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Committee to Submit Twenty-Two Names For C. of C. Directors

A nominating committee, composed of Charles Hambrick, J. G. Tuckey and Alfred Dallinger, will submit the names of twenty-two Ballingerites, eleven of whom are to be elected directors of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce. Directors of the chamber will meet Monday night of next week to pass on the list.

Following this action, post card ballots will be prepared and mailed to all members, asking them to elect eleven of the twenty-two to serve on the board for a two-year term.

Following the election of the eleven directors the eleven holders will meet and form the organization for 1949.

The entertainment committee is already making arrangements for the annual banquet and membership meeting to be held early in January. At this meeting the new officers will be presented and committees appointed for regular work during the following twelve months.

Roger Wheeler, who has resigned as manager of the local chamber of commerce to accept a position at Sherman, has prepared most of the annual statement and intends to be here at intervals with the new secretary-manager, James D. Weaver, to complete the 1948 report and have it printed for distribution to the membership.

A definite date for the annual banquet and membership meeting will be announced soon. Members of the committee will contact a speaker this week in an effort to arrange for all numbers on the program.

MOORE ERECTING PARK AT ROSWELL THIS WEEK

Bill Moore left Sunday for Big Spring and from there to Roswell, New Mexico, to look after business. Mr. Moore has started the erection of his baseball park at Roswell and is making several improvements over the way it was arranged here.

He is installing 200 concrete box seats and will fill in and connect all stands with entrance-ways underneath. This arrangement will give seating capacity for several hundred more people.

While in Minneapolis last week Mr. Moore arranged for player help through a chain of clubs and will be able to make his selections from spring training camps early in the year. He stated the past week-end that he was figuring with a manager but was not able to make a definite announcement at this time.

He expects to have his park completed by the latter part of February.

It's a sign of prosperity when men's pants bag at the pockets instead of the knees.

DISTRIBUTION ENGINEER NEW POSITION FOR LONE STAR CO



R. O. Pearson

R. O. Pearson, of Abilene, has been appointed to the newly created post of distribution engineer for Lone Star Gas Co.'s West Texas territory, according to an announcement by M. L. Bird, of Abilene, division superintendent.

Mr. Pearson's new duties include supervision of distribution facilities under Lone Star's gas service maintenance and expansion program. Mr. Bird said. His territory includes Ballinger and 77 other communities comprising twelve districts in the gas company's West Texas division.

Mr. Pearson joined Lone Star in 1932 as utility man at Hamlin. He served as local manager at Merkel and Haskell until 1940 when he was appointed to the staff of industrial engineers for the gas company in Abilene. He held this post until his assignment as distribution engineer.

He graduated from high school at Colorado City, his birthplace, and attended Texas A & M College. Prior to joining Lone Star he was employed by the Western Windmill Company and the Burton Lingo Company at Sweetwater. Mrs. Pearson, the former Helen Davis, of Grandview, is Texas advisor on women's activities for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Utilities Will Have Christmas Program For District Friday

All families of employees of the West Texas Utilities Co. in district G will assemble here tomorrow (Friday) for the company's annual Christmas program, following the safety meeting.

The quarterly safety meeting is to begin at 2:30 p. m. and the Yuletide party is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. in the high school cafeteria. This banquet and program will include all members of the families, and the kiddies are to have a special visit from Santa Claus.

The South Ballinger home demonstration club will prepare and serve the dinner.

Following the meal, District Manager W. O. Wallace will be master of ceremonies for the program. Rev. Larry Gilbert will present a special Christmas feature with background music supplied by Jimmie Isaacs. The remainder of the program will be taken up by Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts from the lighted tree.

This Christmas party is an annual event for all utilities company workers in the district and has been held here for a number of years.

LOCAL ROTARIANS TO HAVE YULE PROGRAM TUESDAY

The Ballinger Rotary Club will observe Christmas at its program Tuesday noon at the Central Hotel. A straight musical program, with the Christmas theme will be presented as well as other features.

Sam Behringer has charge of the program for the day and all members are urged to be present.

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Methodists to Have Christmas Programs At Services Sunday

The First Methodist Church will feature Christmas in all services Sunday, the climax to come at the evening hour when the choir will render the Christmas cantata, "That Song of Old," by Fred B. Holton.

The pastor, Rev. E. L. Craig, and other members have been devoting time this week to the annual Christmas offering for the Methodist Home for Children at Waco. This offering is made annually by the local membership.

Rev. Craig's subject for his Christmas message is "The First Christmas Proclamation," to be delivered at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning. The choir will present "Gloria in Excelsis," an old French carol, for its special.

Opening the service Sunday evening, Miss Wilma Duke will play "Noel Cantique" for the prelude and this will be followed by the Christmas story and prayer by Rev. Craig. Miss Duke will play an arrangement of "Silent Night" for the offertory.

Ten musical numbers are included in the cantata with Al Dallinger, Mrs. Charles Webb, Mrs. Wylie Hearne, Rex Mauldin and Mrs. Douglas Cox having solo parts, and a men's chorus and a ladies' chorus will also be heard. The cantata will begin at 7:00 p. m.

On Wednesday night of next week all departments of the church school will assemble for one big Christmas tree and program. This program will begin at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. Craig extends a cordial invitation to citizens of this area to attend and enjoy these Christmas services and feature programs.

MRS. A. SCHNABLE DIES AT HOME IN SHAWNEE

Mrs. A. Schnable, mother of J. A. Schnable, formerly manager of the Ballinger district of the Lone Star Gas Co. system, died at her home in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Saturday morning at 1:15.

Mrs. Schnable had been critically ill for the past four weeks and was in an Oklahoma City hospital until a short time before her death. After being removed to the hospital she suffered a stroke of paralysis and died a short time after being taken back to her home in Shawnee.

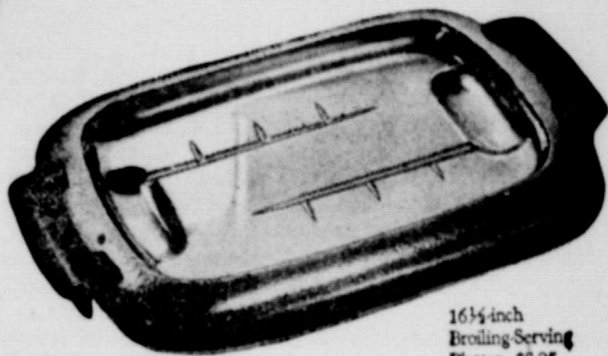
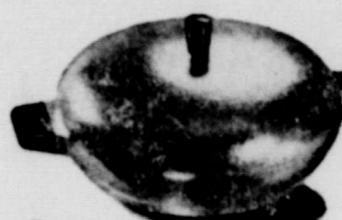
Mr. and Mrs. A. Schnable have visited in Ballinger on numerous occasions during the past fifteen years and made many friends here.

Funeral services were held at Shawnee Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

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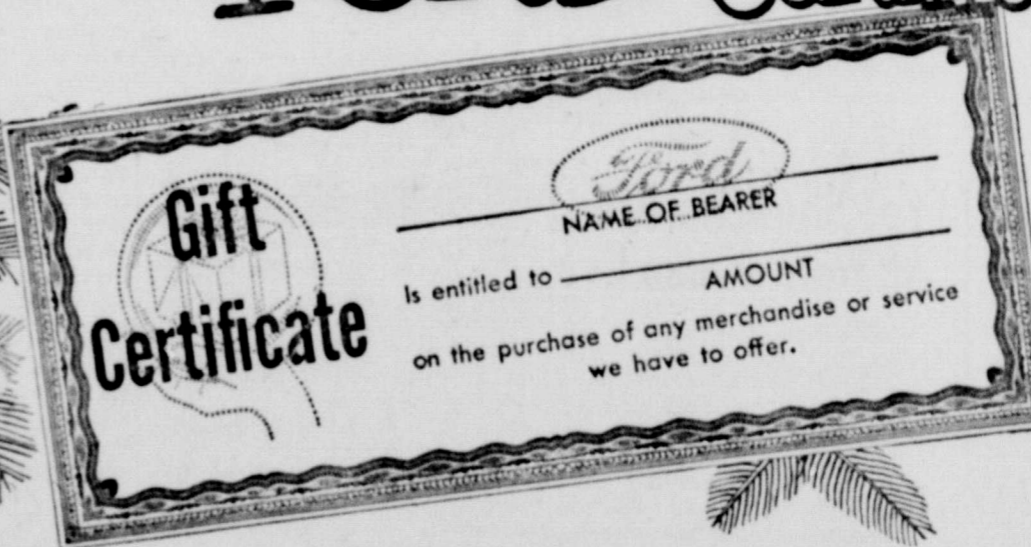


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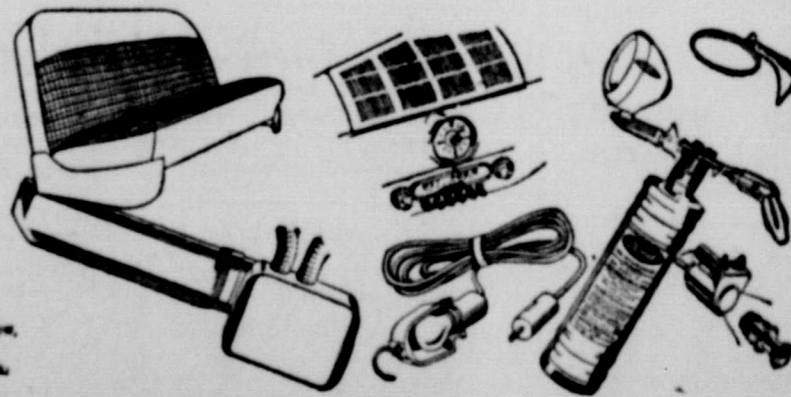


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Christmas Mailing Reported Lagging At Local Postoffice

Postmaster Tom Caudle stated Tuesday that mailing of Christmas parcels and cards had been about normal up to that time, but the daily work was only slightly heavier than before the holiday period.

Mr. Caudle said he expected the heavy mailing to start this week-end but reminded the public that the office will close as usual at

noon on Saturdays. Two extra clerks will be employed next week and the local office will be cleared of outgoing and incoming mail daily.

A heavy rush is anticipated the last few days before Christmas. Clerks will see that packages leave here but delivery will depend on them clearing through large centers where mail sometimes becomes congested. All parcels, letters and cards will be worked here every day and local delivery made.

The postmaster pointed out that in order to help get delivery of packages and cards before Christmas it was necessary that mailing

begin at once and postal workers would do everything possible to get the mail through to its destination. Those who wait until even Monday of next week will have only five days for mail to travel and with the rush on all over the United States it will be a tremendous task to get it all to its destination and delivered on time. The cooperation of the public is asked in order that satisfactory service may be rendered.

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QUEEN... "Queen" of the National Farm and Garden show in Chicago was farmer's daughter Patsy Miller, 17, from Osceola, Ia. Patsy can cook, sew, milk a cow, drive a tractor and keep a garden.



SEEKS AID... Madame Chiang Kai-shek as she appeared upon her landing in this country to seek aid from the government in China's back-to-the-wall fight against encroaching Communist forces in China.

OLPEN P.-T.A. TO PROVIDE XMAS PARTY FOR PUPILS

The Olpen Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting in the school assembly hall last Thursday evening. Mrs. L. A. Halfmann presided at this meeting.

Members present voted unanimously to pay the expenses of the forthcoming Christmas party for the school children.

The president urged P.-T.A. members to attend the school meeting to be held at the Ballinger high school auditorium on the evening of December 13. Dr. Pat Norwood will explain the proposals of the Gilmer-Aiken committee at this meeting.

Mrs. L. A. Halfmann gave a resume of the problems discussed at the health meeting held recently in Ballinger.

Instructive readings pertaining chiefly to the holy season of Christmas were given by Mrs. Joe Busenlehner, Mrs. Jake Hoebcher, and Mrs. Ferdinand Rohfeld.

The attendance prize was won by Mrs. Ferdinand Rohfeld; the prize for having the most parents present going to the fifth grade room.

A delightful Christmas program in which all the members participated was planned by the entertainment committee. Mrs. Henry Halfmann, pianist, played the

music for the program. After the program, each member received a gift from the beautifully decorated Christmas tree which stood in the assembly hall.

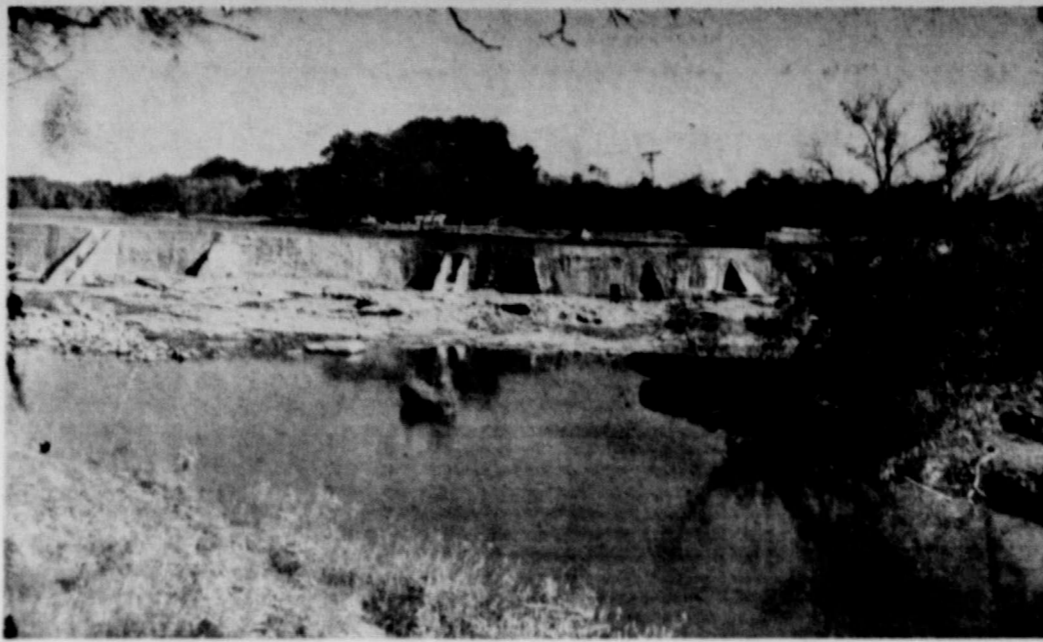
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS REQUIRED OF EMPLOYEES FOR PRE-CHRISTMAS WORK

Additional salespeople employed for the holiday season must have a social security number, George Clark, San Angelo social security field office manager, reminded today.

With the Christmas rush almost at full tide, Clark urges that each person who has a job or who expects to be employed, part-time or full-time, secure a social security account number immediately, if he does not already have one. He should make a point of showing it to the employer at the time he is entered on the payroll.

Employers were also reminded to see that each person hired has a social security number. A record of the number should be made at the time the persons enter the service of the firm.

Clark reminded business men, hotel managers and other people who receive checks for cashing or in payment of merchandise that they should not accept social security account numbers as positive certification of the individual holder.



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Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis
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DORSEY READ HOME DAMAGED BY FIRE

Ballinger firemen were called to the home of Dorsey Read, 1008 Eighth Street, Monday morning. A blaze which originated in a bathroom did considerable damage before it was extinguished.

In addition to the damage done to the house, the Reads sustained considerable loss in furnishings and personal effects from fire, smoke and water.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Miller, of Florence, visited in the home of Mrs. T. J. McCaughan this week. Mr. Miller is vice-president and general manager of the Texas Chalk Co., the only plant of its kind in the western hemisphere. Minerals are mined there and processed for stock food. Mr. Miller stated that his company's nearest competition was located at Dover, England.

Sam Dunlap and son, Sam II, of Dallas, spent the past weekend here, visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap.

Marion T. Montgomery, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Montgomery, of Ballinger, has been assigned to the fifth armored division for eight weeks basic training. Prior to entering the army he was employed here by the Texas Compress Co.

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"Night Has a Thousand Eyes," main attraction at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, stars Edward G. Robinson, Gail Russell and John Lund.

'The Iron Curtain' Has Amazing Plot

With the showing next Wednesday and Thursday, December 22, 23, at the Texas Theatre of "The Iron Curtain," starring Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney, 20th Century-Fox brings to screen life the actual story behind the headlines that startled the world just two years ago.

The amazing disclosures of a world-wide network of intrigue that erupted in Canada with the exposure last year of a fabulously complex and daring atom bomb plot, brought to light a story unequalled by anything that even E. Phillips Oppenheim, that old master of spy fiction, ever wrote. It proved to be, in fact, the most amazing plot in 3300 years of recorded espionage.

As the couple in "The Iron Curtain" who are destined always to live in danger and never know a quiet moment, the studio chose Dana Andrews and Gene Tierney. Andrews is seen as Gouzenko, the embassy code clerk, who exposed the spy ring, while Miss Tierney is his wife, Anna, who wanted only that their son be brought up in a country free from fear.

June Havoc provides a modern antidote to the classic conception of the sly female spy with her portrayal of Kananova. Others in the outstanding supporting cast include Berry Kroeger, Edna Best, Stefan Schnabel, Nicholas Joy, Eduard Franz, Frederic Tozere.



DEBUT... None other than Noel Coward, himself, as he made up for his debut as a French actor in Paris. The playwright scored a personal acting triumph in the play "Joyeux Chagrin," or "Glad Sorrows."

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Robinson, Gail Russell and Lund In 'Night Has a Thousand Eyes'

In "Night Has a Thousand Eyes," plenty of suspense. And there's a fair helping of humor, too, supplied by William Demarest, a detective who wouldn't believe in a ghost if he got knocked down by one.

"Northwest Stamped," starring James Craig, Joan Leslie and Jack Oakie, is the No. 1 feature of the double-bill at the Texas tomorrow and Saturday, December 17 and 18. This is the story of a battle between a man and a woman and their struggle to capture a wild horse, set amid the colorful grandeur of the Canadian Rockies and Calgary horse country. Shot on location in the tall fir country of Northwest Canada, the picture shows the excitement and drama in the capturing of wild horses from the range, in particular, a beautiful wild outlaw horse.

A crisp, sparkling comedy farce that has no other design than to produce an epidemic of laughter throughout its ninety minutes of screening, is the second feature on the program tomorrow and Saturday. It is the 20th Century-Fox film, "Let's Live Again," co-starring John Emery and Hillary Brooke with Diana Douglas, Taylor Holmes and James Millican in major supporting roles.

Alan 'Rocky' Lane Scores in Western Thriller, 'Desperadoes of Dodge City'

"Desperadoes of Dodge City," an Allan "Rocky" Lane starrer, and "Lady in a Jam," a fast-moving comedy, make up the double-feature program at the Palace Theatre tomorrow and Saturday, December 17, 18.

Rocky portrays a western scout carrying a vital document across the Badlands. When the document is stolen, it is his job to retrieve it for it must get through to Fort Henry in time to enable the cavalry to accompany and protect a wagon train of homesteaders.

through the Badlands. This is the province of McBride, notorious outlaw determined to let no one settle there. His rule will end once law is established.

How Rocky tricks McBride into exposing himself and manages, in spite of great odds, to have the document reach the cavalry in the nick of time, is excitingly depicted in the thrilling western.

Others in the cast include Eddy Waller, Mildred Coles, Roy Barcroft, Tristram Coffin, Ted Mapes, William Phipps, Dale Van Sickle, Peggy Wynne, Edward Cassidy.

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Mrs. Lynn Canady was hostess to the Blanton Workers Club on December 2 when members met in her home to do handwork for the hostess. A covered dish luncheon was served at the noon hour. Mrs. J. W. Reese was birthday honoree, and the birthday cake was cut in her honor and a gift was presented to her. At the business session plans were made for the Christmas party Tuesday, December 21, with Mrs. Arless Tounget as hostess. Thirteen members and one visitor were present.

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Housewives' Choice In Potatoes Given

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 15.—Ask the average housewife what she looks for in potatoes, and here's what she'll likely tell you: a medium size potato that is clean, has a smooth skin, no spots, few eyes—and eyes that are not so deep. She also likes potatoes to be light colored and undamaged.

This is what the USDA found in a recent survey of housewives, says Myrtle Murray, extension home marketing specialist of Texas A & M College. Miss Murray says the housewives' ideal potato is one that will cook up soft, mealy, and even throughout without falling apart.

Housewives buy the medium sized potato because it's the best size for judging portions, it's easy to peel and handle, and can be used for many purposes. The small ones take too much time and too much work to prepare. The large ones do have one advantage, and that's baking. But housewives will tell you that the large ones often have black spots in the center. Those are reasons Mrs. Average Housewife picks out the medium sized potato.

Few people seem to know that potatoes have any food value other than starch. Fact is, says Miss Murray, a helping of potatoes has about as much iron as two slices of enriched bread, or about half as much as in one egg. And one medium sized potato contains as much vitamin C as a small glass of tomato juice, as well as healthy amounts of vitamin B1.

Quality comes first, but price has its place, says Miss Murray. As incomes go up, people are more interested in quality and size, and are not so much interested in the price.

Processed potatoes aren't very popular with housewives. Canned boiled potatoes, frozen French fries and potato flour come under this heading. At least half the women interviewed in this survey said they had never heard of these products.

There's one processed potato product that is popular, though. And that's the potato chip. Nine out of ten people interviewed buy them for parties, snacks and picnics, says Miss Murray. Note to farmers, shippers and distributors of potatoes: That's what the housewives want. Now it's up to you.

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DeCarlo, Duryea, Cameron Star In Melodramatic 'River Lady'

Lusty melodrama along the timber frontiers of the upper Mississippi River provides vivid entertainment in "River Lady," action film in Technicolor to be shown at the Ford Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 18, 19, 20, 21.

Yvonne DeCarlo, Dan Duryea, Rod Cameron and Helena Carter co-star in the story which deals with a conspiracy against pioneer lumber operators on isolated tributaries of the Mississippi during the nineteenth century.

Miss DeCarlo is seen as the wicked but glamorous proprietress of a gambling boat, the "River Lady." Duryea is her smooth, hard partner in larceny. Cameron plays a rough and rugged lumberjack who spurns Miss DeCarlo's affections and her insidious attempts to make him a partner in the community. Miss Carter has a key role and Lloyd Gough heads the featured cast which includes Florence Bates.

The plot exposes efforts of a grasping combine to bankrupt the independent operators and acquire their timber holdings. Cameron, learning of the scheme, sets himself to fight the syndicate although he believes he is still in love with the lady of the gambling boat.

After practically kidnapping a support of a few intrepid inde-

pendent operators, Cameron fights to get his initial log shipment down the river to the mills. In a free-for-all on the logs, between the jacks and Duryea's henchmen, Cameron is seriously injured. The syndicate chief is killed following the dynamiting of a log jam.

'DOG' DAWSON TO SPEAK AT FOOTBALL BANQUET

Members of the Methodist Men will entertain the football players of Ballinger senior and junior schools tonight with a banquet and program in the basement of the First Methodist Church.

The affair will start at 7:30 at which time a dinner will be served with the players special guests for the occasion. "Dog" Dawson, a member of the coaching staff at A & M College, will address the players and men following the meal. He is also expected to bring pictures of some of the best games played by A & M during the past season and show these at the conclusion of his talk.

Other entertainment numbers will be presented on the program according to those in charge of the program.

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SOCIETY

Gifts Exchanged at Benoit Social Club Meeting

The Benoit Social Club, organized several weeks ago, met at the school house on Thursday, December 9, for a regular meeting. Gifts were exchanged and refreshments of cookies and spiced tea were served by the hostesses, Miss Olga

Werner and Mrs. Frank Hoffman. The club has twenty-two members. Officers are: Mrs. Curry Brookshier, president; Mrs. Aubrey Ashton, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Spreen, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. T. E. Foreman, reporter. The club will exchange special gifts every two months. A community 42 party is being held tonight, sponsored by the club.

H. H. Halfmann, Jr., Honor Guest on First Birthday Anniversary

H. H. Halfmann, Jr., was honor guest on his first birthday anniversary December 7, when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Halfmann, entertained with a party at their home in Lowake. The living room of the Halfmann home was decorated with the lighted Christmas tree and mistletoe. The birthday cake, which was

topped with the words "Happy Birthday" and one white candle, was cut and served with sandwiches and coffee to: Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hennecke, Sandra Jean, Mary Ann and Betty Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Halfmann, Mr. and Mrs. Otto J. Halfmann, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Halfmann, Raymond and Leonard Halfmann, all of Olfen; Mr. and Mrs. William Urbanek, Beatrice Ann and Barbara Jean, of Rowena; Jean Dankworth, Catherine Richards and June Harris, of Bethel.

Marvin Clark welcomed guests. Mrs. Herman Price was the devotional leader, and read the Christmas story, from the 2nd chapter of Matthew, after the song "Come All Ye Faithful."

Mrs. D. B. Crockett brought the prayer, after which Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh presented Mrs. McKinney, the guest speaker, who also read "The Other Wise Man," by Henry Van Dyke. At the conclusion Mrs. Clark thanked committees who made arrangements for the Woman's Day program last week, and also thanked the Young Boys' Missionary Group for their missionary donation. The meeting closed with the group repeating the missionary benediction.

At the social hour Mmes. J. R. Lusk, J. E. Gentry, O. P. Dorsey, and Miss Lula McElroy served mince pie topped with whipped cream and coffee to those previously mentioned and to Mmes. C. F. Bailey, Oscar Pearson, Horace Murphy, Joe Satterwhite, W. V. Connelly, A. W. Gray; Miss Lilly Clayton, Miss Agnes Gieber; and Glorianna Crawford.

It's Smart to be Thrifty—See Higginbotham's Half-Price Dress Sale ad on page 7.

South Ballinger Club Has Annual Christmas Party

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts were hosts to the members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club and their families for the annual Christmas party, Friday evening, at their home in South Ballinger.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greens, candles and a lighted Christmas tree, where guests heard a Christmas story read by Mrs. J. W. Jones and enjoyed games of 42. A friendship quilt which was recently completed by the club was presented to Miss Ollie Chenoweth and a gift was also presented to Mrs. Joe Thomas, retiring president of the club.

After gifts were exchanged from the tree, a salad plate with sandwiches, cookies and candies was served with coffee and cocoa to forty-two guests.

Mary Helen Routh's Birthday Anniversary Celebrated

Mary Helen Routh was honor guest on her second birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. R. O. Routh, entertained with a party in the home of the honoree's grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Hale, on Seventh Street.

Mrs. Play Brevard and Miss Frances Routh, aunts of the honoree, assisted in entertaining small guests. The Hale home was beautifully

decorated with chrysanthemums and Christmas potted plants; and gifts were received from the lighted tree. Pictures were made by Tom Agnew, and they will be sent to L. R. O. Routh, who is in the Pacific area. The birthday cake, which was a white iced rabbit, was topped with two white candles and served with ice cream.

Guests and their mothers were: Linda Koller and Mrs. Clark Koller, Shad and Lowell Longnette and Mrs. J. W. Longnette, Karen Curry and Mrs. Ed Curry, Weldon and David Brevard, Mrs. Oscar Routh, grandmother of the honoree; and from Talpa were Robert Hale and Mrs. Noel Hale, and Charles Alcorn and Mrs. Arnold Alcorn.

Ballinger Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary Organized

Wives of members of the Ballinger Volunteer Fire Department met in the city auditorium last Thursday night for the purpose of organizing a Fireman's Auxiliary.

D. G. Posey assisted with the organization and named Mrs. Charles Webb as chairman for the election of officers. The following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Lee Parker; vice-president, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Charles V. Webb.

After the election of officers, Mrs. Parker appointed Mrs. Lynn Candler, Mrs. Royce Mapes and Mrs. Chester Afflerbach as a committee to draw up the constitution and by-laws; and delegates were appointed to attend a meeting at Eden at which they will help plan a program for the district convention at Mason on February 8, 1949. The Ballinger representatives are Mrs. Posey, Mrs. Chester Cherry and Mrs. Morgan.

At the organization meeting twelve charter members were signed: Mmes. Parker, Morgan, Webb, Candler, Mapes, Afflerbach, Bill Bell, Henry Moody, Posey, W. F. Mueller, Oscar Batts and Lyle Winter.

Lone Star Employees and Families Honored at Yule Party

About fifty people attended the Christmas party honoring Lone Star Gas Co. employees and their families last Saturday evening at the pipe line department north of town.

The large Christmas tree, decorated with multi-colored lights, mistletoe and other greenery, and other seasonal symbols decorated the large room where Santa in person made his visit and presented toys and candies to the kiddies. Refreshments were served following games of forty-two and dancing to a record-player. G. M. Hargis, manager of the

local department, and Mrs. Hargis were in charge of arrangements, and were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McClenney, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Browning and other employees.

R. T. Williams returned Wednesday from Dallas, where he transacted business several days.

Mrs. John Hollingsworth will arrive this week-end from Miami, to visit in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass. Mr. Hollingsworth will spend a month at Brownsville, checking captains for Pan-American Airways.

Mrs. Harold Salfen and sons left today for Chicago after visiting here the past several weeks. Mr. Salfen, who is traffic manager for American Air Lines, recently was transferred from St. Louis to Chicago and since then Mrs. Salfen and children have been here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor.

It's Smart to be Thrifty—See Higginbotham's Half-Price Dress Sale ad on page 7.

Carder, Moore State Minneapolis Baseball Parley Well Attended

H. S. Carder and Bill Moore returned last Friday night from Minneapolis, where they attended the national meeting for minor league owners. The two Ballinger men reported large attendance this year, many club owners, managers and players being present for the four-day meeting.

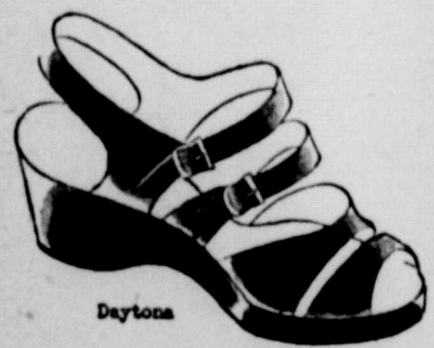
Mr. Carder represented the Ballinger fans and franchise and while attending the meeting held interviews with a number of prospective managers for the Ballinger club in 1949. He returned with at least three likely propositions, two of which came from former major league players who are still going good in minor circuits.

Both men found club owners looking forward to a good season in 1949. Mr. Moore also talked to a number of men in regard to taking the management of the Roswell team.

Mr. Carder thinks a meeting of local fans should be held so he can make a complete report on his mission and give some of the highlights of programs at the annual convention. While in Minneapolis he also talked to a number of supply men and looked over baseball equipment, transportation and other items which would be needed here in the operation of the team and concessions.

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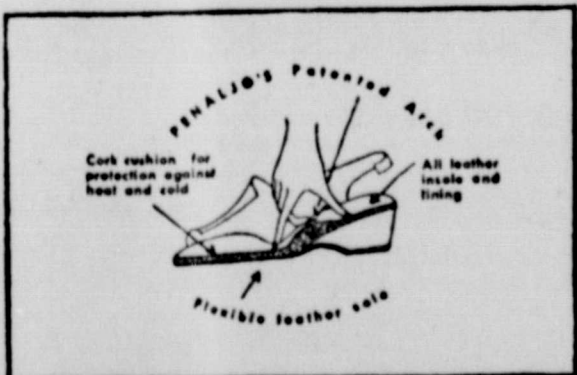
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There are a few families in Ballinger who will have no Christmas except that provided by others who want to see that everyone is remembered. Local organizations are helping to see that everyone, especially every family in which there are children, gets a few things and a good dinner this Christmas. The "adopt-a-family" plan is being pushed and already more than a dozen families have been taken from the list and will be supplied by Sunday school classes and other groups. Some food, clothing, a few toys and some fruit will answer the purpose in most instances and those who participate are asked to make and select a family. Lists of those needing aid may be seen at the Ledger office. Individuals who do not feel able to take care of a whole family, but who would like to make a cash gift to be used in this program, may send it to this office.

A new man is coming to Ballinger to become secretary-manager of the chamber of commerce. This position can mean more to the city than any other individual but to accomplish the most, he must have the full cooperation of everyone. The boosting of a town, leading programs from which all receive benefits, and building friendship for the community is not work which can be put over with ease and at no expense. The commercial organization needs an adequate budget to carry on its work. This has never been provided in an amount which did not just barely keep the chamber out of the "red." Let's get behind the preparations as soon as possible new manager, provide funds and give him the assistance to make the chamber of commerce felt in this section.

Discovery of oil in various sections of West Texas is helping

Ballinger at this time. Producers near the city recently have brought a number of crews here for temporary residence and good wells near Bronte are causing a number of oil men to stay in Ballinger and look after their business in that vicinity from this point. With dry weather curbing other business activities, oil is helping to keep business moving in Ballinger, fill all rent houses and apartments, and large sums are spent here otherwise which helps local business. Prospects are the best in the history of this immediate section for oil production and 1949 may see big activity in the county.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

A West Texas Utilities Co. crew was busy at Bronte all last week installing new street lights. The contract for the new system also calls for the removal of all the old equipment in the center of the street. New three- and four-inch water lines are also being laid and Commissioner Cecil Kemp stated that this job would also be completed within a few more days. Transite pipe is being used to replace the smaller lines and to make needed extensions.

Information was received at Paint Rock last week from the state highway department that a contract had been awarded to Thomas & Ratliff, of Rogers, for grading, building drainage structures, laying flexible base and asphalt surface on 17.23 miles of farm highway No. 765 in Concho county. The road will start at a point 12 miles north of Eden and extend to the McCulloch county line at Doole.

Wilson & Patterson, of Fort Worth, has been employed by Menard school officials to draw plans for a new high school building. Instructions have been given to rush the plans as much as possible so that contracts can be let and work started soon. The Menard high school was destroyed by fire and students have been crowded into the elementary school and the court house.

Coleman Jaycees staged a big variety show last Friday night in the high school auditorium to raise funds to carry out a Christmas program which will provide for needy families in the city. Thirty-five people took part in the show, which included 18 vaudeville acts. A whirlwind ticket sale was conducted to secure support.

The Brownwood Lions Club will launch its annual "Mile of Dimes" December 21, to extend through December 24. This is an annual project by the club to raise money for welfare work in Brown county. Officials stated that more money was spent in Brown county the past year than was raised from the campaign the year before. A total of 43 cases were handled during the year, six of which involved hospitalization. Cost of this aid totaled \$1,365.

The Winters Chamber of Commerce has posted cash prizes to be given for the best Christmas decorations shown the night of December 17. Winters Jaycees are assisting in decorating the business district and the past week put up a large amount of native

cedar along the curbs. This form of decoration was used with colored lights to give downtown streets a festive look, especially at night. Cash prizes offered by the chamber are for decorations in homes and yards.

Peanut growers in the Rising Star section were told last week to cut their acreage by 22 percent next year if they want to receive government price guarantees. At the same time speakers outlined a government-approved program for increased production goals for poultry, milk, several vegetables, sheep and lambs. Rising Star farmers have been devoting much of their cultivated acreage to peanuts for a number of years.

Announcement has been made at Comanche by Postmaster Robert L. Eaton that city delivery service of mail has been approved. The office is awaiting necessary equipment before inaugurating the new service. In the meantime the postmaster advises patrons that they have certain requirements to meet in order to get this delivery. All houses must have correct numbers and approved boxes must be installed. A walk from the house to the street also is necessary before service will be permitted.

Floyd C. Dodson, of San Angelo, and B. A. Duffy, of Abilene, have staked a location for a new wild-cat oil test near Melvin. The rig will be set up about a mile west of the city limits and the contract calls for a hole 3,000 feet deep or to commercial production. Leasing of the block started March 29 and all paper work has been completed on the area where this and other wells are to be drilled.

The Texas Mosaic Tile Co., of Brady, has received an order for 500,000 square feet of floor tile which will keep the plant in continuous operation for seven or eight months to complete and deliver. This is the first production for the firm on a commercial basis. During the past several months experiments have been run and the products offered for sale. The company recently took a 10-year lease on a clay pit in Whiteland Hills, just west of the city. Operators estimate the land will provide a 30-year supply of clay and shale for tile manufacture.

Nine out of ten home fires are preventable. It's up to you to find the fire hazards in your home and eliminate them.

Costs of Building Expected to Hold Firm for a While

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 15.—Don't wait. Do it now. That's the information W. S. Allen, extension agricultural buildings engineer of Texas A. & M. College, has for the folks who are waiting for construction costs to drop back to normal.

There just isn't much chance that will happen, says Allen. Fact is, construction costs have continued to rise slightly in recent months, but appear to be leveling off right now. House building fell off during the late summer, but has picked up a little the last month. Farm building, on a national scale, continues at a faster pace than was predicted earlier in the year.

Prewar building costs are just history now. It's not likely that folks will see them again in any period ahead for which they can plan. In short, for those holding off to build, Allen can give little or no encouragement to wait.

There's a reasonably good supply of lumber, both in quantity and quality. Hardware, plumbing and nail supplies vary with different localities. But when a little planning ahead is done, these materials can usually be had. Cement supplies are short right now, but more is expected later on.

There's a need to think in terms of structures for production during 1949. Forecasters believe there will be a shortage of grain storage, and in order to make the most of continued high prices, there's going to be a big need for broiler houses, laying houses, milk sheds, and dairy barns.

The farm home is just as big a part—if not the most important—of the farm production plant as the farm buildings, reminds Allen.

So now is as good a time as any to build up the farm production plant.

Prices aren't going down—just yet, anyway.

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WRIGHT PLANE RETURNS . . . The famous Wright brothers plane "Kitty Hawk" is shown as it arrived at ceremonies at the Freer art gallery in Washington. The ceremonies were attendant to the plane's being brought to its final resting place in the Smithsonian institute following its long return journey from Great Britain to the United States.



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Christmas Theme For First Baptists At Services Sunday

Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour. His subject is "The Music of Christmas" and music for the service will be appropriate.

Christmas programs will begin earlier Sunday morning for some departments of the church. The young people will assemble at the Central Hotel at 8:15 for a breakfast and the intermediate department will have breakfast in the church basement.

The feature program of the day will be a cantata by the church choir at the evening hour. Glenn Murray, director of music for the church, will have charge of this

program, presenting a large choir and soloists in "The Music of Bethlehem." Soloists and special parts will be by Miss Rosemary Bruce, Mrs. John Castor, Mrs. W. E. Elkins, Mrs. Elliott Kemp, Mrs. E. D. Lovelady, Mrs. Carl Black, E. D. Lovelady, R. E. White and Mr. Murray.

Mrs. O. G. Joiner will be at the organ console and Mrs. Earl Cope at the piano.

A number of Christmas programs and trees have been planned for the Sunday school departments next week.

When making sausage for freezing, add all the seasoning ingredients except the salt. Salt seems to speed up the rancidity process, while the other seasonings keep the sausage from getting rancid.

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END OF THE ROAD . . . This dramatic action photo shows Oakland, Calif., police officers in the act of breaking up a daring \$500 holdup of an Oakland night club. Patrolman Ray Pierce, extreme left, stands over Melvin Davis, alleged ringleader of the gang whom Pierce has just shot down. Lying on the sidewalk also is Albert Faccini, 35, an employee at the club, who was being held as a hostage by the gang and was shot down by mistake when he broke away from the trio as police arrived.

Christmas Program At First Christian Church Next Sunday

Archie W. Gray, minister of the First Christian Church, stated today that Christmas would be celebrated at the morning service Sunday, at which time he would deliver his message and other program features would be presented.

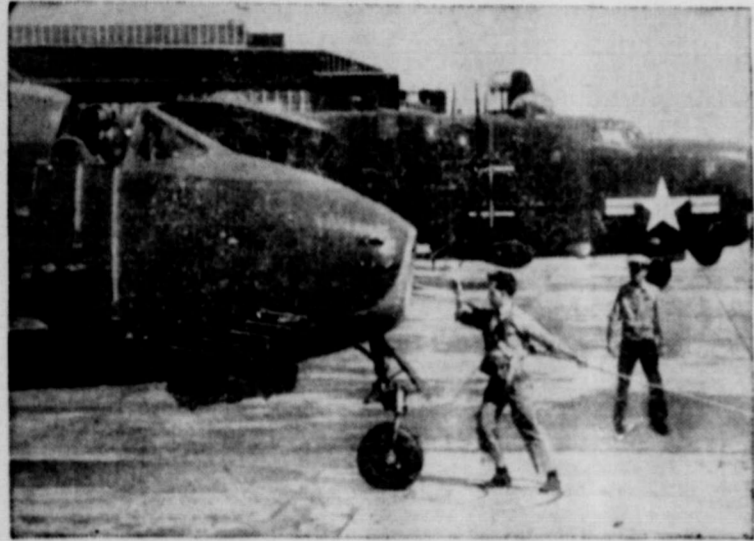
A Christmas tree and program also will be held at this church on Wednesday, December 22. Mrs. Gene Crawford, superintendent of the primary department, will be in charge of this program which will be for the children of the church.

A program by the children will precede the visit from Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts.

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"MONTY" CONFERS . . . Viscount Montgomery, head of the Western Europe Permanent Defense organization, is shown as he left the French National Defense ministry after conferring with Gen. Le Cheres who is at his right.



FLIRTING WITH A JET . . . Lieut. A. L. Hall of the navy's medical corps service is shown standing in front of the intake of a jet aircraft during a test to determine just how close a person can come to it without being sucked into the inferno. He wears a heavy belt to which is attached a safety line. The lieutenant found that you can give the deadly sucker an even break to within three feet of the intake.

Christmas Services At St. Mary's Church Announced by Pastor

The Very Rev. Father Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., pastor, has announced the following program for St. Mary's Catholic Church:

December 24—Confessions 4:30 to 6:00 p. m. and 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. At 9:00 p. m. the doors of the church will be closed until 10:45 p. m.

December 24—Christmas carols at 11:30 p. m. by the church choir under the direction of Rev. Father

Francis Taylor, O. M. I. Promptly at 12:00 o'clock the midnight mass will begin. This will be a high mass. The choir will be under the direction of Father Taylor, with Mrs. Mary Sue Cottelle at the organ. The celebrant of the mass will be the Very Rev. Father Postert. The sermon will be delivered by Father Taylor.

On Christmas day a mass will be offered at Winters at 8:00 a. m. and the second mass at St. Mary's will be at 10:00 a. m.

Non-Catholic friends are cordially invited to assist at the above divine services.

Read the grocery ads and save.

Card of Thanks

Through this medium we wish to express our thanks to everyone who helped in any way during the long illness and death of our mother, Mrs. D. E. Caudie.

We appreciate every kind thought, word and deed, the prayers, songs and beautiful flowers. May each of you have friends in your hours of grief.

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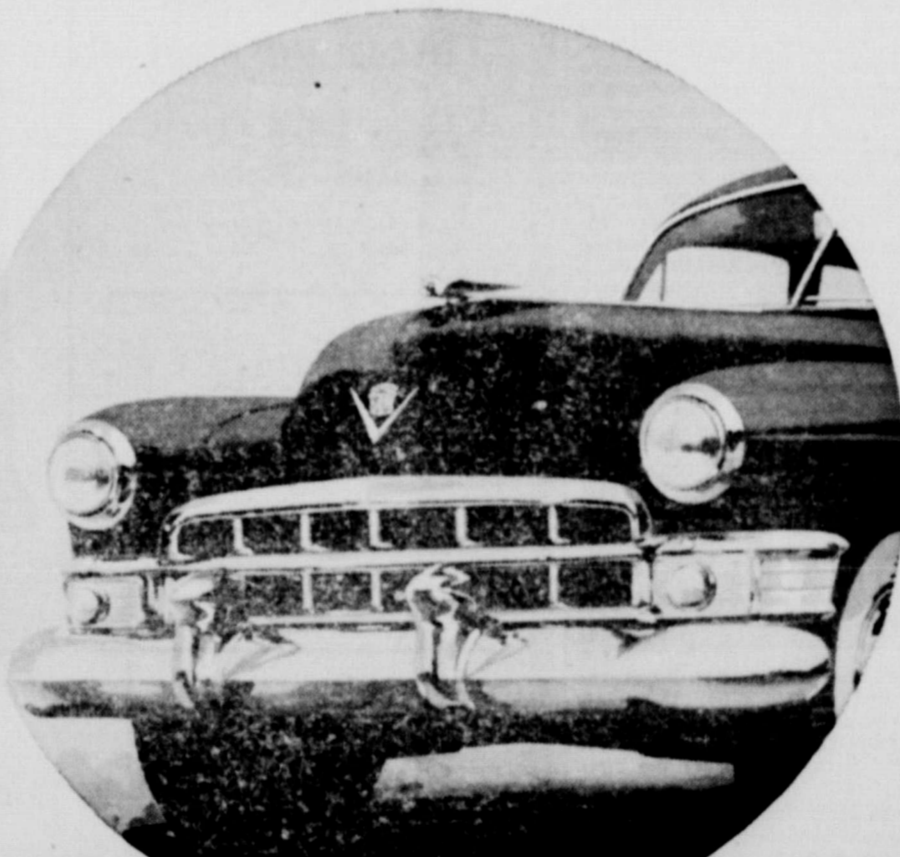
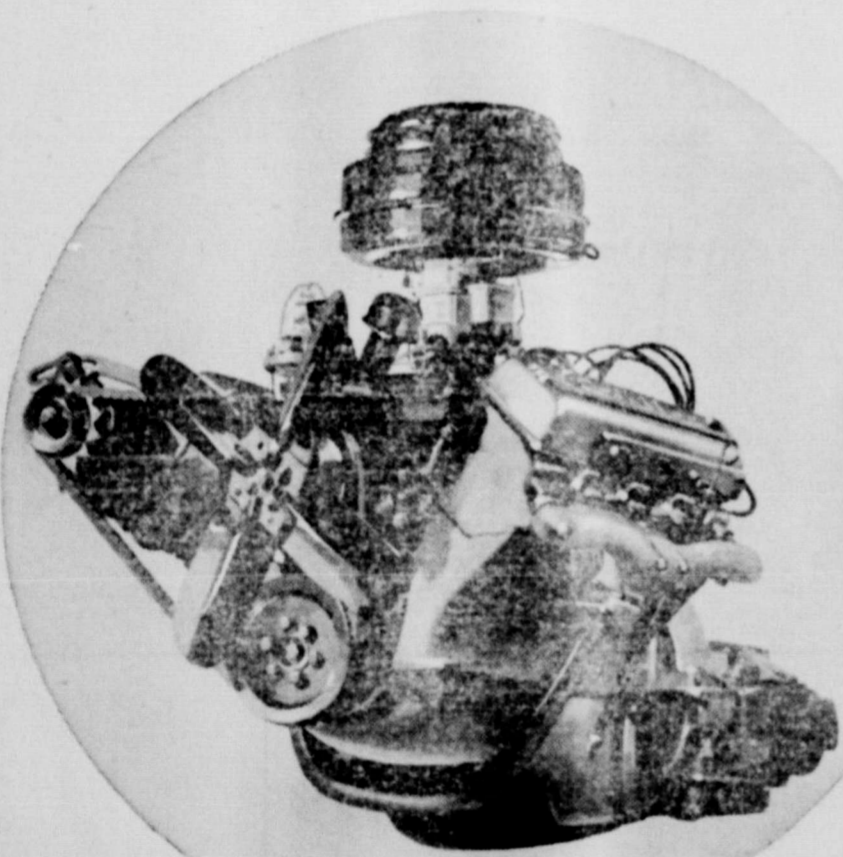
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NEW COMET . . . Here's a photograph of that new comet which appeared a few weeks ago and was described by astronomers as "the most beautiful of this generation." This picture was made at Mt. Palomar, Calif. An exposure time of five minutes was used which accounts for the white marks throughout the picture. They're stars. The comet was visible in most parts of the United States.

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GOOD LUCK, MRS. KASENKINA . . . A patient at Roosevelt hospital since she leaped to freedom from a window of the Russian consulate on August 12, Mrs. Oksana Kasenkina, former Soviet school teacher, is shown in her wheelchair as she prepared to leave the hospital. During her stay at the hospital, Mrs. Kasenkina wrote the story of her life. Proceeds from the sale of the story will go to pay her medical bills.



The old Cherry Tree carol, or the legend upon which it is based, is undoubtedly the reason for the custom of placing a branch of cherry tree in water to bud for Christmas time.

According to this legend, Mary and Joseph on their way to Bethlehem passed a tree loaded with cherries. Mary was hungry for some of the fruit and asked Joseph to pluck some cherries for her. The tree graciously bowed down so that Mary could pick the fruit herself.

It has been customary among the Czechs and Slovaks to take the branch of a cherry tree and place it in water in the late fall so that the buds reach the blossoming stage at Christmas time.

The belief was current that if the sprig blossomed by Christmas Eve, the girl who tended it would marry during the New Year.

Danger From Tree Fire Ever Present

Although the Christmas tree is one of the most picturesque Yuletide ornaments, it is also one of the most dangerous, with the threat of fire an ever present possibility.

Replacement of the candle by the electric light has removed some of the hazards formerly experienced, but danger still lurks from faulty connections or careless handling of bulbs and strings.

To minimize the fire hazard, the department of agriculture offers two pertinent suggestions: First, keep the tree well watered and, second, fireproof it with ammonium sulphate or calcium chloride.

To provide the tree with sufficient water, cut the butt on a slant at least an inch above the original cut. Keep the water level above the slashed surface. In purchasing a tree, always look for one that has been felled recently so one of the needles have not dried.

Fresh trees also are essential for flame-proofing. In using ammonium sulphate, a chemical content one-fourth the weight of the tree should be used. After dissolving one and a half pints of the ammonium in a pound of water, slash the stem of the tree and place it in the solution. Then, let the tree stand four to six days in the solution for complete absorption. Trees fireproofed in this manner will not be ignited by an electric spark.

Christmas Visit to The Seven Fountains

In 1540 when a plague was raging in Switzerland, 12 pious men of Rheinfelden formed a brotherhood to pray for St. Sebastian's aid, and to nurse the sick and bury the dead. Pestilence in medieval times was ascribed to evil spirits in water, so the Brotherhood of St. Sebastian visited each of the town's seven fountains, praying and singing hymns at each stop. They still continue this custom, but only on Christmas Eve. For this ritual the 12 Brothers are dressed in black, with black silk top hats. At every fountain they gather around the lantern-bearer and sing a medieval song. The march begins at the Froschweide fountain, where the plague is supposed to have started three centuries ago. When they have passed the seventh, they enter the church for midnight mass, and ceremoniously place their lantern on the altar of St. Sebastian.



Legend has it that when Christ was born and Satan died, the bells in the churches were rung. At exactly midnight the tolling changed to a joyful peal, announcing the birth of the Christ.

In the dark chambers high above the turmoil and strife of human life, dwell the Apostles of Peace, whose salutations were never so welcome as at the time of the great winter feasts of Christmas, so William Auld tells in his traditions.

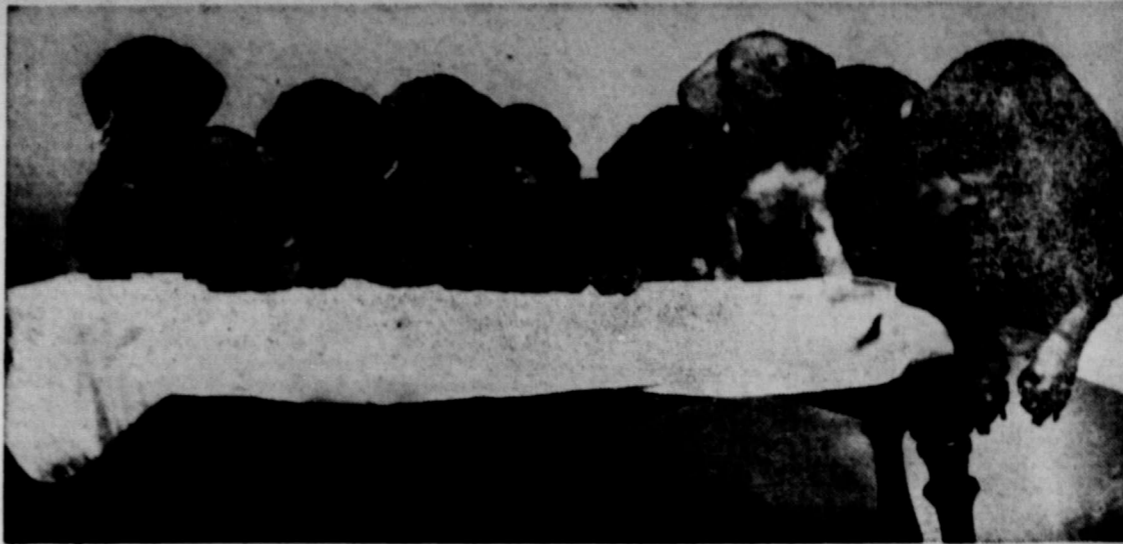
Quaint Swiss Custom Of Meeting Lover

Forecasting is ritualized in Switzerland. Grandma goes to the cellar, selects the most perfect onion, halves it, and peels 12 layers, one for each month. The next day these layers show what the weather will be during the coming year.

The daughter of the house goes about town at midnight, to drink from nine different fountains. Then she goes to church. She expects to meet her unknown lover on the church steps.



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LITTER OF LONG-AND-SHORTS . . . The proud mom, a dachshund with the impressive sounding name of "Potter's Schones Gretchen," looks fondly along the line formed by her latest litter, and doubtless ponders in her canine way that a long, but low, life faces her children. The dachshunds, in case you don't know about dogs, are those pooches that are two dogs long and one-half dog high. This batch is owned by Mrs. Alvin Potter of Toledo. It is Gretchen's third litter.

NEW SECRETARY HERE MONDAY AND TUESDAY

James D. Weaver, new secretary-manager of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, came in Monday to spend two days with Roger Wheeler, retiring manager, before the latter left for his new

position at Sherman. Mr. Weaver met members of the organization and familiarized himself with the details of the office.

He said he would return to Ingleside and expected to sell his home there this week. School will be out next week on Friday and

he hoped to be able to move here to begin his duties on Monday, December 27.

18,693 BALES OF COTTON GINNED TO DECEMBER 1

To December 1, Runnels county farmers had ginned a total of

18,693 bales of cotton from the 1948 crop. This compares with 19,711 bales on the same date in 1947.

Ginners state that practically all the cotton in the county has now been gathered but there are a few bales which probably will go to the gins later.

This year's crop has exceeded early season estimates, most cotton men predicting about 15,000 bales.

J. L. DAVIS RESIDENCE IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis was considerably damaged by fire last Thursday night. Firemen made a quick run to the scene but found one room pretty well burned and the ceiling in flames.

The blaze was brought under control in a short time but water and smoke damage also figured in the total loss on the residence and contents.

Mr. Davis had stepped across the street for a visit and when he returned he found a room full of flames.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Burks, of Amarillo, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Curry the past week-end.

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Mr. and Mrs. F. G. McGowen and Phyllis are here for a visit with Mrs. McGowen's sisters, Mrs. George Newby and Mrs. A. G. Buchanan. Mr. McGowen has just returned from Hawaii, where he was on active duty as a first lieutenant with the AAF. He recently received his discharge after thirteen years service.

Hogs that are moderately fat and weigh between 180 and 240 pounds live weight, produce hams, shoulders and sides of meat of the most desirable size for curing.

SCHOOL MEN ATTEND MEETING AT BRADY

Joe Forester and I. B. Funderburk attended the quarterly meeting for school administrators of this district at Brady Monday evening. State Superintendent L. A. Woods was the principal speaker.

School officials tabulated the coaches selections for the all-district football team and transacted other business.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hutto, of Austin, were week-end guests of Mrs. J. H. Endacott.

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SPUDS Russett	lb.	5c
CRANBERRIES bulk	lb.	20c
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DATES Dromedary	lb. pkg.	25c
PECANS Shelled	1/2 lb.	35c

NUTS

PECANS	1 1/2 lb. pkg.	45c
WALNUTS	1 lb. pkg.	35c
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SPORTS

Four Ballinger Bearcats were placed on the all-district team. The team was chosen by a vote of all coaches after they had consulted with players to determine the best for each position. Walter Hill, of Ballinger; and Buddy Fornes, of Winters, received every vote from the coaches to win top honors.

The complete line-up is: ends, White, of Coleman, and Davenport, of Ballinger; tackles, Cross, of Coleman, and Samuelson, of Brady; guards, Vancil, of Ballinger; and Turner, of Coleman; center, Middleton, of Ballinger; backs, Hill, of Ballinger, Fornes, of Winters, Hodge, of Winters, and Dozier, of Coleman.

Ballinger players receiving honorable mention for the team were: Parrish, Buchanan, Fulcher, Read, Bell and Reese.

Ballinger football coaches will have a much different picture next fall when they start the training season with ten lettermen back and at least five good prospects coming up from junior high. Hardest to fill will be the backfield slots where the absence of Hill, Reese, Baker and Bell will be felt.

Baseball club owners of this section attending the annual minor leagues meeting at Minneapolis last week made arrangements with a number of majors for help in the 1949 season. The Abilene club now has a working agreement with the Washington Senators and reinforcements will come from Washington camps in the spring.

Ballinger has a flock of good managers ready to sign up and start putting together a club. Local fans will have to make up their minds within the next few weeks if organized baseball is to be retained here. If decided favorably a park and lights must be provided, a manager hired and a number of players secured. If the idea is abandoned, efforts will be made to dispose of the local franchise in the Longhorn League and the players now under contract.

Bill Moore is getting the old Ballinger park rebuilt at Roswell, New Mexico, and intends to be ready to launch spring training there the latter part of March. Mr. Moore is also figuring with several prospective managers for his 1949 Roswell team.

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SOCIETY

Arlene Miller Honors Ballinger Bearcats

Miss Arlene Miller who was chosen Sweetheart of the Ballinger Bearcat football team this season, was hostess to members of the team and their dates, when she was assisted in entertaining by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, in their home on Fifth Street Friday evening.

The reception and living rooms were beautifully decorated in the Christmas theme, red candles and cedar being used with the large lighted tree. The lace-laid dining table was centered with a reflected arrangement of poinsettias flanked by red tapers where a sandwich plate with cookies was served with punch.

The school colors, red and black, were used for decorating the dance room. The picture of a large bearcat topped the fireplace and red streamers with all newspaper stories about the Bearcats attached fell from the mantel, along with pictures of the team. Those attending were: Principal and Mrs. Joe Forester, Coach and Mrs. Wayman Wilson, Assistant Coach and Mrs. Douglas Cox, Messrs. and Mmes. M. E. Sweeney, Curtis Bryan, Woodrow Wilson, Walter Middleton, Olin G. Morrison, Robert Ellis of San Angelo; Misses Merle Lewis, Rose Mary Bruce, Maryatt Smith and Griffee Atkins.

Members of the team and their dates were: C. B. Boggess, Grace Ann Bryan, Snookie Herring, Janie Morrison, Bill Hart, Cynthia Tuckey, John Reese, Martha Ann James, Bob Vancil, Edwina Vogel-sang, Daniel Hallmark, Clara Hill, James Read, Pattie Morrison, Jimmie Endacott, Charlene Olsak, Jimmie Parrish, Eva Jo Flynt, Scottie Bell, Sallyne McGahey, Jimmie McAden, Dian Tuckey, Bill Middleton, Gale Hays, Richard Winchester, Deannie Roundtree, Jimmie Davenport, Peggy Fox, Roland Bell, Wanda Richards, Walter Hill, Tommy Buchanan, Jackie Fulcher, Paul Howell, Charles Bailey, Joe Baker, Harvey Maas, Joe Vancil, Bobby Brown, Joe Stubblefield, Joe Underwood, Lynn Neill, Ralph Spreen, Jim Erwin, Hal Moon, John Eoff, Frankie Jackson and Lavelle Foy.

Christmas Parties Given in Lee Home

Colorful Christmas decorations in the home of Mrs. Levy Lee on Seventh Street lent a festive air when she was hostess to a contract party Saturday afternoon. Arrangements of mistletoe and cedar boughs and other holiday symbols greeted guests in the reception room. The living and dining rooms were given added



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Home Decorations Judging Tomorrow; Prizes for Winners

The Christmas yard decoration contest, sponsored by the Ballinger Civic-Garden Club, will come to a close tomorrow (Friday) evening when out-of-town judges come here to inspect all places sign up in the contest.

A number of home decorations have been put up this week, some of them very elaborate pieces, all of which have been entered in the competition. Ballingerites are invited to drive over the city this week, especially tomorrow night, and see the decorative effects.

Members of the committee said

Do Your "Gums" Spoil Your Looks.

One look at some "GUMS" is enough to upset anyone—Druggists refund money if the first bottle of "LETOS" fails to satisfy. Pearce-Rogers Drug.

all decorations should be lighted by dark Friday night and remain on until late so they will be showing when the judges make their rounds.

Cash prizes posted by the chamber of commerce in the city-wide program are:

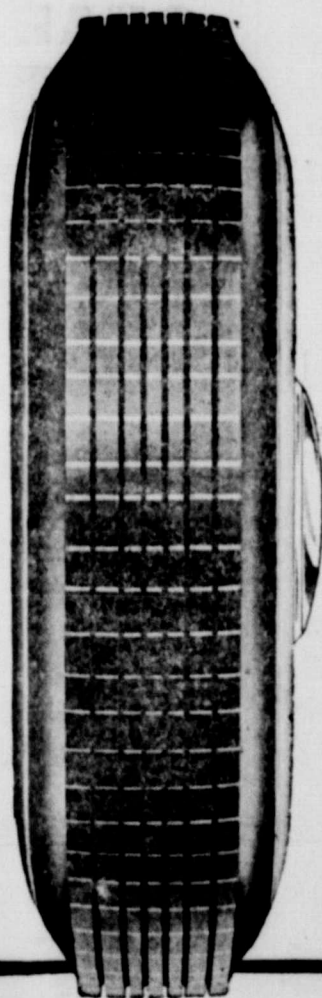
- First, \$10
- Second, \$7.50
- Third, \$5
- Fourth, \$2.50

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