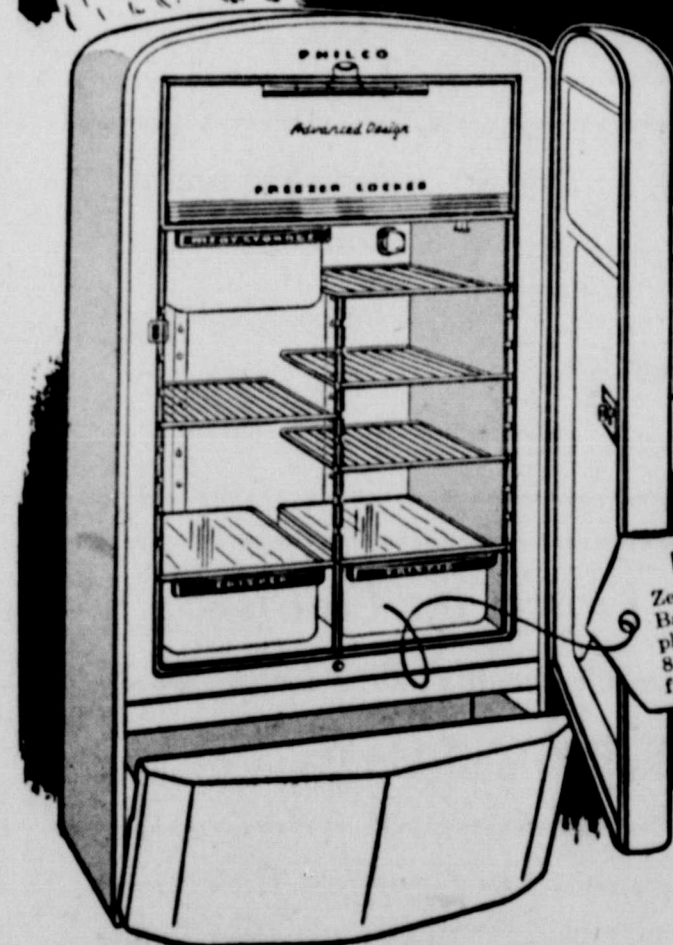
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Prayer Week for Foreign Missions at First Baptist Church

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was observed by the Woman's Missionary Union at the First Baptist Church Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Max McCrary, chairman of Mission study was in charge.

The general theme for the week was "The World and the Song." Monday afternoon, "Joy to the World," was the topic which Mrs. John Castor discussed; Mrs. Elmer Shepperd gave the prayer and Mrs. Elliott Kemp brought the devotional; Mrs. W. A. McDonald's topic was "The People that Walked in Darkness Have Seen Great Light;" after a prayer by Mrs. A. O. Bartlett, Mrs. B. J. Martin talked on "He That is Mighty Hath Done Great Things." Mrs. C. J. Lynn gave the benediction.

The Tuesday afternoon service theme "Come Thou Almighty King," opened with Mrs. Joe Forester giving the devotional and Mrs. Lee Maples the prayer. Mrs. W. E. Elkins gave "Good Tidings of Great Joy to All People," followed by a prayer by Mrs. J. H. Endacott; and Mrs. R. W. Talbott gave "To Guide Our Feet in the Way of Peace." The closing number was a choral benediction. Mrs. C. E. Maedgen was at the piano for quiet music to open the service and for all hymn accompaniments.

Members of the Young Women's Auxiliary and Girl Auxiliary were in charge of the concluding Missions program Wednesday evening at the church on Eighth Street. The Lottie Moon offering for foreign missions was taken during the week. The goal is one million, six hundred thousand dollars for Southern Baptist churches.

San Angelo Minister Speaker at Christian Council Meeting

Mrs. Marvin Clark presided for the business meeting of the First Christian Church Women's Council which was held in the church parlors Monday afternoon when plans were completed for the Missions Program which will be held Wednesday evening with Mrs. C. F. Bailey in charge, and Rev. G. N. Goldston, pastor of the First Christian Church in San Angelo as guest speaker, a banquet will follow which will be served by the Missionary Society.

After the opening hymn with Mrs. Gene Crawford at the organ, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh gave the prayer. Ten books were reported read and sixteen visits made. The meeting closed with the missionary benediction.

Announcement was also made of the banquet which the Men's day evening, December 10, when Bible Class will sponsor on Fri-all members of the Sunday School Classes will be included.

Others present at the Council meeting were: Mmes. W. F. Atwell, O. P. Dorsey, D. B. Crockett, Archie W. Gray, Oscar Pearson, Joe Satterwhite, Miss Agnes Globber, Miss Lilly Clayton and Miss Lula McElroy.

Miss Atkins Entertains Contract Club

Miss Griffie Atkins included Mrs. Tom Agnew, Mrs. C. L. Baker and Miss Louise Batts when she was hostess to her contract club Tuesday evening, entertaining in her home in Harman Park.

Christmas symbols and an arrangement of pink carnations decorated party rooms where Miss Lillian Knowles was awarded the game prize. The hostess served a dessert plate with coffee.

Others were: Misses Mary Jane Kiechle, Ollie Chenoweth and Pearl Currie; Mmes. Marie Carter, Naomi Keithley, George Newby, John Barton, John Castor and Sim Cottelle.

Garden Club to Have Christmas Program Next Tuesday

The Ballinger Civic-Garden Club will hold its regular monthly meeting next Tuesday afternoon, December 14, in the club room at the Library.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, program chairman, will be in charge of the program, and will present Mrs. Roger Wheeler, who will give the Legend of the Mistletoe. Christmas carols will be sung by Miss Dewey Lou McGinley, Mrs. C. F. Bailey and Mrs. Bill Sykes will give demonstrations on Yuletide gift wrappings, and beautifully wrapped gifts will be displayed.

Deputy Grand Matron to Visit Ballinger O. E. S.

Mrs. E. B. Cole, Deputy Grand Matron, of San Angelo, will make her official visit to the local Eastern Star Chapter next Monday evening, December 13, when the regular stated meeting is to be held in the Masonic Hall.

Mrs. Nellie Campbell, Worthy Matron, urges all members to be present at this important meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m. Visitors are invited to attend.

It is better to be misjudged for a deed of action than for a deed of neglect.

MISS REBECCA CRAIG MEMBER OF WICHITA FALLS ORCHESTRA
 Miss Rebecca Craig, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Craig of Ballinger, is a member of the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra which opened its season with a concert December 6.
 Miss Craig, a graduate of North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, went with a group of students from that school to Wichita Falls last May to partici-

pate in a Mother's Day concert with the orchestra. She was so impressed with the city that she sought employment there and is now a teacher of music in the Sam Houston school.
 Miss Craig plays bass violin in the orchestra and this week made her second appearance with the symphony group.
 Great men never feel great, and small men never feel small.



WHERE'S Daddy?

By DANIEL F. LINDSAY

KALLY O'NEIL walked slowly up the front steps. Her mother watched her from behind the curtain. Being five years old and having a problem had her near tears. She reached up on tip toes and opened the door.

"Kally, honey. Come in here a minute! Kally pushed the hood of her snow suit back and went into the living room.

"What do you want, Mommie?" She shook her blonde curls free.

"Oh, nothing much," her mother smiled. "I just want to know why my little girl looks so sad?"

"Well, Mommie," she slipped her coat off. "It's that girl down the street."

"Yes, dear, what about her?"

Kally could stand it no longer. She burst into tears and running over laid her head on her mother's lap.

"That girl says," she sobbed, "that there isn't any Santa Claus."

"Well, now," her mother leaned down and gently bit the tip of her ear, "who'd ever believe a tale like that?"

"You don't believe her?"

"Of course not," she smiled down into the worried blue eyes. "We know there's a Santa Claus."

"B-but she said Daddy was him."

"Oh, pooh. Sit down there on the floor and I'll help you get your snow pants off."

"We could ask Daddy," Kally suggested.

"Yes, we could," she had an inspiration. "Better still we can wait until tomorrow night and see for ourselves."

"We can?" she sat up in surprise.

"Sure. You go to bed just like always, then when he comes I'll wake you up."

"Santa was just coming out."

She got up from the floor all excited. "You mean we can peek?"

"That's just what we'll do."

"George," she turned to her husband that evening after Kally had been put to bed, "our daughter has quite a problem."

"Women always have problems," he smiled over his newspaper.

"What is it this time?"

"She knows about Santa."

"That's too bad," he pursed his lips, "but what can we do?"

"Get someone to put her toys under the tree while she watches."

"Sure," he laid the paper down, "why couldn't I do it?"

"She heard that you are Santa."

He chuckled. "She isn't the only woman in the family who thinks that."

"How about Bob Perkins?" she ignored his attempt at humor. "He's the right build."

"Okay," he agreed, "I'll arrange it in the morning."

"Kally," her mother shook her gently, "Santa is downstairs."

"He is?" she sat up rubbing her eyes. "HE IS?"

"Okay," she slipped out of bed and into her slippers. In the early morning light she looked like a tiny blond elf.

"Put on your robe."

SHE got it and took her mother's hand. They crept down the stairs. Mommie held her back while she made sure Santa wasn't smoking a cigar. He was placing gifts around the tree. She motioned her to look. Kally peeked around the corner with big eyes. Then her head darted back.

"Where's daddy?" she asked in a stage whisper.

They heard footsteps on the stairs. Daddy crept down. Kally peeked around the corner again. Santa was just coming out with an army barracks bag over his shoulder. The three of them ran and hid behind the staircase. As soon as the front door slammed Kally was up the steps like a shot.

"Hey, Sweetheart," Daddy called after her, "he left the toys in the living room." He stopped as he heard his wife's laughter.

"What's the matter with her?" he glared at her suspiciously. "Doesn't she like the little tike?"

"I'm afraid, dear, that you'll never understand the feminine mind."

"What do you mean . . . where's she going?"

"To get her coat."

"Her coat . . . why?"

"She's going down the street to tell the little girl that she's all wet. Because she has just seen Santa in her front room."

The 1947 income from farm marketings in Texas totaled nearly 2 billion dollars. In fact, the 1942 million dollars received in that year was 74 per cent above the 1,115 million received in 1945 for crops and livestock.

Here's what 80,000 4-H clubs over the nation did the past year: they raised 80,000 acres of garden crops, 8 million chickens, canned 19 million quarts of food, and made 2 million garments.



At the Top of the Christmas Tree

PHOENIX NYLONS

She'll be completely delighted with your gift of lovely Phoenix Nylons. For quality, beauty, for lasting remembrance — she knows there's none better.

PHOENIX \$1.50 THE PAIR
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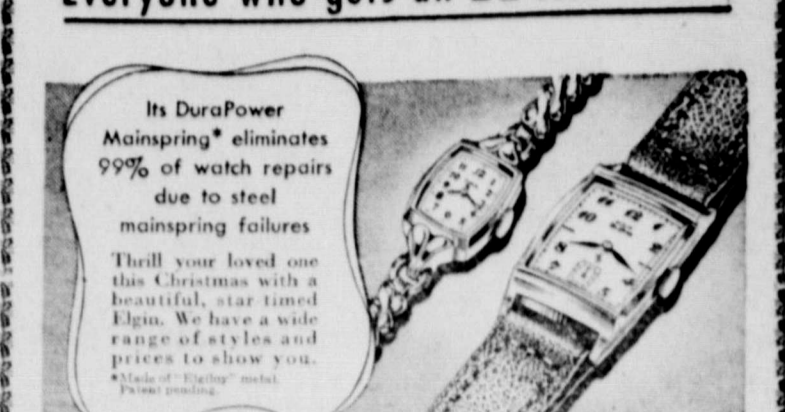
WOODROOF'S
 YOUR FRIENDLY STORE

It's not too early to start thinking about your 1948 income tax return.



NOBEL PRIZE . . . Dr. Paul Mueller of Switzerland was awarded the 1948 Nobel prize in physiology for his discovery in 1939 of the insecticide known as DDT which saved the lives of many refugees.

Who remembers Santa?
Everyone who gets an ELGIN Watch!



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Thrill your loved one this Christmas with a beautiful, star-timed Elgin. We have a wide range of styles and prices to show you.

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FINE, BRILLIANT DIAMONDS FOR THE LADY

Silverware by Rogers--Community, Sterling by Reed & Barton International

L. R. TIGNER

Those who repeat everything see a man who is wrapped up in they hear do so because they haven't any place to keep it.



CHICKEN IN THE ROUGH . . . This picture will stand as documentary evidence that Miss America of 1948—also known as Bebe Shopp of Hopkins, Minn.—is a wholesome, home-loving, chicken-loving type of girl. No professional glamor girl, she enjoys rural life. Feeding the chickens and gathering eggs are part of her daily routine—which was interrupted, of course, when she went to Atlantic City.



SOVIET RECEPTION . . . Russian Ambassador Alexander Panyschkin is all smiles as he greets U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark and Mrs. Clark on their arrival at the Soviet embassy for the reception commemorating the 31st anniversary of the Russian revolution. It was a brilliant affair, featured by the most unpretentious show. Other important U. S. figures who attended included Henry Wallace, the nation's leading disciple of a soft policy towards Russia, and Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the American bureau of standards.

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Christmas

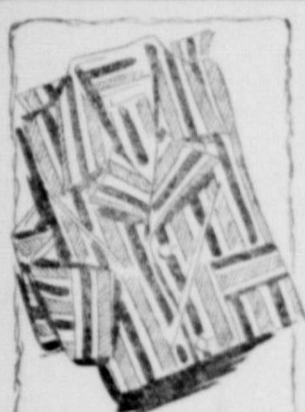
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Make a hit on Christmas day! Give him these holiday boxed woven-in pattern shirts. Sanforized, Non-wilt Nu-craft collars.

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Good Towncraft quality for Christmas! Look—Sanforized, vat dyed, pre-laundered. Slipover and coat styles. Smart stripes.

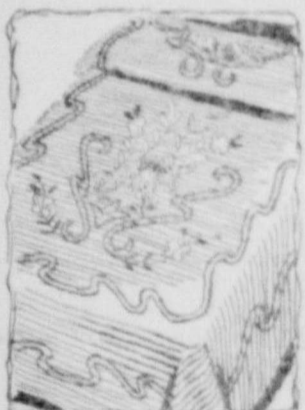
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Fine Quality Ties

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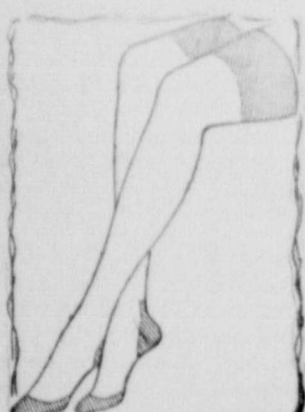
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Chenille Bedspreads

Give one and save enough to buy one for yourself! Fluffy chenille in white or pastel grounds with floral design. Double.

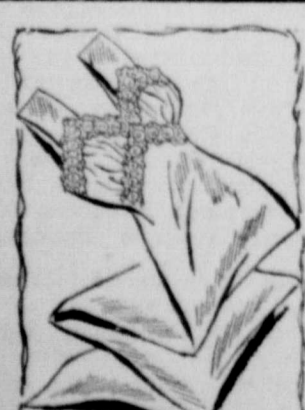
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Buy Gaymodes for Gifts

Full fashioned, 51 gauge, 20 denier nylons, lovely as can be! A sure way to please every lady on your list. In 3 winter shades. 8 1/2-10 1/2.

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Save! Rayon Crepe Gowns

Trimmed with lace, net, or Appenzelle embroidery. (One style is prettier than the next!) In tearose, pink, blue, or yellow. 34-40.

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Christmas **IT PAYS TO SHOP AT PENNEY'S**

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KEEPS THE \$ \$ \$ STIRRING
 TOWN'S PAYROLL
 ADVERTISING BY LOCAL MERCHANTS
 KEEP \$ \$ \$ AT HOME
Texas Press Association
 BAKER HOTEL ★ DALLAS, TEXAS

Ballinger Citizens Asked to Cooperate In Fire Prevention

The Ballinger fire department is appealing to the people of Ballinger to be careful in the use of Christmas decorations. Each year

fire losses in the state increase at Christmas time due to decorations, fireworks and other celebrating in homes and business houses. In Ballinger there is a law against shooting fireworks in the fire zone, which includes all the downtown business streets. When fireworks are set off in other sections of the city, care is asked to see that no burning parts of sky-

rockets and other pieces land on roofs where fire might originate. Decorative materials should be employed with caution, it was pointed out, and all electric lights should be checked before they are put on the tree. Candles are dangerous and local firemen urge that when used, they be placed a safe distance from anything inflammable. Ballinger firemen will be on the

job but believe that with everybody using caution fire can be avoided during the holidays. A will is the best way of guaranteeing that property will be disposed of as the owner wishes. Without a will, the heirs may become involved in a chancery suit, and it may be a number of years before the estate is settled. Read the grocery ads and save



By DANIEL F. LINDSAY
TOM LARKIN opened the kitchen door. His wife looked up with a hopeful smile as he entered. He just shook his head.

"No mail at all!" she said as she went on fixing dinner.
 "Oh, there were a couple of ads and a bill from the seed company." He hung his hat on a hook and crossed to the pump. His white hair was damp around his face when he straightened up again.
 "It's just not like Bill," she sighed. "Bill's got an unforgivin' streak, always did have, even when he was a little feller." Pa's old briar gave off a pungent odor as he lit it.
 "But this is different, Tom," she said, putting a pan of biscuits in the oven. "Tomorrow is Christmas. It's a long way to the coast. Maybe he wrote but didn't mail it in time."
 "Ma," his tired old voice was filled with bitterness, "there's no



"She could see Pa striding into the living room."
 need to stick pins in yourself by hopin'. Christmas or no Christmas... that boy is still mad."
 The old lady's eyes shone with faith. "He might stay mad all year long but when Christmas comes he'll write. I know. I'm his Ma."
 "Don't forget," Tom said as he blew smoke at the ceiling. His eyes crinkled at the corners. "I'm his father."
 "Dinner's ready, Pa," she said, filled with a deep longing and fought to keep the tears out of her voice. "I can understand that boy still bein' mad at me, but why does he have to take it out on you?"
 "You're wrong, Tom," Ma replied as she lifted her head and smiled. "The day after Christmas, first delivery, we'll get a letter. You'll see."

"Not from him," he shook his head grimly.
 "You're forgettin' Judy," she reminded him as they sat down. "She's a good daughter-in-law."
 "Oh, I'm not blamin' her," replying as he covered his biscuits with gravy. "Judy's a fine girl. It's his bull headed pride."
 She got up and taking the coffee pot off the cook stove filled his cup. They ate on in silence. Finally he pushed his plate back.
 "You aren't eatin' much," he scolded.
 "I'm just not hungry, Pa."
 "I see," he stood up. "I'm goin' out and turn the heater on in the hen house. It'll be cold tonight." His old shoulders slumped forward as he went outside. She shook her head and started picking up the dishes. Her mind sank back into the past. To the days when Christmas was alive with the excitement and laughter of young voices. She could see Pa striding into the living room bearing a large evergreen on his shoulder. Behind him there was always a highly excited little boy, bearing an axe. She wondered if the little boy ever thought of it.

PA CAME back on the porch. She smiled as he kicked his toe against the threshold. It's a wonder, she thought, that there's any threshold left after all these years. He came into the kitchen, dumping an arm load of kindling in the box behind the range.
 "Snowin', Pa?"
 He shook his head and took off his wraps, replying, "Stopped."

She hung the dish towels up to dry. He pulled a rocker in from the living room and sat down.
 "Everything all right in the barn?" Ma asked as she threw a few lumps of coal in the fire.
 "Sure," Pa said. A sad smile crossed his lips. "What's the use pretendin', Ma? We're both feelin' blue."
 She sat down at the old kitchen table and started peeling apples, uttered, "I know it."
 "Gonna bake me a pie?" he asked.
 She nodded. "Apple was always Billy's favorite, too."
 "Now, Ma, what's the use of...?" he stopped as they heard a car drive up in the yard. "Must be Jim Rogers. Said today that new calf of his was sick." He opened the kitchen door and peered out into the night. She could hear him catch his breath as he watched a man and a woman get out. "Ma, who do you think?" his voice was low.
 "I knew," Ma laughed as she laid the paring knife down with a happy smile. "I knew it all the time."

Weather stripping and insulation will make the house warmer and help maintain more even temperatures through the winter. Save your energy when hanging out clothes by placing the basket on a laundry cart or in a child's wagon.
 Had is the past tense of money. When a pretty girl tries to treat a bashful fellow white, he turns red.

Next Wednesday Deadline for Xmas Yard Decorations

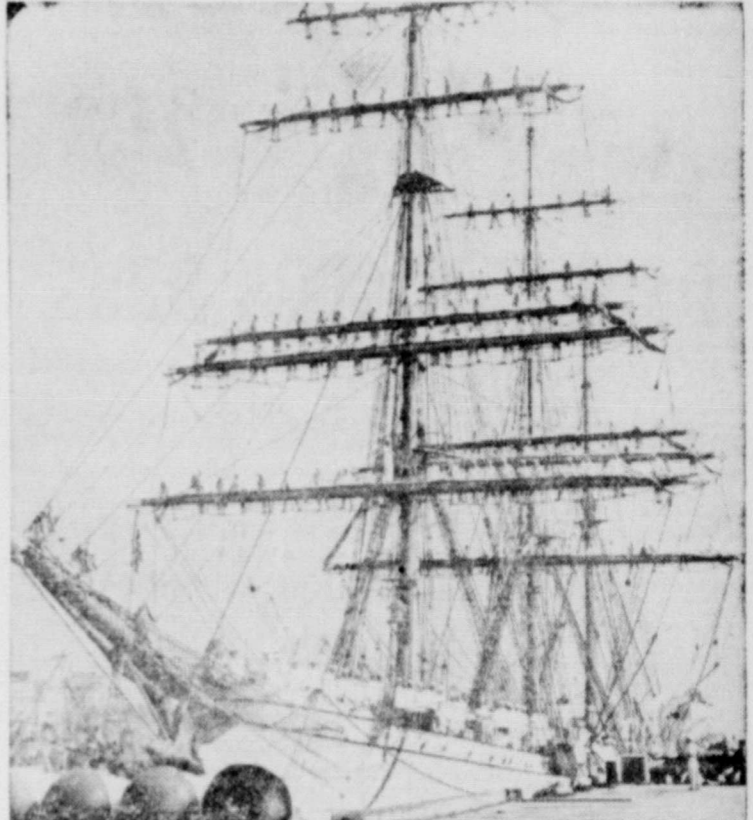
The Ballinger Civic-Garden Club is sponsoring yard decorations, a part of the city-wide Christmas program, and is urging all homeowners to get their decorations up as soon as possible. This phase of the Christmas program each year attracts the attention of many people and does much to create the Christmas spirit. Anyone is eligible to enter this contest. There are entry blanks at the chamber of commerce office and everyone who places decorations in the yard, on the porch or at any place from which they can be seen from the street, is asked to sign an entry blank so the judges may be directed to the location when winners are being selected. Out-of-town judges will be here on the night of December 17 and members of the garden club will

take them to inspect each of the entries. Awards will be made for the cash prizes and announced that evening. The general Christmas committee is also urging that public buildings be decorated for the remainder of the holiday period. These will not be included in the contest for cash prizes, but the decorations will add greatly to the beauty of the town.

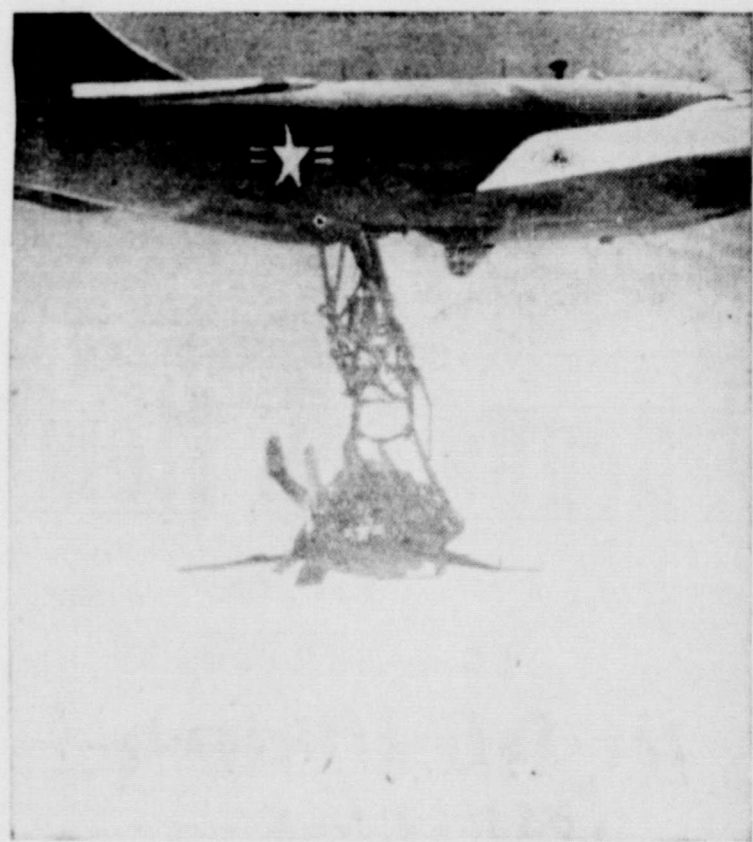
Good pastures and good pasture management are needed if the dairyman is looking toward the successful operation of a long-range dairy program.



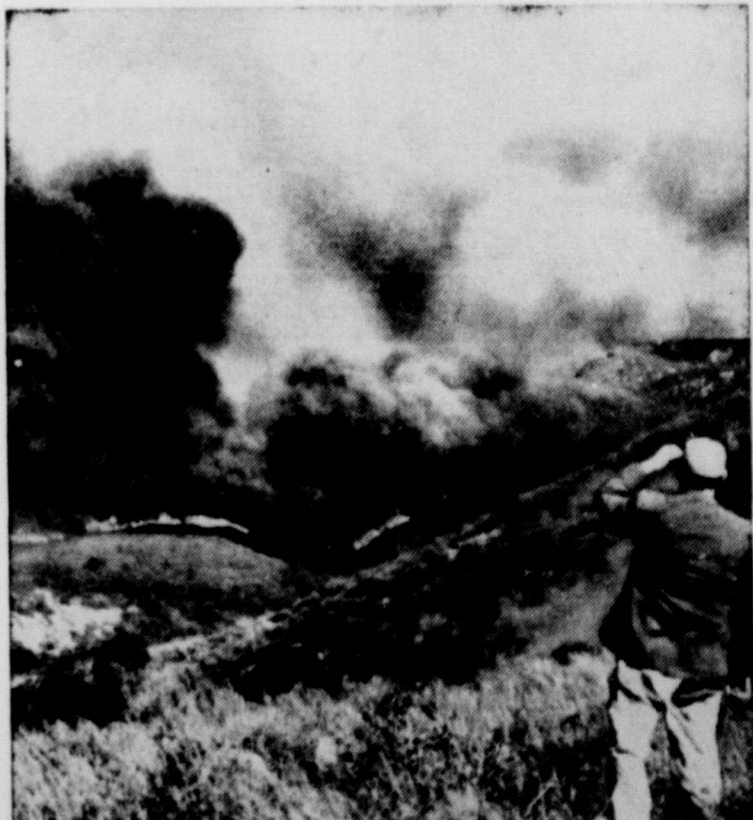
1948
 FIGHT TB
 Buy Christmas Seals



ALL HANDS ALOFT TO TRIM SAILS... For the men who go down to the sea in ships, sights like this are virtually a thing of the past, along with the cry "Sail ho!" and sailing vessels are only used as training ships now. This one is the coast guard training ship Eagle, formerly the German naval training vessel, Horst Wessel, a three-masted bark.



FARASITE IN FLIGHT... Most radical of all new jet aircraft is the air force's McDonnell XF-85 parasite fighter which is carried in bomb bays of long-range bombers and launched from a trapeze attachment on the underside of the mother ship. The tiny plane, with a wing span of 21 feet and length of 15 feet, is shown as it was carried aloft by a B-29 during a recent test flight at Muroc air base, Calif.



NARROW ESCAPE... This has been a bad fall for brush and forest fires. Scant minutes ahead of the roaring flames, 2,000 residents of Silverado Canyon and Modjeska Canyon, Calif., fled to safety as a 50-mile wind whipped the Orange county forest fire into fury as shown here. Three hundred marines from a base at El Toro were called to help fight the fire.

SANTA INVITES YOU TO TOYTOWN

Follow the crowd—come see our special display of Christmas gifts, arranged to make selection easy. All are gifts that will surprise and please your friends. And speaking of pleasure, you'll be delighted at our reasonable prices.



Bring the Kiddies

Mechanical Freight Train

Sparkig 4-Unit Train Equipped with Built-in Governor **\$4.25**
 What a lot of fun you'll have with this brightly painted train! Locomotive shoots sparks, tender, gondola, caboose. 4 sections of straight and 8 sections of curved tracks. Adjustable speed.

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For Young Players **\$2.79**
 Official size and weight—15 oz. Pebble grain leatherette cover. Plastic laced. Valve type rubber bladder with needle.

PISTOL AND HOLSTER SET

"Six Shooter" Repeater Pistol **\$1.49**
 You'll really get your man with this keen set. Red and white leather holster, red belt, 10" pistol. Gift boxed.

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For good little girls and boys—Santa has especially made this tinkling little piano! 17 keys with real sharps and flats that play your favorite songs. Music stand and sheet music included. **\$2.98**

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Drinking-Wetting Doll That Looks Like a Real Baby! **\$2.25**
 11 inch rubber dolly with diaper. She drinks water from her bottle, then when placed upright wets her diaper. Soft or hard rubber head. Bottle is attached to arm. Sunbabe with moving eyes **\$3.49**

GLASS TREE BALLS

2" Diameter **5c**
 Shining balls in a choice of colors and stripes.

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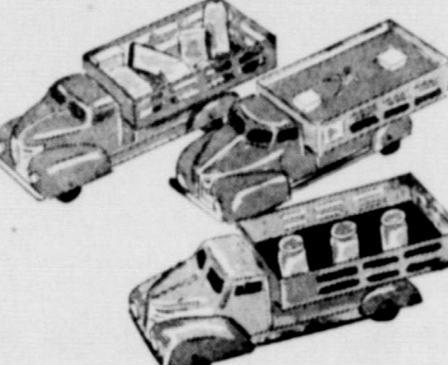
SANTA SEALS 40 Pcs. 5c Each 90 Pcs. 10c Each.
 Wrapping packages can be full of excitement and fun when you can brighten them up with these colorful seals and tags and the Santa Seal has real cotton whiskers!

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Looking for a Christmas card to express the true spirit and joy of the season? You'll find them here at Toytown in all their holiday splendor—each one worded simply and beautifully. 4 for 5c, 3 for 5c, 2 for 5c 5c Each

GIFT PAPER GLAZE FINISH

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GROCERY, MILK AND ICE TRUCKS **\$1.19**
 Each. Be a real delivery man with these brightly colored trucks filled with groceries. Latest streamlined design. Full 14 1/2 inches long.

LIFE-LIKE BABY DOLL

17 Inches Tall "Horsman" DeLux! **\$5.98**
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 Made by Williams. A fine set for the man in your life! Consists of shaving cream, tale razor blades, Aqua Velva and brilliantine. Get your set today!

DRESSER SET

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 GIVE HER THIS SET FOR XMAS. Put this beautiful set under the Christmas tree and watch the smiles of pleasure! Set consists of metal comb, brush and mirror in two soft colors, rose and blue with a dainty floral design. The comb has fine and coarse teeth. The brush has nylon bristles.

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 Only 4 1/2 Inches Long. Smart gold plate and plastic set with mechanical pencil that propels, repels and expels lead. Gift boxed.



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 1 1/2 qt. Ivory Fire King Casserole complete with heavy triple coated chrome metal frame. Attractive for the table as well as an ideal gift your friends will cherish.



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BALLINGER, TEXAS

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HEADACHE
... Nature's Semaphore

★ The causes of headache are multitudinous. It is, perhaps, the most common ailment of man. Many headaches are simple, and respond to simple home treatment. It should be remembered that headache is a symptom, and not a disease. It is nature's semaphore, signaling that the track is not clear. If headaches persist or recur, see your physician at once. If medication is needed, we are equipped to fill your prescription promptly and accurately.

PEARCE-ROGERS DRUG
Where Pharmacy is a Profession

This year's Texas crop of alfalfa seed is estimated at 35 thousand bushels thresher-run, the fourth largest crop on record.



ONCE AROUND . . . Mrs. Morrow-Tail of Cambridge, England, strides from the cockpit of her little single-engine plane at Hanaeda air field, Tokyo. She and her navigator, Michael Townsend, are flying around the world.

Last Year's 4-H Club Record Shows Much Done by Boys, Girls

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 8.—If you've ever wondered just what the 4-H club boys and girls in Texas do, here's the answer. This is last year's record of nearly five thousand 4-H clubs in Texas with a membership of over 110,000 youngsters. These kids produced food, and they conserved food. And they made more food available to their families, as well as to families overseas. J. W. Potts, extension state 4-H club specialist of Texas A. & M. College, says they had more than 23,000 gardens. The boys raised more than 368,500 chickens and turkeys. The girls had nearly 7,000 poultry flocks. The 961 thousand quarts of food these youngsters put up in cans and jars doesn't include the hundreds of pounds stored in the freezer locker. Food wasn't the only item on the program by any means. These

4-H boys and girls helped make their homes more attractive and livable. The girls' projects included making more than 59,000 new garments and remodeling over 33,000 other items of clothing. Fire and accident prevention programs also held the interest of many of the club members. They spent time improving their own health as well as that of their families and communities. Soil and water conservation practices played a big part on the 4-H club program, too. The boys had nearly 110,000 acres in conservation management. Besides this, they raised more than 54,500 head of livestock, while the girls were planning more than a million and a quarter meals. That's what the record shows. In doing all these things, says Potts, they gained a better understanding of their place in the world today.

EXTENSION OF GAS LINES SOON IN PART OF CITY

The Lone Star Gas Co. has been issued approval for extension of lines in the southern part of the city which will serve a number of customers. Mack Young, district manager, said pipe had not been secured for the construction, but as soon as it was available the extensions would start on South Broadway and extend east to Fifth Street, west to Eighth Street and south to the Colorado River. When lines were extended to the Ballinger Steam Laundry, service was made available for houses in that part of town, west of Eighth Street and east of Fifth Street. The proposed extensions will provide service to citizens who have not heretofore had gas connections.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Joe Thomas Tuesday, November 30, for an all-day quilting and covered dish luncheon. The club voted to purchase a \$5 bond to support the financial drive of the tuberculosis association. Plans for the Christmas party for members and their families to be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts Friday evening, December 10, were completed. The menu and plans to serve the West Texas Utilities Co. banquet on the evening of December 17 were also completed. Fifteen members and two visitors, Mrs. Ross Smith, and Mrs. Doug Barnett, of San Angelo, were present. The next meeting will be held on January 4, in the home of Mrs. V. L. McShan. Shadow names will be revealed at that time. Buying "E" U. S. savings bonds 1) siphons off money which otherwise would be bidding prices up, and 2) builds up liquid reserves for buying something you may need later on.



NEW UNIFORM . . . Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower looks completely at home in the cap and gown of the academic world. He is pictured here during the ceremony in which he was formally installed as president of Columbia university.



ARMY BRASS . . . Lieut. Gen. J. Lawton Collins has been appointed to the newly created office of army vice chief-of-staff. He will take some of the administrative load off the shoulders of Chief-of-Staff Gen. Omar Bradley.

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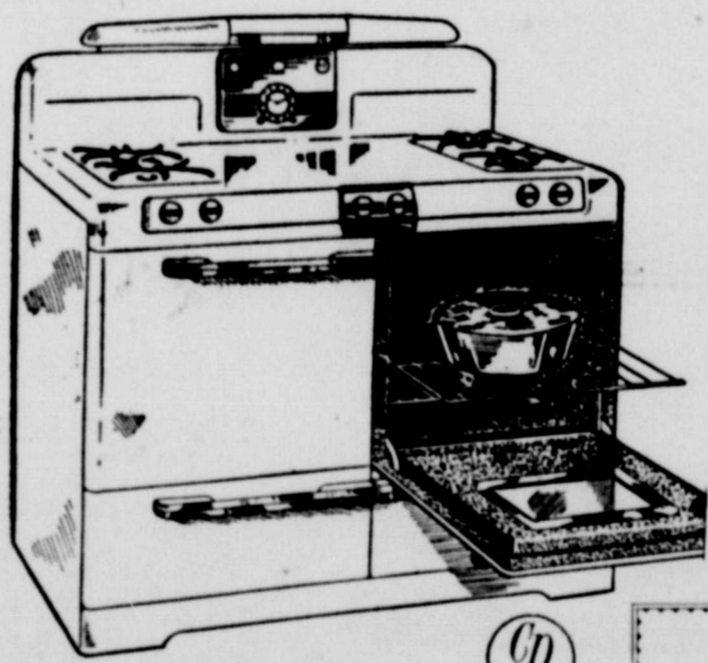
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New automatic gas range takes work out of baking by lighting itself. It automatically maintains exact temperature given in your recipe. Constantly circulated, evenly distributed heat bakes the nut, fruit, and spice filled batter into a delicacy that's out of this world.

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Special Christmas Events Arranged By First Baptists

Plans are moving along for special Christmas events at the First Baptist Church, with the main features scheduled Sunday, December 19.

That day will start off with two breakfast programs. One for the young people of the church is being planned but the place has not been designated. It will be held at 8 a. m. and will include all young people of the church. Miss Gladys Kemp will sponsor a breakfast and program for all intermediates in the church parlors beginning also at 8 a. m.

Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas message at the 11 o'clock hour on December 19. Appropriate music is being arranged.

The feature program of the day will be at the evening service when the choir will present the cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem." Rehearsals have been conducted for several weeks and the large chorus will be ready for the performance to climax the Christmas season in church programs.

Glenn Murray, director of the church choir last year, has returned to this position and will direct the cantata. He met with the choir last week and Sunday was his first day with the local church since his return.

FORMER WINTERS MAN SUCCEEDS AT LUBBOCK

Funeral services were held at Winters Monday afternoon for Luther Owens and interment followed in Fairview Cemetery. Mr. Owens died at Lubbock Sunday after long illness.

Decedent was associated with his brother, Buford Owens, in the operation of a drug store at Winters for many years. He left there in 1940 and since had made home at Lubbock. He resided at Winters from 1909 to 1940, when his health began to fail. He was a member of the Baptist church and funeral services were conducted at the Winters church Monday afternoon, Rev. L. L. Trott officiating.

Survivors besides the wife include two daughters, Mrs. Jack Skinner, of Lubbock; Mrs. Pete Vaughn, of Wichita Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Jim A. Jarrett, of Abilene, Mrs. Karlyne Melson, of Tulsa, and Mrs. Lula O. White, of Winters; a brother, Buford Owens, of Winters; and a granddaughter.



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Discounts on Taxes To End December 31; Payments Are Heavy

December is the last month for the payment of county and state taxes in which property owners receive a discount. During the remainder of this month a one per cent discount will be allowed and during January accounts will be paid in full with no discount.

Payments have already been heavy at all three tax collecting offices in Ballinger. Heavy payments began October 1 and reports from the office in the court house reveal payments about par with previous years to date.

While the city and school district offer no discounts for early payments, many accounts have been cleared and these offices expect a heavy run in January, last month before tax accounts become delinquent.

Poll tax paying also has been good, considering that 1949 will be an off-election year.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS TO COMMENCE DECEMBER 22

Ballinger school children will begin their Christmas holidays the afternoon of December 22 and will resume classwork on the morning of January 3.

A full schedule of classwork will be followed through December 22, after which students and teachers will be dismissed for a ten-day period.

Left-over turkey goes a long flavorful way in spicy turkey noodle squares. Rich egg noodles blend the flavor of turkey, spices, celery and apples to make a main dish.



SLUGGER . . . Favored finalist in the women's national amateur golf championship at Pebble Beach, Calif., was Helen Sigel of Philadelphia. She was in semifinals of the event three times in the past five tournaments.

Read the ads and SAVE!

ELECTRIC ROASTER USEFUL ADDITION TO KITCHEN, NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR RANGE

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 8. "An electric roaster is a useful addition to the kitchen, and need not be considered a substitute for the range," Mrs. Bernice Claytor, extension home management specialist of Texas A. & M. College, says. "A roaster may be too small for convenient general family cooking, except in emergencies, but it is very useful whenever you are preparing meals for a large group or whenever the range is crowded."

The U. S. department of agriculture has had many queries regarding the use of the electric roaster. Mrs. Claytor says, and in answer, the specialists have several suggestions which will put the electric roaster to the best use.

Many farm families, they say, use a roaster for summer cooking, when wood or coal ranges make the kitchen uncomfortably hot. A roaster can cook a whole meal for a small family, and apartment dwellers will find that a roaster plus a hot plate will do the cooking very satisfactorily.

Two important advantages of the appliance are the ease with which it can be moved and the fact that it can be plugged into any outlet. It can be moved from the kitchen to the recreation

room, for instance, or used in community halls for special occasions.

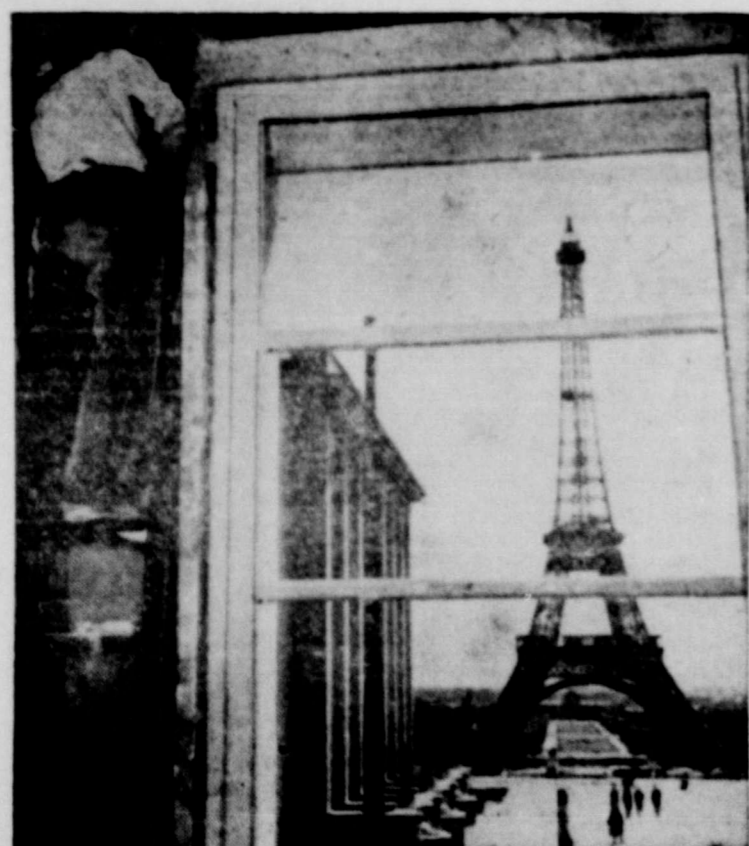
It's a good idea to have a convenient spot in the kitchen for the roaster, preferably a stand or

table of comfortable height near an electric outlet, where it can be kept. Mrs. Claytor concludes:

It's a nuisance to have to lift it out of a cabinet or cupboard each time it's to be used.

Truth is a good thing, but you should be careful how you handle it.

Singing increases the blood pressure, says a doctor, but he neglected to say whose.



WHERE THE U. N. WILL TALK IT OVER . . . This month the United Nations is reassembling in Paris to have another try at persuading the world to settle down. Here, a workman is shown engaged in the decoration of the newly erected secretariat building adjoining the Chailion palace where the U. N. general assembly is convening. Through the window the Eiffel tower looms into the sky.



NAVAL MANEUVERS . . . U. S. naval maneuvers in the North Atlantic included simulated amphibious attacks on Newfoundland's grim and rocky shores by units of the marines clad in special arctic assault gear. Here is the initial phase of a tactical exercise. As a mortar group hits the dirt under the watchful eye of a naval helicopter, the supporting naval vessel maintains a simulated covering fire, theoretical against a heavily defended air base occupied by a major world power. The exercises were the most intensive held since World War II.

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