

Friendly Wishes
for
CHRISTMAS

KING-HOLT COMPANY

Personals

Mrs. R. T. Bowden, of Maverick, will visit in the L. M. Bowden, K. I. Sharpes and Doc Lee homes during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Agnew will spend Christmas in Abilene with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Martin and daughter, Pats, of Amarillo; and Roy Cochran, of Levelland; will spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cochran and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Caskey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McMillan and Bobby, of Tuscola; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Sullivan, Judy and Peggy, of McCombs; Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Jackson and Johnny, of Childress; will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Wallace. The McMillans will also visit his mother, Mrs. W. L. McMillan.

Lt. and Mrs. Richard Baker, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will spend Christmas with the latter's mother, Mrs. Eulalia Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hall, of Water Valley; and Mrs. Bitise Vetterlein, of Abilene, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly will have as guests during the holidays their daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Dow, and Jerry, of Dallas; and son, Ted Truly, of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dooze and Arthur Dooze, Jr., will be in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Feilder for Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Byler and W. J. Byler, of Bangs; and Wendell Byler, student at Howard Payne College, will be holiday visitors in the ranch home of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Byler.

Miss Helen Brewer, teacher in the Odessa schools, will be home for the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brewer.

Sgt. H'ie Parrish, who is stationed at the U.S. marine base, Quantico, Virginia, is at home for a month's furlough. Other holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish will be Mr. and Mrs. Bill Chababa, of Dallas.

Mrs. Faye Harding will spend Christmas day at Winters with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Weidon Stinson and family, of Glen Cove, will visit in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ridings and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webb.

Miss Rebecca Ann Craig, teacher in the Wichita Falls school, is at home for the holidays.

Mrs. Emma Speer will host a family reunion in her home on Christmas day. Guests will be Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Speer, of Los Alamos, New Mexico, and their daughter, Miss Marion Speer, who is a student at T. S. C. W. Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Speer and children, of Crowell; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Speer, of Winters; 1st Lt. and Mrs. A. E. Speer and children, of Biloxi, Mississippi; Mrs. Maurine Thompson and son, of Kerrville; and Mr. and Mrs. James Clement, of Alpine. Mrs. Clement is college nurse for Sul Ross.

Judge and Mrs. O. L. Parrish will have a family reunion in their home with the families of all their children present. They are Mr. and Mrs. Otho Gillian and children, of Stamford; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Spraberry and children, of O'Donnell; Mr. and Mrs. Overton Parrish, Jr., and daughter, of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Billy Parrish, of Abilene; and Miss Charlene Parrish, of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene. Overton Parrish, Jr., will receive his degree from the University of Texas next month.

Mike C. Boyd will spend Christmas at San Antonio with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Boyd and Mr. and Mrs. Durward McKenzie.

Mrs. Clark Koller and Linda Ann are in Roswell, New Mexico, for Christmas with Capt. Koller, who is stationed at the army air base there.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Avey will be at Austin in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Underwood for Christmas. Mr. Underwood is a senior student at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and Mary Jo attended the holiday get-together of the Forman family last Sunday at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jameson near Coleman. Christmas night Mrs. Forman and Mary Jo will leave for a week's visit at Pelley with Mrs. Forman's father, the Rev. P. R. White, who is ill.

Sgt. Walter E. Midgley, of the army air forces at Scott Field, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, of Dallas, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Midgley, Mrs. W. E. Midgley and Miss Thelma Midgley.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Rudder, Jr., will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Rudder for Christmas. Mr. Rudder is a junior student at N. T. S. C. Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Newby and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Buchanan and son will spend Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Pouders at Bradshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Campbell and sons, Roland and Damon, who ranch on the Leon River near Hamilton, will join Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Campbell and sons for a Yule visit in the Hugh Campbell ranch home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Everitt, of Sterling City, will make a Christmas visit in the home of their daughter, Mrs. Wiley Hearne, and Mr. Hearne.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lee and children, of Tulla; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Landers and children, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Landers, of Bronte, will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Florence.

Mrs. W. B. Halley and sister, Mrs. R. E. Porter, of Sweetwater, Tennessee, returned here Friday from Temple, where they had been visiting two weeks. Mrs. Porter will remain in Ballinger for a longer visit with Dr. and Mrs. Halley and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish are planning a Christmas dinner for 24 in their home on Broadway with every family member present including in-laws and grandchildren. Besides the Ballinger families there will be Mr.



It is our holiday wish that this Christmas will be the "happiest ever" and that the New Year will unfold a bright new future for you.

Goetz Farm Machinery

Read the grocery ads and save. Paper clips at Ledger office.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams will go to Odessa for a holiday visit with Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stobaugh and sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown, of Wink, will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Wood, during the holidays.

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Oranges	8 lb. bag	29c
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CHRISTMAS CANDY
And a FREE BALLOON with Each Bag Purchased

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

From the HARTS

BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AT THE HOLIDAY SEASON

A. M. KING

Season's Greetings

may your christmas bring good cheer and the new year much health happiness and peace

Pearce-Rogers Drug

ALL ABOARD...



Morgan Motor Company



Traveling toward the close of another year, we appreciate how pleasant our journey is made by friendliness encountered along the way.

So, with "Thanks" to you come the Season's Greetings . . . May you get off to a fast start toward new success and prosperity in the coming year.

George's
Ready-To-Wear

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Satterwhite are at Houston for the holidays. Mimeograph paper, stencils and ink, Ballinger Printing Co.

Your Happiness

IS OUR FINEST CHRISTMAS GIFT



Key Motor Company

COCHRAN 4-H CLUB TO HOLD STOCK EXHIBIT JANUARY 22

The Cochran Tip Top 4-H club held a regular meeting last Thursday in the O. D. Bradford home. After considerable discussion, it was voted to hold a livestock show at Winters on January 22 and to invite the Norton, Wingate and Hatchel clubs to participate.

William Minzenmayer was elected general superintendent of the show and announced the following appointments:

Beef and dairy calves, George and Robert Pruser

Hogs, Harvey Wessels
Sheep, Weldon Minzenmayer
Capon, Obie Dee Bradford.

County Farm Agent John A. Barton presented Harvey Wessels a check for \$25 which he won in the district on his hog project. He also presented Obie Dee Bradford a check for \$30 won on turkeys in the district contest.

Lloyd Rumsey distributed 20 tickets to be sold on the registered Jersey heifer which is owned by the Runnels County Livestock Association.

Minor Nelson, chairman of the entertainment committee, had charge of the program. The club pledge was repeated and Christmas carols were sung. Readings were given by Harvey Wessels, A. C. Wessels, Obie Dee Bradford, Jimmie Kruse and Mrs. George Pruser. Sr. Musical numbers were by Freddie Jonas, Ray Burton, Jimmie Badgett, Weldon Minzenmayer and Obie Dee Bradford.

Christmas packages were taken from the tree in an exchange by the members and club gifts went to Mr. Barton, Mr. Rumsey and Mrs. O. D. Bradford.

The next meeting of the club is to be held on January 20.

GOOD PROGRESS BEING MADE ON DANKWORTH RESIDENCE

Good progress is being made on the Charlie Dankworth home south of Ballinger on the Paint Rock highway. While the work has been moving fast, it will be some time in February before the residence is completed.

The home will be one of the most attractive in this section. The outside walls are of Arizona spruce logs, left in their natural finish. All interiors and ceilings will be of knotty pine.

There are ten rooms, a double garage, storage and wash room and a large breezeway between the house and the garage. A huge concrete basement has an entrance from inside the house.

Two water wells will supply the place, one with a windmill and the other equipped with an automatic electric pump.

ROY L. HILL NAMED W. O. W. SECRETARY

Announcement has been made of the appointment of Roy L. Hill as secretary of the Ballinger Woodmen of the World lodge. Mr. Hill was named to this place after G. E. Smith moved from the city, leaving the office vacant. Mr. Hill will look after collections for the camp.

Large blotters in colors, Ballinger Printing Co.

Christmas Programs At Churches Attract Large Congregations

Christmas programs in Ballinger churches attracted large congregations Sunday, the musical programs especially attracting extra attendance in the late afternoon and evening.

The first of these, at the First Presbyterian Church, was presented Sunday afternoon at 5:00 in a vesper service. Children of the church took part in a pageant opening the program, and the youth choir, under the direction of Rev. Larry Gilbert, presented a cantata for the climax.

Special decorations were used at the First Baptist Church as the setting for the Christmas cantata rendered by the adult choir at the regular Sunday evening service time. A capacity congregation greeted the performers when the choir under the direction of Glenn Murray presented "The Music of Bethlehem."

Other Christmas features were held by this church Sunday, young people meeting at the Central Hotel for their annual breakfast, and intermediates having a breakfast in the church dining room. Rev. B. J. Martin delivered his Christmas sermon at the morning hour.

At the First Methodist Church Rev. E. L. Craig delivered his Christmas sermon at the morning hour to a large congregation.

The climax of the day at the Methodist church was the cantata, "That Song of Old," presented by the adult choir at the evening service. Rex Mauldin directed the chorus in the program which presented solists, quartets and other special numbers.

Other church activities are being continued this week, including special children's programs and Christmas trees.

Utilities District G Christmas Party Is Attended by 168

The annual Christmas party and tree for employees of district G of the West Texas Utilities Co. was held here Friday night, 168 people attending. This was the largest crowd ever to attend this annual celebration and was double the number four years ago. During the past three years many new employees have been added to the company payroll in the district.

The party was preceded by a safety meeting for all regular employees.

W. O. Wallace was master of ceremonies and the evening banquet and program. The meal was served in the high school cafeteria and the menu was prepared and served by members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club.

An entertainment number was presented by Larry Gilbert and Jimmie Isaacs and this was followed by a visit from Santa Claus with gifts for the children 12 years of age and under.

The Christmas party for the district is held annually in Ballinger.

John I. Guion, of the University of Texas, Mrs. John Guion, Mrs. E. L. Hagan and Miss Zandie Royalty will have a holiday visit at Big Lake with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Floyd and at McCamey with Mr. and Mrs. George Key.

Miss Eugenia Baskin, of Dallas,



Acme Plumbing Co.

will spend the holiday week-end of Houston, will spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Baskin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Key and daughters will visit her parents at Albany during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lankford,

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Jimerson and son, of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Flynt, of Brownwood, will visit Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt and other relatives during the holidays.

Is Your Credit Good Anywhere?

If you suddenly had to move to another city and needed credit, could you get it? Or, if you had to buy something in another city that couldn't be obtained in Ballinger and wanted to buy it on credit, WOULD YOUR CREDIT BE GOOD?

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Your credit rating is like your shadow. It will always be there. When you develop good paying habits you develop a good credit rating that will be one of your most treasured possessions.

Retail Merchants Credit Association



MERRY CHRISTMAS

This conveys exactly the thoughts we have for you at this glad season of the year. Best of luck to you, and you!

BALLINGER FLORAL COMPANY
PEARL and BEULAH WITT

Just a good plain
MERRY CHRISTMAS

What can we say that would express all our wishes for the coming season? This is the closest thing to it we know of and we want you to believe we express these sentiments with a genuine feeling of appreciation.

May the New Year be one which will see the realization of your fondest dreams and ambitions. May it be the one in which you will be the happiest and the most content.

Best wishes to you, friends

WESTERN PRODUCE COMPANY

RUEL and RACHEL BOSWELL—

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO THE FINE PEOPLE OF THIS LOYAL COMMUNITY

Broadway Food Market

YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONDUCT SERVICE AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The young people of the church will be in charge of the evening service at the First Baptist Church Sunday.

Sonny Davenport, student at Howard Payne College, will preside for the program. The opening prayer will be given by Carl Black, student at A. & M. College; Elizabeth Wear, Baylor University student, will speak on "Christ in My Religious Activity." Josephine Burkhart, T. S. C. W., will discuss "Christ in My Devotional Life." Ebb Grindstaff's subject will be "Maximum Christianity as I See It." Elmita Faubion, of Hardin-Simmons University, will give the special music, and Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will close with a message on "Christ's Challenge to Youth." The young people will occupy the choir and will be led by Glenn Murray, church choir director.

Ray Tisdale transacted business at Eldorado this week.

SOCIETY

REA Employees Have Christmas Party

A Christmas party for REA employees and their families was held Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Parker on Fifth Street.

Reception rooms were decorated with mums and poinsettias and gifts were exchanged from a pretty lighted tree.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cake, fruit, candy and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Loudermilk and Jimmie, Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Bolton and Larry, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Bryant and David, Tommie Parker, Billy Moss and Dorothy Bishop.

Friendly Neighbor Club Meets in Tyree Home

Mrs. Andy Riddle was welcomed as a new member when the

Friendly Neighbors home demonstration club met for a Christmas program last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Roy Tyree.

Christmas decorations were used in party rooms where Mrs. John Duke reported on the council luncheon held at Winters December 11, and reports were given on other activities in which the club has cooperated. Announcement was made of the training school for club officers to be held in the office of Miss Ollie Chenoweth at 10 o'clock on January 14. Year-books were distributed and the following committees were named: program, Mmes. Chester Barnett, Ellis Stubblefield and Raymond Berryhill; finance, Mrs. Ralph Russell and Mrs. McClelland; the three-E, Mrs. Pat Woods, Mrs. J. Curtis and Mrs. D. W. Dunlap; marketing, Mrs. B. Jones and Mrs. W. B. Smith; recreation, Mrs. Andy Riddle; 4-H club, Miss Pearl Witt; yearbooks, Mrs. R. Tyree and Mrs. Beulah Frazier; home improvement training leader, Mrs. Pat Wood; food training leader, Mrs. Berryhill.

At the social hour, gifts were exchanged and the hostess served cookies, candies, nuts and spiced tea. Others present were: Mrs. Elmer Patton, Mrs. Charles Stubblefield, Mrs. Will Tyree and Mrs. John Wessels.

The next regular meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Roy Baker on January 13, 1949, and Mrs. Chester Barnett will give a demonstration on the making of chenille rugs.

Maedgens Hosts to Penney Employees

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Maedgen entertained employees of the J. C. Penney Store and their families with a Christmas party and tree at their home in Hillcrest Friday evening.

Following games of 42, Mrs. O. L. Hart led the group in singing Christmas carols. Party rooms had Yuletide decorations with a Christmas scene on the piano and a lighted tree. A salad plate with fruit cake and coffee was served.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Graham, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hart and Mickey, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Watson and Kay, Mrs. Mack Setser, Mrs. Mollie Morgan and Mrs. Clyde Fikes.

M. Y. F. Has Christmas Party at Church

Members of the First Methodist Youth Fellowship group met at the church on Tenth Street Tuesday evening and spent an hour of carol singing to shut-ins and

friends.

They returned to the church and decorated the Christmas tree for the annual Christmas program which was held on Wednesday evening. Games were played, followed by a sandwich plate being served with hot punch by Mmes. L. C. Daugherty, O. L. Hart and Marion Hays.

Those present were: Dorothy Daugherty, Mary Jo Wright, Edwina Vogelsang, Theda Myrl Cotton, Beulah and Eula Dankworth, Willena Vogelsang, Betty Hudgins Sue and Margaret Hampton, Cordie Lou Forgy, Virginia Hennigar, Patty Morrison, Joyce Lee, Carol Ann Bailey, Catherine Hays, Carolyn Bigby, Vickie Hill, Mary Lou Howell, Ruth Erwin, Rosalee Nicholas, Carolyn McCleny, Sue Underwood, Geraldine Wessels, Elizabeth Craig, Rebecca Craig, Joyce McCorslin, Joe Vancil, Paul Haral, Jim Erwin, Eldon Boggess, Jerry Bell, Graham Hart, Rodney Balke, Weldon Brevard, and Kenneth Landers.

Dinner for Sewing Circle Members and Husbands

Members of the Young Matrons Sewing Circle included their husbands Saturday evening at a dinner in the dining room of the Acapulco Cafe.

The Christmas theme was emphasized in table decorations. Following the dinner the couples met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Lewis for the Christmas tree.

Attending were: Messrs. and Mmes. Buddy Gray, Jr., Melvin Witter, Panell Legg, Jr., Dalton Crockett, Zane McWilliams, Morris Sweeney, Clements Taylor, Pat Underwood, and Kelly Chapman.

Alathea Class Has Yule Party in Shepperd Home

The Elmer Shepperd home on Eighth Street which was artistically decorated for the Christmas season, was the scene of the Yuletide party for the First Baptist Alathea Class when Mrs. Willie Stephens and Mrs. Mollie Morgan were co-hostesses with Mrs. Shepperd Tuesday evening.

Decorations featured a lighted tree, potted poinsettias and white chrysanthemums. A silver bell centered the archways, silver leaves and red candles were on the mantel over the fireplace. Carols were softly played on the record-player throughout the party hours.

Mrs. Joe Jones presided for the short business period followed by a prayer by Mrs. E. P. Talbott and a review of the book, "Black

Madonna" which was given by Mrs. J. H. Endacott.

At the tea hour, Mrs. Bertie Spooner, of Oklahoma City, house guest of her sister, Mrs. Shepperd, presided at the silver tea service. The dining table which was laid with a linen cut-work cloth was centered with a white Madonna encircled with silver leaves and clusters of red berries flanked by burning red tapers. Hostesses served sandwiches, cookies and cheese dainties.

Gifts were exchanged at the lighted tree, and the class presented the teacher, Mrs. Ed Jones, a gift.

Others present were: Mmes. R. E. White, S. W. Burk, H. O. Campbell, B. F. Kemp, Annie Arterburn, George Kemp, R. E. Truly, L. A. Faubion, E. P. Canady, J. A. Williams, O. L. Parish, K. S. Williams, Maude Roberson, W. A. Forgy and Ruth Bankston.

Children's Christmas Party Held at St. Mary's Church

Sixty-five children of the Christian Doctrine Class of St. Mary's Catholic Church were entertained at their annual Christmas party Saturday afternoon.

Christmas carols were sung with the Rev. Edward B. Postert directing. Old Santa in person presented gifts to all from the beautifully decorated tree. Cookies were served with punch. Sacks of candy which had been prepared by the children, Mrs. Chester Afflerbach was in charge of arrangements.

Rev. Postert presented gifts to the teachers, Mrs. Afflerbach and Mrs. Lawrence Rollwitz.

Brownie Troop No. 8 Entertains Mothers at Christmas Party

Members of Brownie troop No. 8 were hostesses to their mothers Tuesday afternoon, entertaining with a Christmas party in the Loyd Herring home on Eighth Street.

Party rooms were decorated with a Nativity scene, Christmas symbols and the lighted tree. The dining table was centered with an arrangement of greenery combined with red and green balls and green tapers where Mrs. Herring assisted members in serving decorated sandwiches and chocolate mints with spiced tea on gayly decorated plates which the Brownies had made.

Martha Kay Northington gave the welcome to mothers, and gifts were exchanged at the tree.

Mothers and daughters were: Mrs. Herring and Susan, Mrs. K. V. Northington and Martha Kay,

Mrs. Marvin Davies and Gwen, Mrs. E. T. Branham, Jr., and Peggy Ann, Mrs. Chester Ueckert and Faye, Mrs. Bob Wickersham and Barbara, Mrs. David Piel and Irene, Mrs. Ray Tisdale and Mary, Mrs. Herman Brown; and other Brownies present were: Barbara Bradshaw, Dorothy Bishop, Patsy Jean Berry and Shirley Sweetman.

Scout Troop 42 Has Christmas Party

Members of Boy Scout troop 42 did not have a Christmas tree for their celebration this year, but gathered around a campfire on Elm Creek Monday evening.

After singing carols, gifts were exchanged. Lynn Neill, senior patrol leader, presented a gift to Ft. Edward Postert from the troop. Individual gifts also were given the scoutmaster by Don Holland, the Merrifield brothers and Blaine Esmond.

Rev. Postert was host to members with a chili and tamale feast. Games followed after the meal. Harold McDonald, a fellow Scout, had the misfortune to receive a

shoulder injury while playing the game "Capture the Flag." The scoutmaster and members of the troop take this means of extending to Harold and his mother their heartfelt sympathy. The true spirit of scouting was exemplified in both Harold's attitude and that of his mother. This is the first serious injury to have happened in the five years existence of troop 42. Rev. Postert stated that he was proud of the record, and that he prayerfully hoped to be spared future injuries.

Present for the affair were: Lynn Neill, John Elders, Harold and Jessie Merrifield, Marvin and Buddy Clark, Monroe and Glenn Hoelscher, Lanny and Billy Maedgen, Billy Ueckert, Harold McDonald, Weldon Brevard, Clarence Halfmann, Wayne Johnson, Billy Watkins, Charles Bailey, Jr., Paul Jenkins, Don Holland, Pete Bryan, and the scoutmaster, Rev. Postert.

Mrs. Joe Forman and Mary Jo will leave Christmas day for Houston for a Christmas visit with Mrs. Forman's parents.



When the air is a little crisper, the shopping crowds are a little thicker, and a feeling of good cheer spreads over everyone, it's a good sign that Christmas is just around the corner, so we take this opportunity to wish you and yours all the happiness for the coming festive season.

Ballinger Truck and Tractor Co.

Price Motor Company

DO YOU WANT A BASEBALL PARK IN BALLINGER ?

Your city commission, acting upon a petition signed by a large number of qualified voters, has called a special election for January 7 for the purpose of voting on the issuance of \$25,000 in bonds for the building of a lighted athletic field in this city.

Action was taken by fans in an effort to retain professional baseball in Ballinger. The fans own a franchise in the Longhorn League, hold contracts on eleven players and are ready to hire a manager when baseball is assured for another year.

The issuing of these bonds will cause a tax rate advance of approximately 8½ cents on the \$100. This will mean that a home owner rendering prop-

erty of \$4,000 value, would pay about \$3.40 a year for the athletic field.

Local fans believe the park would be an asset for this city. It is definitely known that many people from a wide area were attracted here during the past two years because of the summer athletic program. The park would be available for other purposes and would fill a real need. It would be available for school baseball teams, a summer athletic program for the youths of the town, for holding rodeos, pageants, massed religious services, and many other programs either in daytime or at night.

The cost is small when figured on a tax basis. It is almost impossible on a contribution plan.

If and when the park is assured, local fans are willing to form a corporation for the operation of the Ballinger baseball club. They will employ a manager, purchase uniforms, balls, bats, transportation and all the other necessary items for organized baseball.

Operation of a club during the summer will create a monthly payroll which will all be spent here. In addition it will bring another team here for 70 days which will also cause a large sum to be spent in Ballinger. It will call for a spring training camp which a large number of boys will attend for several weeks.

REGARDLESS OF WHICH WAY YOU VOTE—

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25,000 Records \$1.00 per Dozen and up
New—35c Each
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FOR LEASE FOR 1949—My farm with 6 room residence, in South Ballinger. For terms, see Lola Eubank, 905 Sixth Street. Joe M. Eubank. 23-2f

FOR SALE—Cleaned and tested Pannee 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

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

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

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496 acres of choice land in 20 miles of Menard, 220 acres in good farm, fields divided into about five different fields, plenty of water. A nice six room home, modern in every way, with REA. Good barns. Priced at \$67.50 per acre. The seller will carry \$20,000 worth of paper on deal. All fields planted to small grain, but needs rain. Call or see L. W. Puckitt, Menard Texas. 16-4f

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Two lots with gas and water on premises. Terms.

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Sunday, Dec. 26

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HOSPITAL NOTES
Patients dismissed from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital the past week included:
O. C. Matthews, Talpa, surgical, Saturday
Mrs. W. A. Hale, medical, Thursday
Mrs. R. G. Haverland, Miles, medical, Tuesday
A. J. Jones, Paint Rock, medical, Tuesday
Harold McDonald, fractured shoulder, Wednesday
Mrs. S. A. McCray, who recently fractured a hip, is said to be improving slowly.
Mrs. Mattie Holliday, who fractured an arm several weeks ago, continues to improve.
Dorman Roberts, who underwent surgery Monday, is reported doing well.
A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Ransberger last week and mother and baby were dismissed from the clinic Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Denis Paschal are parents of a daughter, born Tuesday. Doing nicely. Mrs. Paschal and baby were dismissed Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Scott Connelly are parents of a daughter, born yesterday. Mrs. Connelly and baby are doing nicely.
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Holubec, of Rowena, are parents of a son, born Wednesday. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

LOCAL WOMAN LOSES BILLFOLD AND MONEY
Mrs. L. A. Wilbanks, who lives thirteen miles from Ballinger on route 1, had the misfortune Monday afternoon to lose a billfold containing valuable papers and cash in the amount of \$160 to \$200.

Mrs. Wilbanks was in town to do some shopping and also visited a local laundry. She missed the billfold when she started to pay for the laundry and at once began a search, retracing her local store visits. No traces of the lost articles had been found Tuesday.

COURT HOUSE "FAMILY" HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY
All officials and employees in the Runnels county court house assembled Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for their annual Christmas party and tree. This year surprise gifts were presented to W. A. Forgey, Mrs. Aurelia Webb and J. L. Moreland, three county officials who will retire on January 1.

The court house "family" meets each year for this party a few days before Christmas.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our home by fire.
L. L. Long and family

79TH BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED BY MIKE C. BOYD
Mike C. Boyd celebrated his 79th birthday anniversary Tuesday. A pioneer citizen of Runnels county, for many years he served as a county official. Retiring from public office, he has devoted a number of years to operating a nursery and doing landscaping in Ballinger and other towns in this part of the state.
While he has retired to his home on Broadway, he still keeps busy with trees, shrubs and flowers, and handles a small amount of stock which his friends demand of him.

NOTICE

Anyone who owes unpaid accounts or checks to the LEE SERVICE STATION or to ROBERT LEE is hereby notified that these accounts are past due and payment will be appreciated not later than January 19.

Am closing the business and must have accounts paid by that time.

R. E. LEE will take over operation of the station on January 1 and he will appreciate a continued patronage of all former patrons of the station and also invites new ones. He will feature all Magnolia products and will extend courteous service to everyone.

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Be HAPPY and GAY

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BEST WISHES

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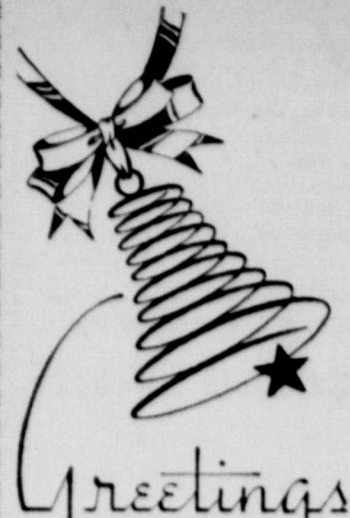


Jennings Electric Shop

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Gibbs and son, Rusty, of Ysleta, will visit Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham during the holidays. Mr. Gibbs is a former coach of the Bearcats. Other visitors in the Cheatham home will be Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harrington and son, Charles, of Lamesa; Mr. and Mrs. Sid Johnson and children, of Brady; Mr. and Mrs. Buck Johnson, of Alpine; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sykes and Jerry, of San Angelo; and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sykes, of Austin. Mr. Sykes is a student at the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Moore and son, Chris, of Van, will spend Christmas in the H. F. Demmer home.

Miss Gloria Jenkins is at home from the University of Texas.



MIKESKA Beauty Shop

A happy wish for a Holiday of happiness, cheer and good will to all our friends and customers.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM HELD BY ROTARY CLUB

At their meeting Tuesday noon Ballinger Rotarians heard the story of Christmas, the history of carols and the singing of them by a quartet composed of Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., Mrs. Troy Simpson, Alfred Dallinger, and Troy Simpson with Jimmie Isaacs at the piano for the accompaniment and background music.

Before the program, Mr. and Mrs. Tex Bullock and employees of the Central Hotel were presented gifts from the club.

Sam Behringer made a report on the need of a family "adopted" by the club for Christmas and asked for children's apparel and bed clothing. A considerable sum was left on the tables by the members for providing food, fuel and toys.

A gift and a letter were given to Leonard Seales, former secretary of the club, who has moved to DeLeon.

STUDENTS WILL PROVIDE PROGRAMS AT METHODIST SERVICES NEXT SUNDAY

Rev. E. L. Craig, pastor, has announced that a special students' recognition program will be presented at the First Methodist Church Sunday. At the morning hour students will provide the program from a specially prepared script put out by the publishing house at Nashville.

At the evening hour, Jack Hampton, student at McMurry College, Abilene, will bring the sermon.

Special music at the morning service will be presented by Mmes. Jack Hampton, Wylie Hearne, Douglas Cox; and Miss Elizabeth Craig.

The public is invited to attend these services.

Miss Rebecca Craig came in Friday to spend Christmas with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Craig. She left Saturday for Gatesville, where she was organist at the wedding of a friend and returned home Monday.

Lt. William H. Penn is here on leave from Shepard Field, Wichita Falls. About the middle of January he will go to England for overseas duty with the AAF.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barr will spend Christmas day at Bronte with Mrs. Barr's family.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to our friends who were so kind to us during the illness and at the death of our loved one, Mrs. T. P. Reed. We thank all for their expressions of sympathy, for the beautiful flowers and for the lovely food prepared and served.

Family of Mrs. T. P. Reed 23-11

NOTICE OF ELECTION THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS CITY OF BALLINGER

To the Resident, Qualified Electors of the City of Ballinger, Texas, who own taxable property in said City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation:

TAKE NOTICE that an election will be held in the City of Ballinger, Texas, on the 7th day of January, 1949, on the proposition and at the places more particularly set forth in the election order adopted by the City Commission on the 21st day of December, 1948, which is as follows:

Resolution of the City Commission of the City of Ballinger, Texas, calling an Election on the Question of the Issuance of \$25,000 Park Bonds.

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Ballinger, Texas, deems it advisable to issue the bonds of said City for the purposes hereinafter mentioned; BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, TEXAS:

1. That an election be held in said City of Ballinger, Texas, on the 7th day of January, 1949, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the City Commission of the City of Ballinger, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of said City in the sum of \$25,000.00, maturing serially in such installments as may be fixed by the City Commission, with a maximum maturity date being not more than thirty (30) years from their date, and bearing interest at a rate not to exceed four (4%) percent per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy a tax sufficient to pay interest as it accrues and principal as it matures on said issue of bonds, for the purpose of purchasing land and improving same for a public park in the City of Ballinger, Texas, as authorized by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas?"

2. That said election shall be held at the City Hall, within said City, and the following named persons are hereby appointed officers of said election, to-wit:

H. J. Zappe, Presiding Judge
O. J. Harber, Judge
Mrs. Carl Black, Clerk
Mrs. Tom Agnew, Clerk.

3. The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 1, Title 22 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended, including the provisions of Article 704, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty-Fourth Legislature, and only legally qualified electors in the City and who have duly rendered the same for taxation shall be qualified to vote.

4. The ballots of said election shall have written or printed thereon the following:

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARK BONDS"
"AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF PARK BONDS"

Concerning said proposition each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pen one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

5. A substantial copy of this resolution signed by the Mayor of said City and attested by the City Clerk shall serve as proper notice of said election. Notice shall be given in accordance with Article 704, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Chapter 382, passed at the First Called Session of the Forty-Fourth Legislature, supra. The Mayor is authorized and directed to have a copy of said notice posted at the City Hall

and at two other public places within said City not less than fifteen days prior to the date fixed for holding said election. He shall also cause said notice to be published on the same day in each of two successive weeks in "The Ballinger Ledger," a newspaper of general circulation published within said City, the date of the first publication to be not less than fourteen days prior to the date set for said election. Except as otherwise provided in said Article 704, as amended, the manner of holding said election shall be governed by laws governing general elections.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this the 21st day of December, 1948.

J. W. MOORE, Mayor, City of Ballinger, Texas.

(Seal)
Attest:
ALVENIA ISCHAR, City Clerk, City of Ballinger, Texas. 23-21

JIMMIE ISAACS WILL MOVE TO CALIFORNIA JANUARY 1

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Isaacs and children will leave Ballinger on January 1 for Burbank, California, where Mr. Isaacs has accepted a position with a radio station.

Mr. Isaacs has been associated with radio station KRUN here since it went on the air as an announcer, solicitor and general program director. He has assisted with a large amount of civic work, including practically all public programs presented. He holds membership in the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce, Jaycees, and Lions Club.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Drennon, Jr., will spend the Christmas holidays in California, visiting the former's parents and other relatives. They will return here about January 1 to resume their school work.

CAR CIGARETTE LIGHTER CAUSE FOR FIRE ALARM

Ballinger firemen were called to the corner of Hutchings Avenue and Seventh Street Monday afternoon where a car was reported on fire. The cigarette lighter had become stuck in the socket and was causing much smoke. Damage was slight, and no water or chemical was required to extinguish the blaze.

J. O. Power, of San Antonio; C. H. Power, of Post; W. L. Power, of Silver City, New Mexico, and their families will be Christmas day guests in the J. H. Power home.

Mrs. Earle Pearse, of Indio, California, is here for a Christmas visit with her father, R. L. Wiley, and sister, Miss Zola Wiley.

Mrs. Paul Thomas, of Kermit, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. N. D. Hoover. Mrs. Hoover will spend Christmas day in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Cook and daughter, Susan.

Miss Margaret Smith, of Detroit, Michigan; and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Golden, of Murray, will join Ballinger relatives in a Christmas visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Burk.

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS Ballinger Builders Supply

Mr. and Mrs. Garlyn Hoffman and Joe Jaros, Jr., of San Angelo; and Miss Earlene Webb, of Goodfellow Field, will visit Mrs. Aurelia Webb during Christmas.

James Earl Barr, of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, is spending the holidays here and at Junction with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bleckuk and son, Danny, of Fort Worth, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss during the holidays. Other visitors in the Doss home will be Mr. and Mrs. V. L. Reed and Carolyn, of Andrews; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Currie, of Paint Rock; and Mr. and Mrs. George Simmons, of Miles.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Duncan have returned home after spending three months at Uvalde. Mrs. Mike Rowan and son, Mike, Jr., accompanied them home for a week's visit. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Duncan and family, of Eden, were also pre-holiday visitors here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robertson, of Austin; and Mrs. J. A. Tyler and Miss Drucile Tyler, of Miles, will visit in the Wilke Terrace home of Mr. and Mrs. Gay Edwards during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forester have gone to Caddo, Oklahoma, for a holiday visit with Mrs. Forester's parents. After Christmas Mr. Forester will combine visiting relatives with hunting at Athens.

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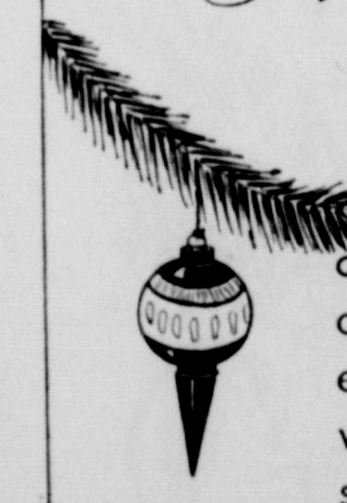


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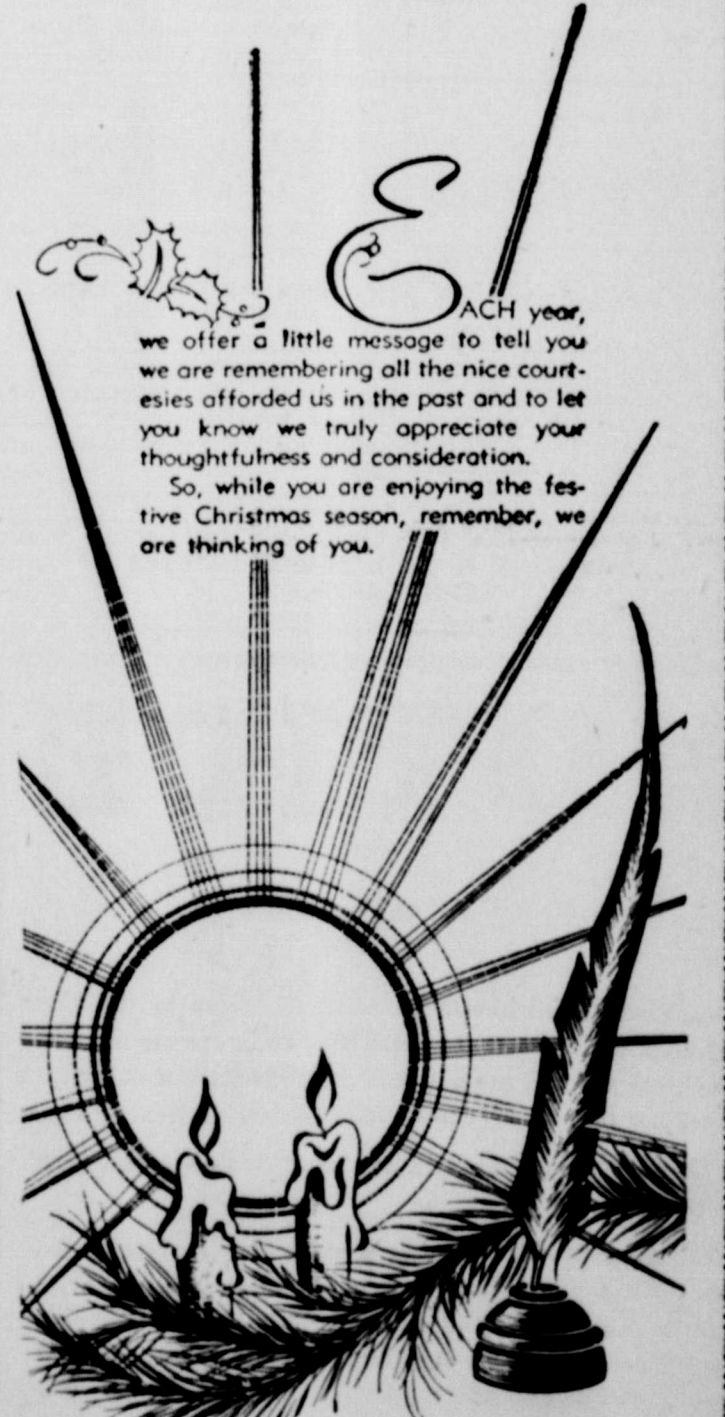
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MERRY CHRISTMAS

L. R. TIGNER JEWELER



Women's, Society and Club News

Baptist Intermediates Entertained at Christmas Breakfast

An inspiring candle lighting service representing Christian Life, was given emphasis Sunday morning when members of the First Baptist Intermediate Department, the superintendent, Miss Gladys Kemp; and teachers were guests at breakfast in the church parlors on Eighth Street.

Blue and white tapers, white angels, and silvered mistletoe were placed at intervals the entire length of the long tables where the

social committee of the church, Mmes. Joe Flynt, R. P. Canady, A. O. Bartlett and Frank Kemp, served the breakfast to about sixty guests.

Jimmy Endacott was master of ceremonies for the program, and Jean Hirschfeld gave the invocation. The group sang Christmas carols with Glenn Murray leading. After Miss Kemp made announcements and welcomed members, Mr. Murray sang "This is the Story of Jesus." Theresa Elkins gave the Nativity story; and Mrs. West Talbot reviewed "The Black

Madonna" by Margaret Applebarth. Preston Fitzhugh, general superintendent of the Sunday school, conducted the "Christian Life" service by lighting the large candle which represented the church, and from that candle he lighted a candle for Miss Kemp, representing her department, and in turn, Miss Kemp lighted the candles for all the teachers in the department, and the teachers lighted candles for each member.

Mrs. E. D. Lovelady played the accompaniments for all the song

numbers. The department secretary, Mrs. John Castor, and the teachers, Messrs. W. A. McDonald, West Talbot, Morris E. Sweeney, and H. W. Ketchum, Miss Grace Jo Bondurant, Mrs. John King and Mrs. Elliott Kemp, assisted with the affair.

Home of Mrs. C. J. Lynn Scene of Christmas Party

Members of the T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church were entertained with a Christmas party Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. C. J. Lynn on Seventh Street.

Co-hostesses were Mmes. F. W. Wellhausen, Emma Speer, H. W. Doherty and T. J. McCaughan, who received guests in the living room decorated in the Christmas theme. A Nativity scene was on an occasional table and a massed arrangement of greenery and nandina berries combined with Christmas balls, lighted by red and green tapers, was on the mantel. Mrs. T. J. Parrish registered guests.

After the opening prayer by Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Max McCrary brought the Christmas story from Luke. At the social hour pal names were revealed and gifts were exchanged from the beautiful tree. The class also presented a potted poinsettia to the teacher, Mrs. B. C. Kirk. The class adopted a needy family and will present goods and gifts on Christmas morning. Shut-ins have been visited by Mrs. O. L. Parish, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Speer.

The lace-laid dining table was centered with a gum-drop tree which was flanked by Santa Claus candles. Hostesses served fruit cake topped with whipped cream

and decorated with cherries, and spiced tea. Plate favors were mistletoe corsages tied with red ribbons. Other dainties were cheese puffs and mints.

Others present were: Mmes. E. E. Woodson, George Holliday, A. F. Brock, Julia Blasdel, J. N. Key, Carl Smith, H. T. Hester, W. B. Currie, Minnie Maude Alexander, John McKay, E. T. Branham, M. G. Justice, Nellie Baines, Fannie Nixon, Emma Nash, Beulah Rape, Emma Wiley, F. M. Hale, B. F. Smith, Lee Butler, Don Jackson, and Bettie K. Spooner of Oklahoma City.

Catholic Women's Council Meets at St. Mary's Church

Mrs. V. O. Wade presided for the business when the local chapter of the National Council of Catholic Women met at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday afternoon.

After the program, the following new officers were installed: president, Mrs. Hubert Zappe; secretary, Anita Wade; treasurer, Mrs. Lawrence Rollwitz; reporter, Charlene Olsak. Plans were made for a new study course, which will be started at the January meeting.

Twelve members were present and several new members were welcomed.

Gift Shower Compliment for Mr. and Mrs. White

Mrs. Andy Riddle was hostess Friday evening when the ladies of the Ninth Street Church of Christ entertained with a gift shower for Mr. and Mrs. Odell White and family, of Dallas.

Mr. White has been conducting a singing school for two weeks at the local church.

Refreshments were served to 18 guests.

Mrs. Hill Leader for Presbyterian Auxiliary's Christmas Program

The Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary held its Christmas program in the home of Mrs. Rufus Allen on Tenth Street Monday afternoon with Mrs. J. F. McMullan and Mrs. H. F. Demmer co-hostesses.

Mrs. Roy L. Hill was leader for the program on "Christmas Keeps Us Reminded." After a medley of Christmas hymns were sung by the group with Mrs. E. S. Malone at the piano, Mrs. Hill gave the prayer and Scripture reading from chapter 55, Isaiah. The hymns,

"Oh Come All Ye Faithful," "Joy to the World," "Little Town of Bethlehem," and "Oh Zion Haste," were sung after foreign and national mission topics were discussed. Subjects were "He Comes Again," by Miss Eva Lilly and Miss Maggie Lilly, "The Christian Dispersion," by Mrs. B. H. Erwin, and "A Stable at Sion," by Mrs. W. F. Lange. Mrs. J. R. Mackey read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer and gave the missionary prayer. At the conclusion, the song, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow," was sung and the Mizpah benediction was repeated.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated with symbols of the holiday season—potted poinsettias, cedar branches, berries and Christmas balls at vantage spots. The hostesses served a sandwich plate with cake squares decorated in

red and green designs, and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. A. W. Sledge, R. W. Balke, J. W. Black and Mary Spreen.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, students in the University of Texas, are spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. Q. V. Miller.

Miss Gwen Morgan, of Baylor University, Waco, and Tony Schultz, of New Athens, Illinois, also a Baylor student, are guests in the Malcolm Morgan home.

Winfield Read is at home from the University of Texas to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Read.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Conner and children will visit their parents at Ranger and Eastland.



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Holy night
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All is bright
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for CHRISTMAS



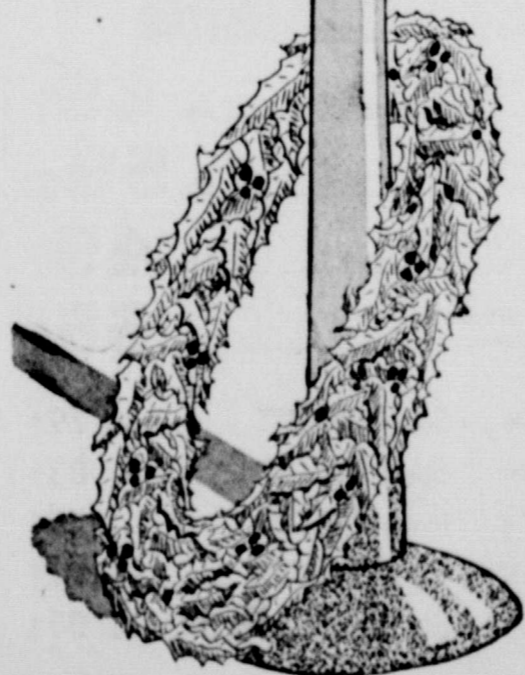
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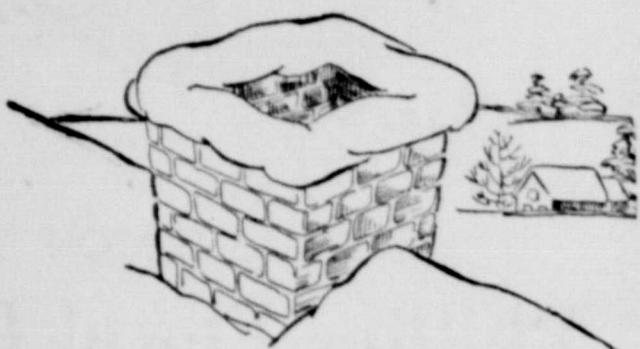
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IN SOCIETY

Christmas Party for First Baptist Rachel Class

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Mrs. Stanley Price and Mrs. Elmer Curry were hostesses to the First Baptist Rachel Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Morgan home on Sixth Street.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which gifts were exchanged to reveal secret pals, and a village snow scene on the mantel, greenery, berries and other Yule decorations gave a festive air to rooms where Mrs. Cam Blackmon presided for the short business session. Mrs. Morgan brought the Christmas story from Luke, and Betty Sue Cloninger read "The Man Who Had Nothing to Give." Christmas carols were sung by the group with Mrs. Ira Funderburk playing the accompaniments. The class presented the teacher, Mrs. Morgan, several pieces of china.

Hostesses served a sandwich plate with cookies, candies and coffee.

Others present were: Mmes. Coy Estes, Paul Kirk, Wallace Barnett, Clarence Blissett, Fred Monerlef, S. E. Cloninger, Clarence Hill, R. V. Timms, Leon Russell, Paul Burk, Ralph Burris, Pauline Fragua, M. A. Davidson, Otis Jacob, W. K. Wheatley, Dick Ayers, C. R. Moore, Joe Forester and E. Y. Bailey.

Mrs. Sweeney Hostess to Sewing Circle

Mrs. Morris Sweeney was hostess to members of the Young Matrons Sewing Circle when they met in her home on Fourth Street last Thursday afternoon.

The Christmas motif was used in the beautifully decorated party rooms where plans for the Christmas party were discussed and members learned new needlework designs.

Little Charles Taylor "played" Santa Claus as he distributed gifts from the hostess to each one present.

hostess in serving a sandwich Mrs. Vernon Lewis assisted the plate with pie and coffee to: Mmes. Clements Taylor, Zane McWilliams, Johnnie Legg, Dalton Crockett, Kelly Chapman and Pat Underwood. Mrs. Faye Crockett was a visitor.

Christmas Party for Philathea Class in Forgye Home

Mrs. T. J. Forgye, Mrs. John A. Barton and Mrs. Ralph Vancil were hostesses to the First Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening, entertaining with a Christ-

mas party in the Seventh Street home of Mrs. Forgye.

Christmas lights and greenery and old Santa greeted guests outside the front door, and Yuletide decorations were continued throughout the party rooms along with the illuminated Christmas tree where gifts were exchanged, and the class presented Mrs. J. W. Barr, the teacher, a gift. Other gifts were presented the president, Mrs. R. D. Midgley; to Miss Grifflie Atkins, who is moving to Odessa; and to Mrs. Lemmie Davis, who recently had a fire in her home.

Mrs. Midgley conducted the short business period when plans were made to "adopt" a needy family for Christmas. For the devotional Mrs. Barr reviewed the book, "God's Donkey."

Hostesses served a chicken salad plate with sandwiches, cake and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Hugo Vogelsang, Blair Hays, Paul Richardson, M. B. Webb, Ona Parker, L. M. Setser, D. L. Vestal, Cal Adair, S. H. Choat, Tom Caudle, Troy Simpson, O. R. O'Neill, Glen Morrison, George Beard, Robert Bruce, Jack Nixon and E. L. Craig; Misses Ollie Chenoweth, Thelma Midgley, Miss Rebecca Ann Craig was a visitor.

Birthday celebrants for December were Mrs. Vancil, Mrs. Setser and Miss Midgley.

Junior Music Club Meets in Whitehead Home

The Ballinger Junior Music Club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. Whitehead on the evening of December 10 with Billy John Whitehead as host and program leader.

Each member of the club participated in the program which included: a clarinet duet, "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," by Peggy Virden and John Duke; piano solo, "Silent Night, Holy Night," Joan Whitman; piano solo, "Just a Song at Twilight," Jimmy Hammer; "The Half Step Waltz," piano solo, Glenda Beddo; cornet solo, "Project," George McAulay; "Dreaming of Old Vienna," piano solo, Patricia Davis; "Turkey in the Straw," piano solo, Gary Joiner; "Melody of Love," piano solo, Dee Ann Saylor; "The Marine Hymn," piano solo, Joe Van Petty; "Watermelon Pickaninies," piano solo, Sally Underwood; "The Bells of St. Mary's," piano solo, Billy John Whitehead. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead served refreshments to those named and their parents.

Miss Moe, Francis Pearce, Jr., Wed in Double-Ring Ceremony

Before an altar of white flowers and fern and burning cathedral tapers, Miss Jeannette Moe, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Moe, of Fosston, Minnesota, became the bride of Francis M. Pearce, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Pearce, of Ballinger, Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The Rev. R. W. Hollis read the double-ring ceremony in St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church, New Orleans.

George Heintzman, church organist, presented the nuptial prelude. He also played the traditional wedding marches and accompanied Jack Terry, a friend of the bridegroom, who sang "Song of Ruth," by Charles Gounod, and "The Lord's Prayer," by A. Malotte.

Given in marriage by Dr. William Trice, the bride wore a gown of bridal satin created with a molded bodice, a sweetheart neckline, and a full skirt which swept into a cathedral train. A princess crown of lace held in place her voluminous veil of illusion, and she carried a bridal bouquet of white orchids and stephanotis. Her only ornament was a strand of

pearls, a gift of the bridegroom.

Miss Dolores Moe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Charlotte Boelter was bridesmaid and Catherine Trautman was flower girl. Master Billie Trice was ring bearer and Master Leon Harris was train bearer.

Charles Pearce, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Ushers were Dr. John Y. Pearce, also a brother; Dr. Alton Oschner, Jr., and Christopher Mengis.

Following the reception, held immediately following the ceremony, the couple left on their wedding trip to Nassau, Bahama Islands. The bride was wearing a brown suit with brown accessories and an orchid corsage.

After January 1, the couple will make their home in New Orleans, where Mr. Pearce is a student at the Tulane School of Medicine and Mrs. Pearce is employed as chief of the internal medicine nursing staff at Oschner Foundation Hospital. Mr. Pearce is a graduate of Ballinger High School and served in the European theatre with the United States Army during the war.

Birthday Party for Tommy Lou Curry

Tommy Lou Curry was named honor guest on her ninth birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. E. Curry, entertained with a party at their home north of town.

After games were played and gifts opened, guests were invited into the dining room where the white birthday cake, decorated with pink rosebuds and embossed with "Happy Birthday Tommy Lou," was served with punch. Christmas candies were favors.

Mrs. Levi Russell and Mrs. G. M. Hargus assisted in entertaining about forty guests.

Jessie Mae Henderson Entertains Golden Rule Class

Members of the Golden Rule Class of the First Baptist Church and their teacher, Mrs. Frank Flynt were entertained in the C. C. Henderson home on Ninth Street when Jessie Mae Henderson was hostess at a Christmas party Monday night.

A beautiful Christmas tree, native grown evergreens and berries were arranged about party rooms where Virginia Cope brought the opening prayer, and Martha James read "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Mrs. Flynt

gave the closing prayer.

Members brought gifts for the Mexican Mission, and the class presented a gift to Mrs. Flynt. Mrs. Henderson assisted in serving individual cakes iced in red and green, assorted candies and hot chocolate. Others were Cynthia Tuckey, Barbara Patterson, Janice Conner, La Rita Price, Joyce Lee and Harriett Burkhardt.

Christmas Dinner for Current Book Club

Husbands of Current Book Club members and a few added guests were included for the annual Christmas dinner and party Tuesday evening.

Greenery and red berries centered the long tables at the home of Mrs. Jewel Cooper on Broadway where the three-course turkey dinner was served.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. James Wear on Tenth Street was opened for the party which followed. Reception rooms were elaborately decorated with poinsettias and other Christmas plants and foliage. The dining table was centered with a massed arrangement of Christmas ball and greenery combined with candy canes.

In games of forty-two the high score award went to Mr. Sam Behringer. Miss Elizabeth Wear assisted in serving Christmas candies and distributing the exchange of gifts from the lighted tree.

Those present were: Messrs and Mmes. J. W. Barr, John Barton, Sam Behringer, Tom Caudle, Chester Cherry, A. H. Dallinger, J. W. Guynes, Jack Nixon, O. R. O'Neill, Joe Satterwhite, Alex Saunders, O. C. Sykes, Wear, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Craig, Mrs. O. R. Lasater, Mrs. Gertrude Wold, Mrs. E. E. King, Mrs. Oscar Pearson, and Miss Ollie Chenoweth.

Norton Couple Honored on Second Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Redman, Jr., of Norton, were honored on their second wedding anniversary Sunday when Mrs. Redman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brookshier entertained with a buffet dinner in their home on Sealy Avenue.

About thirty relatives and friends were present for the occasion and the honorees received many beautiful gifts.

George Mader will leave Friday evening for Weatherford to visit relatives Christmas day.



Christmas dinner! Family and friends gathered around a table laden with good things to eat. On such a special occasion the food must be the very best. Make sure your holiday feast will be a success by getting your food needs from Safeway—where every item is guaranteed. Plan your menu from the handy check-list below. And, as you do, note the money-saving prices.

Nuts

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Brazil Nuts	Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Mixed Nuts	Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	39¢
Almonds	Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	35¢
Pecans	Large, Stewart Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Pecan Halves	New Crop	1-Lb. Pkg.	67¢

Candies

Honey Comb	Candy Chips	1-Lb. Pkg.	53¢
Peanut Clusters		1-Lb. Pkg.	57¢
Orange Slices		1-Lb. Pkg.	29¢
Chocolate Drops		1-Lb. Pkg.	35¢
Satin Mix	Hard Variety	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Chocolates	Sunshine Assorted	1-Lb. Box	59¢
Jelly Beans	Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	33¢

Desserts

Peaches	Cello Crest Sliced or Halves	No. 2 1/2 Cans	32¢
Pears	Harger House Barlett Halves	No. 2 1/2 Cans	45¢
Cocktail	Libby's Fruit	No. 2 1/2 Cans	45¢
Jell-O Desserts		2 Reg. Pkg.	15¢
Jell-Well Desserts		3 Reg. Pkg.	19¢

Sauce	Ocean Spray Cranberry	16-Oz. Can	17¢
Mince Meat	Little Cook	9-Oz. Pkg.	14¢
Olives	Ebony Medium Size, Ripe	9-Oz. Can	25¢
Fruit Cake	Plenty Nuts and Fruits, Full Ring Cake	3 1/4-Lb. Cake	1.09
Soup	Campbell's Tomato Soup	2 No. 1 Cans	21¢
Cherub Milk		3 Tall Cans	38¢
Coffee	Airway Fresh Roasted	1-Lb. Pkg.	39¢

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Choice selection of top-quality broad-breasted turkeys at our regular money-saving prices. Safeway's money-back guarantee assures you complete satisfaction.

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Hens	Dressed and Drawn Ready for the Oven	Lb.	59¢
Loin Roast	Fresh Pork Rib or Loin End	Lb.	45¢
Hams	Cured, Half or Whole 10- to 14-Lb. Average	Lb.	65¢

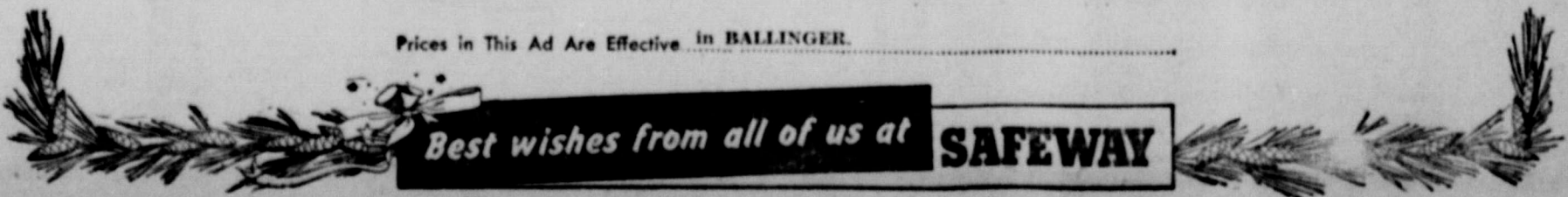
Hams	Fresh Pork Half or Whole	Lb.	59¢
Sausage	Pure Pork 2-Lb. Saus.	Lb.	49¢
Sausage	Brookfield Little Pig Links	Lb.	57¢
Picnics	Small Size	Lb.	45¢
Bacon	Smoked Squares	Lb.	39¢
Steak	Apqd. Heavy Beef Round	Lb.	79¢
Steak	Apqd. Heavy Beef Sirloin	Lb.	83¢
Roast	Apqd. Heavy Beef Shoulder Blade	Lb.	59¢
Oysters	Eastern Standard	1-Lb. Can	77¢
Shrimp	Medium Size	12-Oz. Pkg.	57¢

Farm-Fresh Produce

Oranges	California Navel	Lb.	10¢
Red Grapes	Large Clusters	2 Lbs.	25¢
Pascal Celery		Lb.	8¢
Red Potatoes		10-Lb. Bag	49¢

Cranberries		Lb.	25¢
Oranges	Texas Jolly	8-Lb. Bag	29¢
Grapefruit	Texas Seedless	8-Lb. Bag	29¢
Apples	Washington Delicious, Std.	2 Lbs.	27¢
Red Grapefruit		Lb.	7¢
Fresh Dates		10-Oz. Pkg.	19¢
Cocoanuts	Fresh Whole	Lb.	10¢
Apples	Washington Winesaps	Lb.	14¢
Tangerines	Florida Fancy	Lb.	10¢
Yellow Onions		Lb.	4¢

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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and daughters, Lousue and Gail, will spend Christmas with Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions and children, of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mrs. R. T. Trail and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zappe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bradley will visit at Coleman and Abilene Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony Nixon, of San Angelo, will visit relatives in Ballinger during the holidays.

College students began arriving home the past week-end and will be here during the holidays, most of them returning to their schools after January 1.

sons, of Weatherford, will visit Mrs. Thomas' aunt, Mrs. Jim Golden, and sister, Miss Grace Jo Bondurant during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Thomas and

Read the ads and SAVE!

Christmas
GREETINGS

Mrs. Alice Batchelor's Beauty Shop



HEALTHIEST 4-H CLUBBERS. . . Here's a healthy looking young couple—and they really are. They're James A. Pritchett, 16, of Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Margie Meier, 15, of Hillsboro, Oregon. Both are 4-H Club enthusiasts. During the first week of this month they journeyed to Chicago to attend the 4-H Club national convention. In connection with convention activities a contest was held to determine who were the healthiest couple present. James and Margie entered and as a result they were proclaimed "healthiest boy and girl in the United States."

MAY THIS
Christmas
BE A MERRY ONE FOR YOU
Ideal Barber Shop



We're just making a last minute check to make sure that we overlook none in our sincere wishes for cheer with the coming Holiday.

Home Furniture Company

Texas' Free Show For Kiddies Friday

Every boy and girl in this trade territory is invited to attend the Christmas show at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) morning at 9:30.

Jack Scales, manager, is following the annual custom of this showhouse in presenting a free show for the kiddies and this year has booked a special program which will be a real treat. In addition to the two-hour presentation of comedy and shorts, there will be gifts and souvenirs for the small folk.

The show is free and parents are urged to bring their kiddies for the beginning at 9:30 a. m. The entire theatre staff will be

on duty. Regardless of the weather, the auditorium will be comfortable and adults will be present all during the performance to give the kiddies a big morning. The show will be concluded shortly after 11 o'clock and parents who want to pick up their children should be at the theatre about 11:10 a. m.

BALLINGER 4-H CLUBBERS HEAR PLANS FOR SHOW

Members of the Ballinger 4-H club held their regular December meeting at the court house Saturday morning.

County Agent John A. Barton discussed a number of matters with the boys, including the Jersey calf to be given away in Ballinger on Christmas eve. Lloyd Rumsey, assistant county

agent, told about the livestock show which is to be held on February 24 and explained that the limited exhibit would permit only one calf, three sheep, one hog and three capons from each exhibitor. He also talked on the grasses contest which will be part of the annual encampment program in 1949. Demonstrations on any type of farm practice will also be concluded at the encampment, he said.

BALLINGER SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Christmas holidays for pupils and teachers of the Ballinger schools commenced Wednesday and will continue until Monday, January 3. All school work was suspended at the close of the afternoon period yesterday and rooms closed until studies are resumed after New Year's day.

Teachers living out of town left for their homes as soon as classes were dismissed.

EAST SIDE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Members of the East Side home demonstration club and families attended the annual turkey supper Friday night in the home of Miss Edna Routh.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas greenery, candles and a lighted tree, under which were placed shadow gifts. Following the delicious meal games of 42 were enjoyed.

The party was brought to a climax when gifts were opened, revealing the givers and the shadows.

An out-of-town guest for the occasion was Mrs. J. J. Schnieder, of Glen Cove.

BALLINGER STORES TO BE CLOSED 2 DAYS FOR XMAS

All Ballinger stores will be closed Saturday and Sunday for the Christmas holidays. Most of the local stores will be open late Christmas eve and some have set 9:00 p. m. as the closing hour for tonight. This action was taken in order to accommodate late purchasers.

The double holiday will permit many local people to make out-of-town trips for visits to relatives and friends. This year will see more families united in Ballinger than at any time since the beginning of World War II.



Instead of thinking of the many fancy ways to express our wish, we simply say with appreciation and sincerity,
MERRY CHRISTMAS
ATNIPP CLEANERS

SEASON'S GREETINGS

with
ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Bissett Bros.

Merry Christmas

Good Luck
Good Cheer
and Many
Happy Days

Sykes Motor Company



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OLIVER PETTY

ALLEN DAVIS
BOYD JONES



Gibbs Shoe Department



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Sporting Goods—Gift Items

Texas Theatre Building

SEASON'S GREETINGS

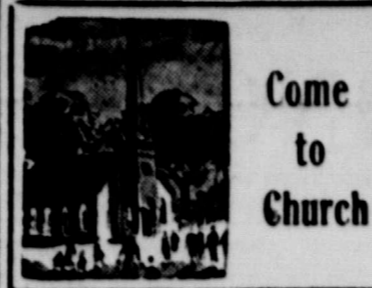
With the pleasant thoughts that come from the knowledge of many new friendships formed the past twelve months, we warmly wish each of you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MANSELL BROS.

Bringing you

BUNDLES of Happiness
 and Good Cheer
Williams Hatchery and Supply



Come to Church

First Presbyterian Church
 Sunday:
 10:00 a. m., church school
 11:00 o'clock morning worship
 7:30 o'clock, evening worship
 Wednesday:
 7:30 p. m., mid-week service.
 LAWRENCE E. GILBERT, Pastor

Seventh Street Baptist Church
 (Southern Convention)
 1200 Seventh Street
 Sunday:
 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
 Training Union, 6:45 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Teachers and Officers, 6:45 p. m.
 Prayer service, 7:45 p. m.
 Choir practice, 8:30 p. m.

Foursquare Gospel Church
 Sunday:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 6:45 p. m., Junior Crusaders.
 Mary Lou Tindle, captain.
 8:00 p. m., evangelistic service,
 pastor in charge.
 Tuesday:
 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting.

Church of the Nazarene
 Sunday:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11:00 a. m., morning service.
 6:45 p. m., N.Y.P.S. program.
 8:00 p. m., evening service.
 Wednesday:
 8:00 p. m., prayer service.
 Tuesday:
 3:30 p. m., W.F.M.S.
 J. MARVIN HARRISON, Pastor

Church of Christ
 (Eighth and Bonsall)
 Sunday:
 Bible School, 10:00 a. m.
 Sermon and Morning Worship,
 10:30 a. m.
 Evening Young People's Class,
 6:15 p. m.
 Evening Worship, 7:00 p. m.
 Monday:
 Ladies' Bible Class, 3:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Mid-week Bible Study, 7:30 p. m.
 You are always welcome at these services.

First Baptist Church
 (400 Eighth Street)
 Sunday:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school,
 Preston Fitzhugh, superintendent.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 7:30 p. m., evening worship.
 6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

Wishing you
 THE JOYS OF THE SEASON
 Our pleasant associations
 inspire sincere appreciation.
 May your Holiday Happiness and
 Good Cheer continue with you
 throughout the coming twelve months.
Bowden's Barber Shop



Try the drug store first!
Malone Drug Store

Commissioners Hear Plea for Assistance In Work at Airport

A meeting of the Runnels county commissioners' court was held December 13 to attend to routine business, approve bills and hear a number of people seeking interviews.

Members of the aviation committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce appeared before the court, asking cooperation in meeting requirements on runways at Bruce Field for establishing passenger, mail and freight service. The committee explained the need for longer runways which could be built with the help of the city and county commissions.

The local chamber has been assured by Trans-Texas Airways officials that service can be commenced here when the airport is improved to meet CAA regulations.

The court approved the bond of Dalton Crockett, who will take over the office of tax assessor-collector on January 1.

Another meeting was scheduled December 30, when newly elected officials of this county will have their bonds approved and be sworn in.

Two commissioners-elect, Bill Harman, of precinct No. 3, and Paul Gordon, of precinct No. 4, sat in on the meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fain, of Amarillo; Rev. and Mrs. John Perry King, of Mesquite; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Holt, of Altus, Oklahoma; and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Holt, of Waco, will be holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

Visitors in the Lee Maples home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Love, of Palestine; Leo Maples, of Dallas; and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Thomas, of Austin, Colorado. Last week-end their visitors were Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Bowman, of Meridian, Mississippi.

Spring to spend Christmas week with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Gustavus and children, of Osona, will spend the holiday week-end with the former's mother, Mrs. C. J. Lynn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Petty and sons will spend Christmas day with relatives at Norton.


Mrs. Lela McAdams is at Big


 No greater wish could be ours than this
 MAY CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR BE
 THE MOST GLORIOUS OF YOUR
 LIFE AND THAT THE NEW YEAR
 MAY BRING YOU HEALTH, GOOD
 FORTUNE AND GREAT HAPPINESS.
 We very much appreciate the opportunity you have given us to serve you in the past and even more do we appreciate you as a friend.
 May we deserve this friendship always.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods
 Insurance


 Holiday
 GREETINGS

As the years roll by
 we realize more and more
 how much it means to have

 the confidence of folks like you.
 It is a pleasure to wish you
 a Merry Christmas.

J. C. PENNEY CO.

Merry Christmas

To Our Customers and Friends:

On behalf of every officer, director and employee of this Bank, we pause at this turn of the year to put into words our appreciation to you our friends and depositors.

Our appreciation isn't something that is felt for a brief moment and then put aside for another 365 days. It is present all through the year and carries over into the years that follow.

According to our custom for the past 41 years we will have for distribution

Beginning MONDAY, January 3, 1949,
 our Calendars for the New Year,
 "THE GLORY ROAD"

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written orders from parent or guardian. Permit this calendar to find a welcome place on your wall.

We extend our sincere best wishes for a HAPPY and PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
 OF BALLINGER

Junior Y. P., 7:15 p. m.
 Youth Fellowship, 7:15 p. m.
 Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday:
 Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.
 J. H. SHELL, Pastor
 Phone 134

First Christian Church
 Murrell Avenue and Broadway
 Archie W. Gray, Minister
 O. P. Dorsey, Sunday School Superintendent.
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11:00 a. m., worship and communion.
 8:00 p. m., evening worship.

Grace Baptist Church
 Sunday school, 10 a. m.
 Preaching hour, 11 a. m.
 Wednesday, Bible study, 8 p. m.
 You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. You are always welcome.
 Evening service, 8:00 p. m.
 Wednesday evening, 8:00.
 "The Friendly Church"—come worship with us. Church located at corner of Tenth Street and Phillips Avenue.

First Methodist Church
 (Corner Murrell and Tenth)
 Sunday:
 9:45 a. m., church school.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 6:00 p. m., young people's service.
 8:00 p. m., evening worship.
 Wednesday:
 8:00 p. m., senior choir rehearsal.
 E. L. CRAIG, Pastor

Church of God
 Sunday:
 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11 a. m.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
 9:45 a. m., Sunday School, Carl Black, superintendent.
 Vesper service, 5:00 p. m., Dr. Anson T. Dewey, Winters.
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Season's
 GREETINGS
 WITH VERY BEST WISHES
 for
 THE HOLIDAYS

Kirk Hardware Company

Betty Grable, Doug Fairbanks Romance in 'Lady in Ermine'

A Betty Grable musical is a red letter event in any film season. But the screen's top-ranking musical star, singing, dancing and romancing with dashing Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., in a scintillating story produced and directed by Ernst Lubitsch, in Technicolor, and boasting a score of new song hits by Robin and Hollander, is cause enough for extra special celebration.

The 20th Century-Fox picture, "That Lady in Ermine," acclaimed one of the year's most dazzling and delightful productions, is to be presented at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26, 27, 28.

Flooded with scenes of breathtaking splendor, saucy situations and high-spirited humor, the film unfolds the story of a glamorous countess who saves the ancestral castle from the seige of a dashing and romantic colonel with a secret weapon that blows the would-be-conqueror sky-high into a dream world he never dared hope for.

Miss Grable has an assignment that calls for a full share of singing and dancing. Betty's songs include "This is the Moment," "There's Something About Midnight," and "Oh, What I'll Do," among others. For one of the picture's most dazzling sequences, the blonde beauty dances barefoot for the first time, wearing a fabulous 900-skin ermine coat which was styled by ace designer Rene Hubert in a manner that doesn't hide her equally fabulous million-dollar legs.

In his first musical comedy role, Fairbanks plays the romantic colonel who was all too willing to change places with his beautiful captive—but on his own terms. As Betty's suitor, Doug sings, dances and plays the piano for the first time in his screen career. Cesar Romero has one of his best comedy roles as the hapless husband who is forced to make a hasty exit from the castle on his wedding night. Other outstanding players who have important roles include Walter Abel, Reginald Gardiner, Harry Davenport, Virginia Campbell and Whit Bissell.

"The Untamed Breed," western thriller in lavish Cinecolor, and "Sons of Adventure," starring Rus-

sell Hayden, make up the double-feature program at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Christmas day, December 24, 25.

Sonny Tufts, Barbara Britton and "Gabby" Hayes are starred in "The Untamed Breed," a Columbia production. Edgar Buchanan and William Bishop head the supporting players.

The film story, based on the Saturday Evening Post adventure by Eli Colter, is reported to be a super-western with a new twist. The classic "chase" theme is there but the object of the pursuit is a ferocious, marauding bull that devastates New Mexico's Pecos country. Besides, there is said to be the more conventional action of man pitted against man with savage fists and blazing guns.

Tufts plays the Texas wrangler who brings the savage beast to heel; Miss Britton is the beauty who lassoes his heart, while Hayes plays a bungling Westerner.

Eldwin Williams of New Orleans, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams.



Doug Fairbanks, Jr., and Betty Grable are starred in the feature offering at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26, 27, 28. "That Lady in Ermine" is a sly and delightful musical romance.

Palace's Christmas Attraction Musical Starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire

The Irving Berlin-Bing Crosby-Fred Astaire combination that teamed up a few years back to turn out the highly successful "Holiday Inn," have joined forces again to present a cavalcade of Berlin hits that dwarfs in spectacle their initial effort. The new film is Paramount's "Blue Skies," to be presented at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Christmas day, December 24, 25, in conjunction with a fast-action western, "Men of Texas," starring Robert Stack.

Crosby and Astaire share star billing in "Blue Skies" with Joan Caulfield, while Billy DeWolfe and Olga San Juan take the principal featured roles.

"Blue Skies" is claimed to have more of everything melodic than any other musical ever to come out of Hollywood. It contains 32

Berlin tunes—four entirely new—which are used either as the basis for big production numbers, fitted into the tender love story, or used as background for the dramatic moments.

The incomparable Bing sings no less than 16 of the tunes, including such hits as "White Christmas," and "This is the Army, Mr. Jones." Fred Astaire is said to give the greatest demonstration of his talent in "Blue Skies," his big solo number, "Puttin' on the Ritz," extracting raves from the critics.

The lovely Miss Caulfield sings and dances, while the peppery senorita from Brooklyn, Olga San Juan, teams with Bing and Fred in some of the film's biggest tableaux. Billy DeWolfe is declared to have the biggest and funniest role of his career.

Local Grid Players Hear Coach Dawson On Code for Living

Coach "Doc" Dawson, member of the A. & M. College staff, told members of the Ballinger senior and junior high school football teams Friday night to "play the game square and be ready to take that lesson into life after school days are over."

Coach Dawson was the principal speaker when members of Methodist Men served a venison dinner to the members of both teams Friday evening. The meat for the menu was given by Jack Scales and J. D. Reneau and was prepared by Wilson and Walter Middleton with the help of a number of others. Jim Guynes, president of the Methodist men's organization, was toastmaster for the occasion and the principal speaker was introduced by Claude R. Stone, senior at A. & M. College.

Entertainment included numbers by a high school students quartet and a solo by Deanie Smith, with Miss Clara Hill at the piano.

Players on the two teams were presented by Coach Wayman Wilson and Coach John Drennon. Supt. Ernest Caskey introduced other school officials who were guests.

Coach Dawson's talk was filled with humor and he closed with an appeal to the youths to prepare for life after football days ended.

Following the program, motion pictures of the A. & M.-Southern Methodist game were shown.

Coach Dawson remained over Friday to attend to business here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Bailey, of Coleman, will spend Christmas day with Mr. Bailey's mother, Mrs. Ruth Bailey.

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'Tap Roots' Technicolor Special Opens at Ford Christmas Day

Hailed as one of the year's outstanding dramas, "Tap Roots," which co-stars Van Heflin and Susan Hayward, and has Boris Karloff in the leading featured part, opens at the Ford Theatre Christmas day and continues at the local playhouse through Tuesday, December 28.

The lavish production, a Universal release, is from the best-selling novel of the same name—a saga of the independent Dabney clan of Lebanon county, which seceded from Mississippi prior to the Civil War.

Van Heflin, as Keith Alexander, a renegade newspaper publisher, falls in love with Morna Dabney, played by Miss Hayward, and for this reason alone joins the Dabneys in their rebellion. Heflin's famous dueling pistols, Alpha and Omega, are feared by any man who crosses him. The beautiful, red-haired Morna gives her love

to two men and, in keeping with the times, lives for the hour. Karloff, as Tishomingo, the Choctaw Indian, whose bullwhip is as deadly as Heflin's dueling pistols, is a friend of the Dabneys.

Among supporting plays, Julie Londo has the role of Aven, Miss Hayward's younger sister. Ward Bond is seen as their stubborn and defiant father. Richard Long plays the hot-headed younger brother. Whitfield Connor also has a key portrayal.

With action centered on Lebanon county in Mississippi, the story of "Tap Roots" begins in 1860. When the state secedes from the union, Lebanon, under the leadership of Hoab Dabney, becomes a free and independent community. Dramatic incidents which follow, including Lebanon county's furious but futile conflict with the might of the Confederacy, are said to have been filmed on a vast scale without the sacrifice of intimate detail.

and to address the Lions Club at the noon hour.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Massey, of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Allen, Jr., of Abilene, will visit Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parks for Christmas. Mr. Massey is a junior student at the University of Texas.

Richard Hembree, who has been employed by the Humble Oil Co. at Houston since his graduation from Texas A. & M. College last July, will join his sister, Miss Sue Hembree, of Baylor University, for a holiday visit in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hembree.

Rags wanted at Ledger office.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

High School Press Club Sponsors Coronation Yuletide Program

Members of the staffs of the Ballinger High School annual, "Paw Prints," and the newspaper, "Cat Tracks," with their faculty sponsors, Mrs. Linn Coleman and Miss Merle Lewis, were official hosts at their annual formal presentation of "Who's Who" and school favorites at the high school auditorium Friday evening, followed by a dance honoring the favorites in a large hall at Bruce Field.

The favorites, who were elected in secret balloting by the entire student body, were notified of the results last Friday afternoon.

"Merry Christmas" in silver decorated the stage curtain and two large trees with all the traditional trimmings were at each side. The Yuletide symbols gave a festive air to the fireplace which centered the stage.

The presentation program was opened with a group of Christmas carols which were played by Wilma Duke, pianist. "White Christmas" was sung by the Girls' Sextet, Joyce McCorstin, Betsy Coffey, Clara Hill, Jessie Mae Henderson, Anita Wade and Wanda Richards, under the direction of Miss Rosemary Bruce. Mary Nell read "Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus." "Winter Wonderland" was sung by Clara Hill; and Miss Bruce sang "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Miss Duke played all the accompaniments.

Deanie Smith, alias Santa Claus, acted as master of ceremonies, and he was assisted by the Christmas elves, William James and Bobby Gray, in presenting the

band and pep squad mascots, Becky Davis, Jackie Taylor, Margarette Gilbert and Suzanne Middleton. After Santa presented the mascots they were seated to receive the favorites who approached the stage by two large red and white socks on wheels, wearing a large white Christmas card with a large red bow attached. "Twas the Night Before Christmas," composed by Dorothy Daugherty, was narrated by Darlene Goetz as the following: Darlene Goetz, solid geometry; Fredric Feist, algebra II; Roby Faye Laxton, plane geometry; Rudolph Hoffman, physics; Paul Jenkins, biology; Patsy Pratt, shorthand; Peggy Fox, bookkeeping; Deweylou McGinley, typing; Florine Liso, English IV; Edna Muriel Smith, English III; Dorothy Daugherty, journalism; Martha James, Latin; Mary Nell, speech; Alice Kohutek, home-making; Melton Holubeck, vocational agriculture; Bob Vancil, band; Wilma Duke, music; Jimmy Endacott, American history; Jo Ann Rayburn, civics; Fred McShan, boys' physical education; and Patsy Bishop, girls' physical education.

The sextet sang "All the Things You Are" preceding the coronation when Santa crowned the freshman favorites, Mary Harrill and Graham Hart; sophomore favorites, Mary Nell and Jimmy Parrish; junior favorites, Patty Morrison and Daniel Hallmark; senior favorites, twin brother and sister, Betty and Bill Middleton. Others in line were F. H. A. princes, Jerry Taylor and Richard Buxkemper; F. H. A. king, Harvey Maas; F. F. A. queens, Janet Blanton and Mary Ann Hennecke; F. F. A. sweetheart, Betty Fox; best Bearcette, LaRita Price; alternate band sweetheart, Sally McGahey; band sweetheart, Clara Hill; football sweetheart, Arlene Miller; best all-round student, Hortense Alvarez; outstanding athlete, Wart Hill; most typical girl, Cynthia Tuckey; most typical boy, Jimmy Davenport; most popular girl, Martha James; most popular boy, Bobby Bryan; most handsome boy, Joe Vancil; most beautiful girl, Jamie Morrison.

Ushers were: Ann Bryan, Sue Hampton, Eva Jo Flynn, Jimmy Williams, Charles Bailey and

Lynn Neill.

At the conclusion, Santa presented bouquets of red roses which had been brought to the stage by the ushers, to Miss Lewis and Mrs. Coleman in appreciation of their work, and the entire group wished "A Merry Christmas" to the audience.

The formal dance followed at Bruce Field with students, parents and friends attending. The hall was beautifully decorated in symbols of the holiday season. Cedar boughs combined with red candles centered the tea table where Peggy Cordell, Joyce Hite, Faye Causey and Donna Dee Bollier served punch and cookies.

Ruth Class Has Christmas Party in Hambrick Home

Mrs. Charles Hambrick, Mrs. O. G. Joiner and Mrs. Cecil Darby were hostesses to members of the First Baptist Ruth Class last Thursday evening, entertaining with a Christmas party in the Broadway home of Mr. and Mrs. Hambrick.

Holiday symbols greeted guests outside the front door with a large arrangement of greenery and bells and were climaxed in party rooms that were decorated with red candles and greenery banked on the mantel, and on the dining table and buffet.

Mrs. E. M. Hutchins presided for the short business period and Mrs. W. E. Elkins told the story of "The Littlest Angel." Members packed food for a needy family which the class had adopted.

At the social hour, gifts were exchanged at the illuminated tree and the class presented Mrs. Elkins, the teacher, with a gift of crystal. Hostesses served a dessert plate with coffee. Others present were: Mmes. Elliott Kemp, Wayman Wilson, R. C. Bledsoe, Jones Parrish, Geneva Aaron, Preston Fitzhugh, Alvah Stephens, J. T. Gregory, B. J. Martin, Dossor, Sam Malone, Harold Routh, Caleb Brown, Paul Lewis, Bryan Gilliam, Hollis, and France Jones.

Merle Richards Entertains Friends in Bethel Home

Merle Richards was hostess to a group of friends at a party in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Richards, in the Bethel community last Tuesday evening.

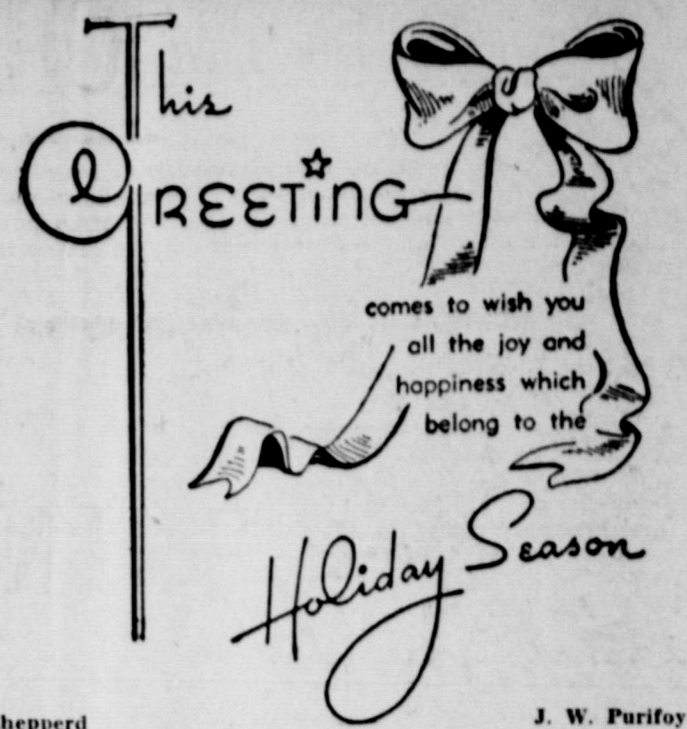
The hostess was assisted by Dorothy McShan, Wanda Richards, Doris Dankworth and Shirley Thompson in directing games for the group and in serving refreshments of popcorn balls in Christmas colors, cocoa and marshmallows to: Tookie Wade, Carol Ann Bailey, Betty Cloninger, Theresa Elkins, Glenda Harris, Ellen Shelburne, Eleta Stanley, Marcella Fischer, Bobby Bryan, David Simmons, Bobby Ransbarger, Dan Dankworth, Marlin Lee, Fred Holliday, Ivan and Daniel Fischer, Bobby Gray, Eldon Bogges, Zane Branham and Carol Richards.

Miss Seipp Weds George Martin, Jr. at San Angelo

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Martin, Jr., are at home here at 800 Sixth Street, following their marriage Wednesday, December 15, at 8:30 o'clock in the evening, in the parsonage of the First Baptist Church at San Angelo. The Rev. James Leavell, pastor, officiated at the single ring ceremony.

The bride is the former Miss Faye Seipp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Seipp. Mr. Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Martin, of Dublin.

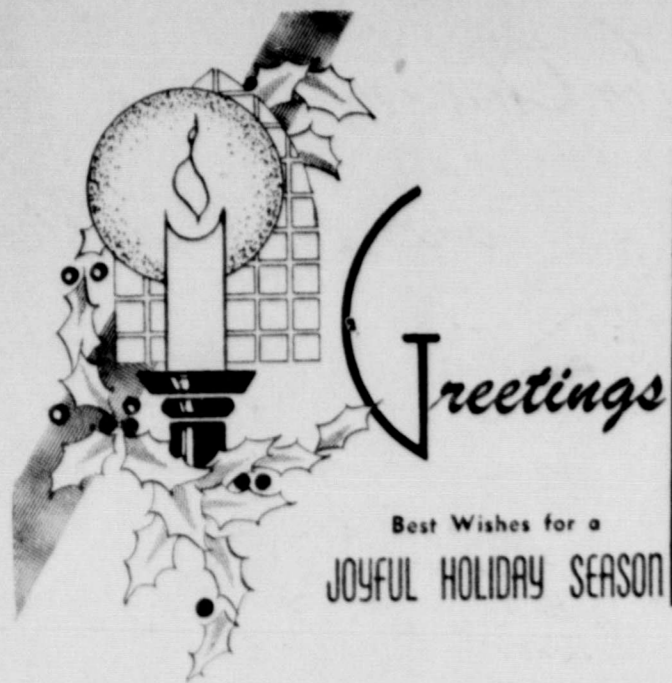
For her bridal costume, the bride chose a street-length dress of sky blue crepe with a long fitted bodice designed with a square neckline and wide tucking. Her small off-the-face black felt



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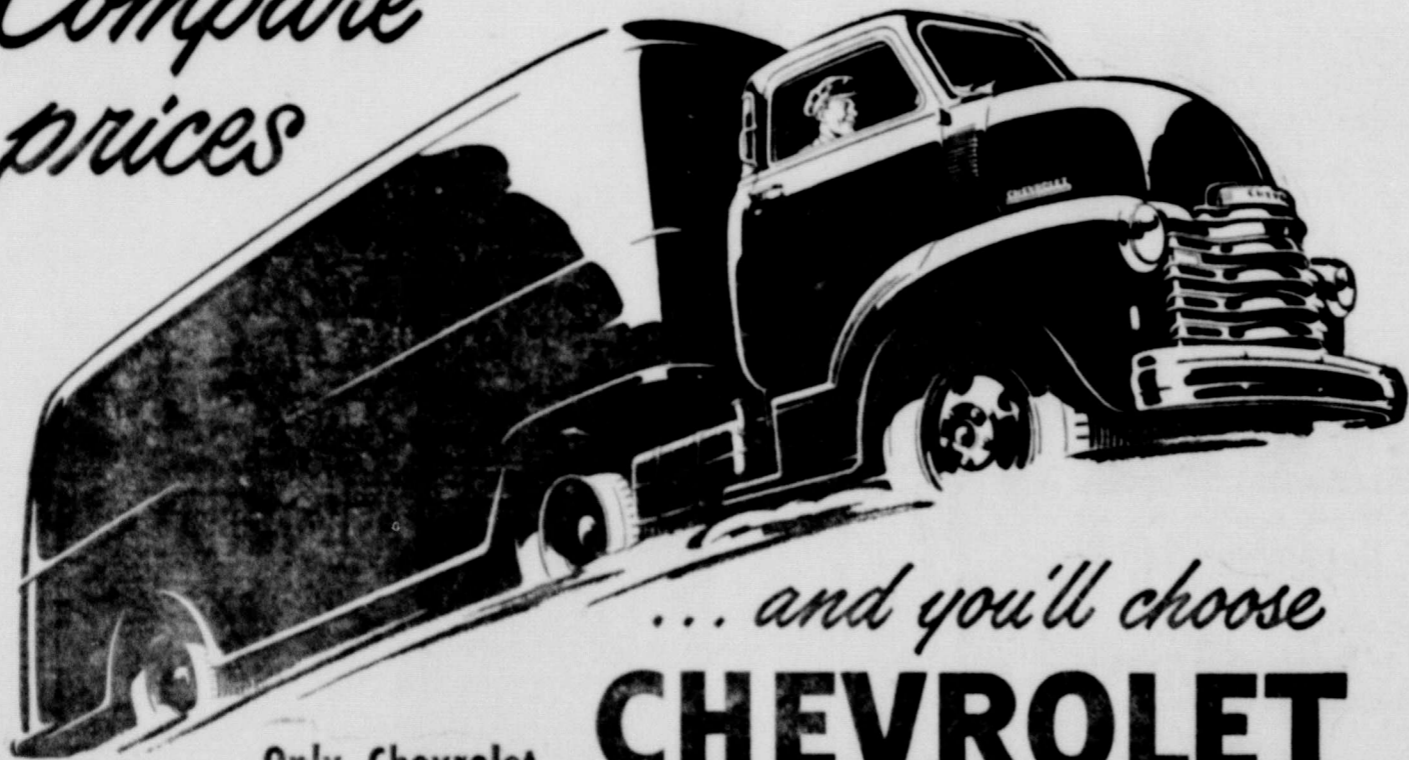
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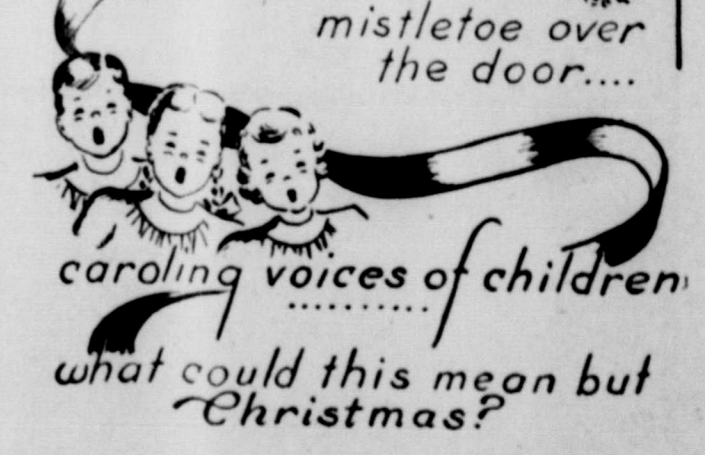
that was feather trimmed and other accessories were black. She wore a corsage of white gladioli. Her only ornament was a string of pearls belonging to her mother.

Holiday visitors in the W. R. Clark home will be Miss Faye Clark, teacher in the Houston schools; Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Curtis and Randy, of New Braunfels; Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Clark, of Denver City; Mr. and Mrs. Linton Clark and daughters, of Rankin; and Miss Mary Frances Clark, student at N. T. S. C., Denton.

Mrs. Martin was a 1948 graduate of the Ballinger High School, and is now employed in the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce office. Mr. Martin graduated from McCamey High School and has been employed for the past two years at the Humble Pump Station



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IN SOCIETY

Miss Forbus Becomes Bride of Bernie Machann
Miss Yvonne Forbus, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Forbus, became the bride of Bernie Machann, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Machann of Rowena, last Thursday morning at nine o'clock

The BLESSINGS

of Christmas



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

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

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at the First Baptist Church. Lovely simplicity marked the altar where white chrysanthemums and ferns were used for decorations. The Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, read the double ring ceremony before relatives and a few close friends of the bridal couple.

Mrs. Earl Cope, organist, played "Ave Maria" and "Always" and other love medleys preceding the service, and played the accompaniment for Joyce McCortin, soloist, to sing "Because." Mrs. Cope also played the traditional Wagner and Mendelssohn marches.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a two-piece suit of soft blue wool. The jacket was fashioned on long lines with a peplum at the back. Her blouse was of dusty pink sheer and other accessories were black. Her corsage was of white gladioli. For something borrowed and old she wore ear-screws belonging to her aunt, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and carried a white Bible which her cousin, Mrs. Bob Wood had carried at her wedding.

Miss Marjorie Machann, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor. She wore a two-piece suit of cerise wool with black accessories and her corsage was of white carnations. Miss Jo Beth Forbus attended her cousin as bridesmaid and wore a suit of gray wool with black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Eldon Urban, of Miles, attended the bridegroom as best man. Ushers were the bride's brother, Harlan Forbus, and Theron Forbus, cousin of the bride.

A reception was held after the ceremony in the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Forbus. The couple was assisted in receiving by the bride's parents and members of the wedding party. The lace-laid bride's table was centered with a three-tiered decorated wedding cake which was topped with a miniature bridal couple. Miss Jo Beth Forbus presided at the punch bowl and Miss Marjorie Machann cut the cake.

Mrs. Machann is a graduate of Ballinger High School and has been employed at the Malone Drug Store.

After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home on their farm near Hatchel.

Mrs. Talbott's Speech Students Entertain Esther Class

Mrs. John King and Mrs. J. A. Watson were hostesses to the First Baptist Esther Class last Thursday evening, entertaining with a Yuletide party in the John King home on Broadway.

A brilliantly lighted tree, from which gifts were exchanged, and other Yule decorations gave a

festive air to rooms where Mrs. Melvin Beddo presided for officers' and committee reports following the opening prayer by Mrs. C. R. Owens.

For the Christmas program Mrs. West Talbott presented five of her Junior High School speech students. Those giving readings were: Billy Tatum, Sue Jacob, Mary Jo Forman, Freddie Sue Underwood and Theresa Elkins.

Hostesses served fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee. Plate favors were silver bells attached to mistletoe with red ribbon bows. Others were: Mmes Jack McAden, James Gibbs, H. W. Ketchem, Charles Lowry, Charles Shepard and Jean Fowler.

Christmas Breakfast for Baptist Young People

The Christmas greetings theme was given pretty emphasis Sunday morning when members of the First Baptist young people's department were guests at breakfast at the Central Hotel.

Linen-laid tables were centered with greenery combined with nandina berries and clusters of Christmas balls, flanked by red and green tapers. A snow scene was on the piano and poinsettias and pine cones were on the side tables. Christmas cards which included the menu and the program written in acrostic verse, using the words "Christmas Greetings" marked places for forty.

Mrs. Carl Black, superintendent of the young people's department, was assisted by the teachers, Mrs. Frank Flynt, Mrs. Lee Parker, H. H. Hamner, S. E. Cloninger and Wayman Wilson, in making all the arrangements for the affair.

Ebb Grindstaff, student at Baylor University, Waco, was toastmaster for the program which opened with the invocation by Coach Wilson. Greetings were given by LaRita Price and the response was by Sonny Davenport. The Nativity Story was related by Theresa Elkins. The High School Sextet, Joyce McCortin, Betsy Coffey, Clara Hill, Jessie Mae Henderson, Anita Wade and Wanda Richards, sang Christmas carols with Wilma Duke at the piano. Miss Rosemary Bruce, violinist, played "There's a Song in the Air" and the High School Boys' Quartet, Wart Hill, Deanie Smith, Bill Hart and Jimmie Williams, with Clara Hill at the piano, sang several numbers. Rev. B. J. Martin was the speaker and

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Every Good Wish

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his subject was "The Amazing Christ of Christmas." The program was concluded with silent meditation and prayer.

Mrs. Carter Entertains Club with Yule Party

Mrs. Marie Carter was hostess to members of the Thursday Contract Club when she gave a Christmas party in her home on Eighth Street.

A beautiful, lighted Christmas tree and a Nativity scene were in the living room; a sugar plum tree, mistletoe and red Christmas balls at vantage spots gave a festive air to the dining room as well as the snow scene on the mantel which was centered with a potted poinsettia and red tapers, where the supper salad plate with cookies and mints was served with coffee.

Contract games followed and at the conclusion gifts were exchanged.

Members are: Misses Mary Jane Kiechle, Pearl Currie, Griffie Atkins, Ollie Chenoweth; Mmes. B. J. Martin was the speaker and

Castor, Edward Sommer, Naomi Keithley and Sim Cottelle.

Mrs. M. S. Karmany and Tom Williams, of Comanche, were here last Thursday for a visit and to attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Power, of Chicago, are here for a Christmas visit with relatives and friends.

Virgil Bryan Walker, fireman apprentice, U. S. navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Walker, of Wingate, is serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Tarawa, a unit of task force No. 38, which is now undergoing intensive training

in the western Pacific and China Sea areas.

Mrs. Susie Kallina, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale, is spending the holidays at home. She is a student at T. S. C. W., Denton.

Miss Mary Jean Bell is at home for the holidays from Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. McDonald and son, of Port Arthur; and Miss Ann Creasy, of El Paso, are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. N. Bruce Creasy.

Mr. and Mrs. Thad Thomson, of San Angelo, visited Ballinger relatives and friends Sunday.

CHRISTMAS

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Again we come to that season of the year when "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" is extended. We cannot say all that we feel for the subscribers who each year have kept The Ledger coming into their homes. Without you we could not operate, but with you our columns are always a source of real advertising value to the merchants and we deeply appreciate each of you. Some have been regular readers for more than half a century without ever allowing their subscriptions to lapse. We pledge to put forth every effort to bring you the news

of your county and suggest that one way we can improve is with your help. During 1949, make yourself a reporter and give us information of your family and your community. We will appreciate the help and the other readers will enjoy learning what you and your friends are doing.

On December 31 citizens of Ballinger will participate in a special election for the issuance of \$25,000 in taxable bonds to be used for the construction of an athletic park. While this park could be utilized for many events, primarily it would assure professional baseball here. With a park and lighted field provided, local citizens are ready to form a corporation with sufficient capital to operate a club in the Longhorn League. The park would also be available for high school and other boys' baseball, rodeos, big public gatherings and many programs which call for a grandstand. Many local people believe baseball is an asset to the entire

community and the value of the summer entertainment would warrant the expenditure. Twenty-year bonds could be retired with a tax increase of about 8 1/2 cents on the \$100. Fans promoting the bond issue election will do everything possible to explain in detail the plan and cost to the eligible voters of the city before December 28.

Beginning January 1 there will be a number of new occupants of offices in the Runnels county court house. These men will join the county's official "family" by assuming the duties to which the people elected them. The commissioners' court will meet December 30 for the purpose of approving bonds and swearing in the new officers.

Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler and children, Sarah and Charles, will be Christmas guests in the homes of relatives in Stigler, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis will have all their children at home for Christmas. To be here are: Mr. and Mrs. John Herrington, Mr. and Mrs. John Tate and Carol, and Miss Mary Lou Davis, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burnett and baby daughter, Linda Ann, of Imperial; Miss Bonnie Davis, of T. S. C. W. Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Corbett Davis, of College Station. Mr. Davis is a student at A. & M.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

Plans for a new and modern theatre at Miles have been drawn for Bob Hendrick, owner of the Pic Theatre, recently destroyed by fire. Hendrick stated the new building would be larger and the interior more modern than the showhouse destroyed. Innovations will include lounges for men and women, a cry room for patrons with small children where they may watch the films without disturbing others, and a stage from which vaudeville and other talent can be presented. All the equipment is on order.

Drilling has been started on a wildcat oil well, just north of Melvin on the Rice ranch. Rotary equipment was moved to the site two weeks ago and drilling got underway December 13. The lease block was assembled by Mrs. Jessie Briggs of Brady, and the drilling contract is held by Nicholson-Jones and others, of Fort Worth. A recent test near the new location struck a showing which flowed but the hole was drilled deeper and salt water was encountered.

Farmers of the Mozelle community were in a mass meeting last week and announced they would sponsor a livestock and poultry show with F. F. A. and 4-H club boys and home economics girls participating. The dates are to be set as soon as leaders of the three groups check on the progress of demonstrations.

A \$150,000 gymnasium was dedicated at Coleman last week in a program which attracted a large crowd. The property of the Coleman schools, the building had been under construction a year. It is large and modern and will fill a need for the school system. The basketball court was initiated in a game between the Howard Payne College and Hardin-Simmons University teams.

Curtis Field, Brady, is one of 21 Texas airports that received awards from the National Aeronautical Association for good operating practices. The award was announced by A. W. Meadows, director of the state aeronautics commission. The Brady field has been maintained for several years and all requirements of the CAA

have been met by the city for air stops.

Capt. and Mrs. Bill Kettler were in Rowena last week for a visit with his brother, Ralph Kettler, and family. Capt. Kettler has been in the army seven years, spending the past three years with the U. S. occupation forces in Germany. His wife joined him overseas two years ago. They arrived in New York November 10 after Capt. Kettler had completed his foreign assignment.

The Paint Rock Laundry, owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Munro, was damaged \$400 to \$500 by fire Wednesday of last week. The blaze originated from a pilot light under the boiler. Mr. Munro stated full operation would be resumed soon.

The Coke county commissioners' court last week authorized the expenditure of \$2,500 on the purchase of fire fighting equipment at Bronte. County Judge Jeff Dean pointed out that an equal amount had been spent on the city hall at Robert Lee and that the commissioners believed it only fair to spend as much in assisting Bronte citizens to obtain adequate fire fighting equipment. The county is to maintain both the Robert Lee and Bronte trucks.

Citizens of Winters centered their activities on Christmas events during the closing days of the season. Tuesday a large crowd assembled for a visit from Santa Claus. The old gentleman participated in a parade in his sleigh which was pulled by six Shetland ponies. That evening the Winters band gave a Yule concert and other events included the playing of carols over a loud speaker system, a yard decoration contest and beautiful business section decorations.

Comanche county citizens met last week for the purpose of forming the Comanche County Rural Roads Association, a unit of the statewide organization to study the needs of rural areas in every county and to promote road building where it will do the most good. The entire idea is for better rural and farm-to-market roads, and leaders in each of the 254 counties have been asked to form



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It is my earnest and sincere wish that you will have a joyous Christmas holiday and that, in the years to come, you and yours will be blessed with good health and happiness.

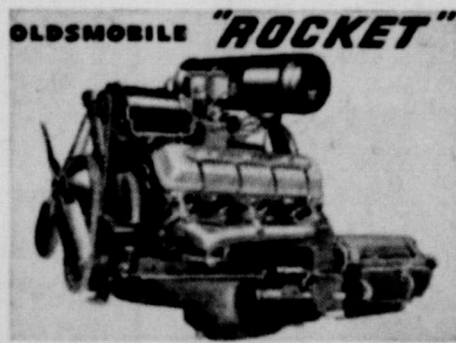
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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Fannie Stephens Study Club Has Christmas Program

Mrs. W. O. Irby opened her pretty Wilke Terrace home on Wednesday afternoon of last week for the annual Christmas program of the Fannie Stephens Study Club. Mrs. W. A. McDonald, president, directed the short business period when Mrs. Alva Stephens was welcomed as a new active member, and Mrs. Cal Adair, as a new associate member. The reception suite was beautifully decorated with the lighted Christmas tree, mistletoe and

candles were on the fireplace mantel, and a sugar plum tree on the piano. Mrs. Chester Afflerbach reviewed the book, "A Grandma in Every Home," which she gave in an interesting manner. At the conclusion the group sang carols with Mrs. Ira Funderburk playing the accompaniments. The social committee, Mrs. Price Middleton, Mrs. Raleigh Reese, Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan assisted Mrs. Irby in serving a molded salad with sandwiches and coffee from

the dining table which was centered with a massed arrangement of greenery, red berries and Christmas balls.

Visitors were Mrs. J. G. Douglass and Mrs. G. M. Hargis. Other members were: Mmes. J. Dexter Eoff, Curtis Bryan, Marvin Davies, W. E. Elkins, J. H. Endacott, Joe Forester, Elliott Kemp, W. E. Moss, George Newby, Lee Parker, W. K. Wheatley, Wayman Wilson and M. E. McClenny.

Mrs. Richards Complimented at Gift Tea

Mrs. Clarence Richards, who before her recent marriage was Miss Callie Mae Beard, was paid a pretty compliment Wednesday evening of last week when Mrs. Bill Bell, Mrs. R. L. Bell and Mrs. Bill Goetz were hostesses at a beautifully appointed gift tea in the Bill Bell home on Eighth Street, including 125 friends of the honoree.

The Christmas theme was given attractive emphasis in all details with the illuminated Christmas tree and other greenery being used to decorate the living room where Mrs. Leon Russell extended welcome and presented Mrs. Goetz, Mrs. R. L. Bell, the honoree and her mother, Mrs. Joe Beard, of Coleman, and Mrs. R. T. Williams.

The dining table, laid in lace, was centered with a white, gold and green ice scene with white and gold angel candles. Candles and berries were on the buffet. Mrs. G. R. Proffitt presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Jimmie Dankworth assisted Mrs. Bell in serving cookies and salted nuts.

Gifts were displayed by Miss Winona Howell and Mrs. Bill Canady, and Mrs. Eldon Holley registered guests in the bride's book. A program of readings was given by Mrs. West Talbott during the calling hours, six to eight o'clock.

Mrs. J. C. Sturges Reviews Book at Club's Christmas Party

The Shakespeare Club held its annual Christmas affair Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Arthur Giesecke on Broadway. A musical program was played by Mrs. John Gulon as guests were welcomed by Mrs. Giesecke and Mrs. Dorsey Read, club president. Mrs. Read gave greetings and welcomed Mrs. George M. Vaughn, of San Angelo, who is a charter member of the club, and introduced Miss Rose Mary Bruce, director of the senior high school sextet, which includes Joyce McCortin, Betsy Coffey, Clara Hill, Jessie Mae Henderson, Anita Wade and Wanda Richards, and Wilma Duke, pianist. The following carols were sung by the sextet: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," "Silent Night," "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," and "O Come All Ye Faithful." Theresa Elkins told the "Story of the Nativity."

Mrs. J. C. Sturges, of San Angelo, who has been reviewing books in West Texas for a number of years, quickly captured her audience by her artful manner of telling the story of "The Small One," by Charles Tazewell. This story holds love and inspiration for readers of all kinds and all creeds, and is especially suitable for Christmas.

At the tea hour, planned by Mmes. W. J. Hembree, Bill Sykes, R. E. Key, M. A. Foy, Marvin Clark and E. L. Ingram, Mrs. Read and Mrs. Edgar Boelsche presided at the silver service at the dining table which was centered with a formal arrangement of red carnations. The buffet adornment was a massed arrangement of mistletoe combined with Christmas balls and a large bow of green satin ribbon. Other dainties served were fruit cake squares.

Invited guests were: Mmes. Vaughn, Troy Simpson, E. C. Baskin, George Holman, Jack Nixon, Jr., Hill Hampton and Lee Maples.

SEASON'S Greetings

The arrival of another Christmas season brings with it the joyous recollections of many pleasant and friendly associations with those whom it has been our pleasure to serve in this community.

Each year we find ourselves eagerly awaiting the Christmas season because in it we find the opportunity to express again our appreciation for your thoughtfulness and consideration.

And as we extend our thanks, we hasten to add our best wishes to you for the Holiday Season. May it be one of manifold blessings... a time of merriment and thanksgiving. May this Christmas be your happiest.



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Other members present were: Mmes. E. E. King, B. J. Martin, Max McCrary, Sr., J. G. Douglass, J. A. Williams, R. T. Williams, F. C. Miller, Ernest Cezeaux, Chester Cherry, Sim Cottelle, Homer C. Daniel, B. C. Kirk, Estes Lynn, T. J. McCaughan, Max McCrary, Jr., C. J. Lynn, Orland Middleton, Powell Wear, Paul Petty, C. P. Shepherd, Joe Satterwhite, Alex

Saunders, A. B. Stobaugh, Roger Wheeler, Lela McAdams, Jimmie Dankworth and R. F. Zedlitz.

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche will spend Christmas week at Austin, Hearne and Industry.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Young will visit during the holidays at Frederick, Hobart and Mangum, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Marvin Davis and Gwen will go to Dallas for an after-Christmas visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair and Midge will attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. Adair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Adair, in Commerce on New Year's day.

Rags wanted at Ledger office.

Merry Christmas

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Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Russell and Don, and Mrs. W. T. Bryan, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Howard, of Fort Worth, will visit Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryan during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan and Grace Ann will join other relatives for a reunion in the home of

Mrs. Belle Waldron at Miles for Christmas day.

Mrs. Veima Jaeggli, of Beaumont, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hulsey will be joined by Mrs. Hulsey's mother, Mrs. H. T. Carlisle, of Hamlin, for a Christmas visit in Tulsa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cloninger and daughters will visit Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rudd at Goldthwaite Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis and daughters will visit relatives at Robert Lee Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pitts, of Ft. Worth, will be holiday guests of Mrs. Pitts' sister, Mrs. W. O. Irby, Mr. Irby and Wayne.

Leonard Burgess, of the Methodist Orphanage, Waco, was the week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Behringer and other friends. He is the "adopted son" of the Doss Bible class.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Guin and children, of Big Spring, visited relatives and friends here the past week-end.

H. M. Alagood, of Miles, will spend Christmas day in the Ray Tisdale home.

Alexander McGregor, Jr., of Texas City; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. McGregor, of Dallas; will be holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor.

Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, Charles, Jr., and Sally, and Dr. W. B. Halley will make a short after-Christmas visit at Novice with Mrs. Bailey's parents.

Mrs. Minnie Halley Smith and Miss Eugenia Smith, sister and niece of Dr. W. B. Halley, of Ruston, Louisiana, were guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mikovsky, of Dallas; and Miss Jackie Bankston, of John Tarleton College, Stephenville, will visit Mrs. Ruth Bankston during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Clemmie Barnes will make a holiday visit at Big Spring with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sampson, Donna Sue and Robert, of Wasco, California; and Mrs. Luella Pool, of Keyesville, Missouri, are holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tex Bullock at the Central Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Slay and Stephen will be in Waco for the holidays.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Canady will gather for Christmas in their home on Tenth Street. They are Mr. and Mrs. Hobb Canady, of Hobbs, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Murray Canady, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Truett, of Waco. Other guests will be Mrs. Canady's sister, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mr. Barnes, and Billy Barnes, of Cleburne.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wesner, Mrs. Marion Guthrie and Carolyn, of McCamey; Mrs. Jeff Wesner, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Roberts and Jimmy Gressett, of Midland; and Mr. and Mrs. David Gressett, of Cisco, will meet in the home of Mrs. Dora R. Gressett for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. David Caudle and sons, of McCamey, will visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clappitt and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Caudle during the holidays. Another visitor in the Caudle home will be Miss Pat Caudle, of N. T. S. T. C. Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Ceseaux left Sunday for Houston to visit their daughter. They will return home about January 10.

Walter Trimmer, of Houston, will spend Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Trimmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thorp and daughters, of Florey, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pafford and Dick, of Dallas, will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Thorp.

Capt and Mrs. Melvin Holt and son, Ricki, arrived last Thursday from Fort Ord, California, for a month's leave before reporting to a new assignment at Salt Lake City. They will visit in the home

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of Mrs. Holt's mother, Mrs. Malcolm McGregor. Her other children, Miss Armour Lynn, of Austin, Patsy and Donald, students at the University of Texas, will also be at home during the holidays.

Mrs. Estes M. Lynn. Mrs. E. B. Gilliam, Sr., and Miss Ruby Long, of Brownwood; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilliam, Jr., of Goldthwaite, are visitors in the homes of Mrs. Leonard Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring. Read the grocery ads and save.

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