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Fred J. White Becomes President F. & M. Bank

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. White, recently of Stigler, Oklahoma, have moved to Ballinger and Mr. White has assumed the presidency of the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. Mr. White, who will serve the bank as an executive officer, began his duties today.

Recently Mr. White sold his interest in the First National Bank at Stigler, where he served as president for a number of years. He has purchased a substantial share of the Ballinger bank from Irvin McCreary and J. E. Wood, of Temple, and will be actively in charge of the financial institution.

Mr. White stressed that he was coming to Ballinger to become part of the community and would assure local people of a continuation of the banking services offered by the Farmers & Merchants State Bank. He and Mrs. White are residing at present at

406 Tenth Street, but intend to buy or build a home in the near future.

Mr. White has had 29 years banking experience, most of which in an executive capacity.

Mr. White holds membership in the Baptist church and at Stigler was a deacon. He also served on the board of regents of Oklahoma Baptist University and was a member of the board of the Baptist Foundation.

He announced that in the near future improvements would be made at the local bank which would include both exterior and interior work. He also stated that the personnel would remain the same and that every effort would be made to give people of this area a complete banking service.

Mr. White will be found in the office at the bank and will be glad to meet citizens of this trade territory.

Four Ballinger Men to Play in Bowl Game



Four Ballinger men will be in uniform for McMurry College when the Indians go to the Oleander Bowl game at Galveston to meet the Missouri Valley Vikings. A fifth man, Aubrey Frazier, is carried on the squad, but injuries have kept him out of games during the season.

Ballinger players shown above are Alton Patterson, tackle; Edgar Payne and Marvin Sanders, guards; and Charles Miller, center. They are listed as four of the reasons why McMurry has won three straight Texas Conference championships. Payne and Patterson started every McMurry game during the past season.

PMA Allotment \$162,700 For Runnels County in '50

Runnels county farmers will be allowed \$162,900 of PMA funds for conservation work in 1950. This is an increase over the \$135,600 county allotment in 1949. The county committee has set a limit of \$750 for small farms and \$1,500 for large farms and ranches in 1950.

All 1949 conservation work must be completed by December 31, 1949, if payment is to be made for carrying out practices.

Farmers who have wheat insurance for 1950 must turn in an acreage report by December 29. Some 120 farmers have not turned in this requested report. Although a farmer may not have seeded any wheat for 1950, an acreage report must be signed showing no acreage is needed. Peanut farmers who have not turned in their peanut marketing cards should do so at

once. The cottonseed purchase program is almost complete in most of Texas counties, however there are a few counties west of Runnels that have a large amount of cotton to be ginned. Unless the time is extended, the program will be completed by December 31.

To date 11,596 tons of cottonseed have been purchased by the Runnels county PMA committee. All cottonseed is now being trucked direct from gins to the Western Cotton Oil Mill at Abilene, Sweetwater Oil Mill at Sweetwater, and Mid-West Co-op mill at Hamlin.

Trucks are also moving cottonseed at Bruce Field to the Western Cotton Oil Mill at Abilene. About 3/4 of the seed originally stored at Bruce Field has been moved to Abilene and the remainder of the seed will probably be moved by January 1.

C. of C. to Elect Officers For Next Year Tonight

The directory board of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce and the eleven new directors will meet tonight at the local offices for the purpose of closing the year's work, electing and installing new officers.

The eleven new men were elected in a special ballot in December and all have been notified of their election and have accepted for two-year terms. The eleven retiring directors will attend the meeting tonight as their last service for the organization as directors. W. B. May, retiring president, will preside.

Secretary-Manager James Weaver is preparing his annual report which will be printed and given to each person attending the annual banquet. The report will show the new officers, directors for the next twelve months, committee chairmen, projects completed, the program adopted for the next twelve months and a financial statement.

Committees are arranging the program for the annual banquet, to be held in the school cafeteria on January 13. An invitation has been extended to a speaker and he is expected to accept by this weekend. The entertainment committee will also secure outstanding college entertainers who will appear on the program.

Mr. Weaver stated that ticket sales would be started early in January, the tickets selling at \$1.50 each. The tickets will be limited to 275 because of the size of the dining room. Those who want to attend should be ready to purchase the needed tickets when the committee starts solicitation.

LUTHERANS TO MEET SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The first business meeting of the year of the Bethel Lutheran Church will be held in the auditorium of the library building here, beginning at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Important items of business include the acceptance of a congregational constitution, the election of officers, and the acceptance of a budget for 1950.

The meeting will open with a brief worship service and celebration of the Lord's Supper. There will be no Sunday school.

Rev. Louis Pabor, of Eola, will meet with the membership, assist in the business program and conduct the worship.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill B. Stultz and three children visited relatives over the holidays at Gorman and Dallas, and returned home Monday evening.

Xmas Home, Yard Decoration Winners Will Receive Prizes

Winners in the home and yard Christmas decoration contest were announced last Thursday after out-of-town judges inspected all places entered. The contest was sponsored by the Ballinger Civic-Garden Club as a part of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce Christmas program.

The four winners were: Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney, first; Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Huddleston, second;

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Eoff, third; Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, fourth.

A large number of Ballinger homes were decorated for the Christmas season but all were not entered in the contest. The beautiful decorations caused many drivers to cover the entire city to get a look at the set pieces, light arrangements and trees.

The contest has been sponsored by the Civic-Garden Club for a number of years.

Cash prizes will be mailed to the winners.

LOCAL FANS SEE FINAL CLASS A FOOTBALL GAME

A large number of Ballinger football fans went to Abilene Monday to witness the state championship class A game between the Littlefield and Mexia teams.

The heavy and powerful Littlefield Wildcats proved too much for their lighter opponents and won the flag by the score of 13 to 0. Eagle stadium at Abilene was packed with some 15,000 fans.

LIONS NOT TO HOLD MEETING TOMORROW

The Ballinger Lions Club will not hold a meeting this week because of extensive improvements underway in the kitchen and dining room at the Central Hotel.

Tex Bullock, manager, has purchased new equipment for the hotel kitchen and installation is underway. The work is expected to be completed by the first of next week.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Beard spent Christmas at Tulsa, visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. J. G. Douglass, who had been visiting there, returned with them Monday.

Local Baseball Club Sends Cash Deposit To League for 1950

Officers of the Ballinger Baseball Association sent a check to the Longhorn League the past week-end for the two weeks salary guarantee required of all professional baseball clubs. President Hal Sayles had advised the Ballinger officials that the deposit must be up with the league by January 1 as a guarantee that the club would be ready for the opening of the 1950 season.

In addition a number of small out-of-town bills were paid the past week-end and stockholders will meet soon to arrange to raise needed funds to pay off local debts and set the association even before the beginning of spring training.

Officers also announced that they expected to drill tests for water near the park within a few days. Arrangements have been made for the drilling and it is likely that location for one or more wells will be made west of the playing field.

If water can be found in sufficient quantities for irrigation the field will be planted in grass and every effort made to have it ready at the beginning of the season. The lack of water has prevented this improvement to date.

Contracts will be mailed out to all men on the Ballinger club's roster within a short time.

FORMER PASTOR HERE DIES AT FORT WORTH

Rev. R. B. Hooper, 68, retired Methodist minister and for several years pastor of the First Methodist Church in Ballinger, died in a Fort Worth hospital Tuesday after long illness.

Decedent was pastor of the Ballinger church during the days of construction of the present building. He came here when the members were worshipping in the basement of the church and remained until after the completion of the building. Since his retirement in 1948 he had been making home at Georgetown.

Funeral services were held at the Highland Park Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maples had for holiday visitors, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Maples, of Haskell; Lee Maples, Jr., student at Texas Tech, Lubbock; and Miss Shirley Gaskill, of Abilene, student at T. S. C. W. Denton Lee Maples, Jr., and Miss Gaskill left Monday for Denton and will return this week-end, and spend New Year's day with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maples, Sr., before returning to college.

Sheriff Reports Quiet Christmas In This County

The sheriff's department reports a very quiet Christmas, the officers' services being required only a few times. While several arrests were received only a few arrests resulted and there was no serious crime in Runnels county.

Emilio Martinez was arrested Christmas eve and charged with reckless driving. He paid a fine of \$39 including costs after pleading guilty.

Sheriff Don Atkins stated he recovered a child's scooter and a 24-inch girl's bicycle. These articles can be had by the owners when they call and give identification. The articles were either stolen and discarded or were lost from cars during the holidays.

A call was made to the Boswell Produce Co. Saturday night after a glass had been broken and entrance gained to the building. A boy heard the glass break and called the sheriff and the quick response is believed to have frightened the would-be burglars away before they were able to find considerable money in the office.

Alvin Spreen was fined \$24 for reckless driving when a 1949 Ford left the highway near the Colorado River bridge on the Paint Rock highway, jumped a drainage ditch and plowed its way into the bedroom of a negro woman's house. Charlie Dankworth, riding with Spreen also was uninjured in the accident. The driver lost control of the car on a curve.

Draft Board Men Would be Trained For an Emergency

John M. Willis, member of the Coleman-Runnels draft board, has been asked to cooperate with the county judge, county clerk and county school superintendent in finding two other men who would be willing to serve on the board in case an emergency arises.

The state selective service system is completing its organization and in case a Runnels county board were needed, the additional men would be appointed and trained in the work. The request points out that there will be no service to perform at the present time and the registration of men and the drafting of others will be handled by the same group for the time being with headquarters at Coleman.

A conference was held last week and W. W. Alder, of Winters, will be certified for appointment as one of the men from this county. The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce has been asked to assist in securing a man in the southern part of the county who can qualify and who would be willing to serve.

At this time there are two men from Coleman county and one from Runnels county on the draft board.

Miss Griffie Atkins, of Odessa, visited friends here Christmas eve, and with Miss Imogene Waide at Paint Rock on Christmas day, and left Sunday afternoon for a visit with friends at Brownwood.

Duane Carter left this week for Corpus Christi where he will visit relatives a few days.

Mrs. Mary Gilliam, of Temple, was here to visit her son and family during the holidays.

6 Permits Approved For New Dwellings And House Repairs

The city commission approved six building permits this week and work on some of the structures is already underway.

J. D. Moon was given a permit in the amount of \$2,000 for improving a building which he intends to move to the Reed subdivision in the western part of the city.

Miss Mary Jane Kiechle was granted a permit for \$3,000 for construction of a dwelling on Fourth Street between Crosson and Fields avenues.

The B. C. D. Builders had a permit approved for \$6,000 for a residence in the company's subdivision of Wilke Terrace.

A. L. Grant received a permit for \$6,500 for a residence on Fifth Street between Pou and Sargent avenues.

G. A. Swann is making improvements and additions to his home on Hamilton Avenue in Wilke Terrace for which he was granted a permit for \$700.

Mrs. W. L. Coffey will construct a residence on Tenth Street at East Avenue. A permit for \$4,500 was issued for the construction.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed from the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week included:

J. T. Haechten, medical, Saturday.

Mona Grounds, Millerview, medical, Friday.

Mrs. E. A. Trail, fractured hip, Friday.

Mrs. Alma Bryan underwent surgery Monday and was resting well this morning.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Taylor on Christmas day. Mrs. Taylor and baby were dismissed Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Davis are parents of a son, born Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Nell Stuart, of Norton, are parents of a son, born Wednesday.

Mrs. J. L. King was admitted to the clinic Sunday for medical treatment.

Mrs. H. B. Robbins, of Whiteface, is a medical patient in the local clinic.

C. H. Horton, of Talpa, entered the clinic Monday for medical treatment.

J. T. Haechten was readmitted to the clinic Wednesday after being dismissed the past week-end and is due to undergo surgery today.

Mrs. Frances Burns is a medical patient in the clinic.

Mrs. Marvin Atkins and son, Marvin, Jr., of Bryan, spent the Christmas holidays here and at Winters, visiting relatives and friends.

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Tuberculosis Seal Sale In County \$1,100 Short

Cotton Quota Plan Endorsed in County By Vote of 709-109

Runnels county farmers favored controlled cotton acreage for 1950 by a vote of 709 for to 109 against in the election held December 15. The returns by communities were:

- Ballinger, 192 to 16
- Winters, 191 to 221
- Norton, 72 to 17
- Wingate, 70 to 14
- Miles, 71 to 28
- Rowena, 113 to 13

The Runnels county cotton allotment for 1950 is 85,760 acres. The county factor is 3343 which will reduce the 1950 cotton acreage 48,475 acres, while 134,235 acres were planted in 1949. Each farmer has been given 33 and a fraction per cent of the adjusted cropland for a 1950 cotton allotment. The adjusted cropland for a farm is the cultivated land less any wheat or peanut allotment already issued to the farmer.

The Runnels county PMA office will be closed Monday, January 2.

Ballinger Stores to be Closed Next Monday

Ballinger stores will remain closed next Monday, taking the day off to celebrate New Year's. This is one of the approved holidays for local business and as January 1 falls on Sunday, store managers informed a committee of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce that Monday would be taken.

At the same time Supt. Ernest Caskey stated the schools would observe the same holidays as the business district and that students would not report back for study until Tuesday, January 3. When the Christmas holidays were started, it was stated that the schools would be reopened on January 2.

The double holiday next week will make the second in a row for Ballinger citizens. Practically all towns in West Texas were closed last Monday to give employees an extra day from work for the Christmas celebration.

This will be the last approved holiday for Ballinger businesses until July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gilliam, of Long Beach, California, were here for the Christmas holidays to visit relatives and friends.

Coach and Mrs. Felton T. Wright, of Brownwood, were in Ballinger Wednesday for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Ellis, of Stamford; Miss Zula McKay, Wichita Falls; and Mrs. and Mrs. Everett Ellis, Big Spring, were holiday guests in the home of Mrs. Gertrude Woods.

The first reminder cards will be mailed out by the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association soon after January 1. A check-up Tuesday disclosed a total of \$2,404.60 received in the 1949 campaign, about \$1,100 short of the amount raised last year.

The reminder cards will be mailed to all who received seals or bonds and have not remitted for them. Soon after February 1 a second reminder card will be mailed and the annual meeting will be held on February 9, following which a statement will be made to the state department.

T. Whitehead, executive secretary, stated Tuesday that the sale of seals to homes was increased this year over previous years but business concerns asked to buy bonds had fallen far short of the amount contributed last year.

At the annual meeting officers will be elected for another year and installed. It was announced this week that Mrs. H. G. Agnew would become executive secretary on January 1. Mr. Whitehead has been doing this work until the position could be filled. He will remain on the job until after the final statement on the 1949 sale is completed.

Dr. C. F. Bailey, president of the Runnels County Medical Association, has been informed that a state mobile unit will be sent to the county in the spring for a survey and free chest pictures of all citizens above high school age. A similar clinic was held here last year and this will be a follow-up visit.


Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mills, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bates, San Antonio; Mr. and Mrs. Norris Fortesque, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Mills, San Antonio; and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McAllister, Dallas, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mills. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister also visited in the E. E. Woodson home.

Bill Woods, of Indianapolis, was here to spend the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pagels, of Odessa, spent the holidays here with relatives and friends.

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LAWRENCE E. GILBERT, Pastor

Seventh Street Baptist Church
(Corner Hamilton and Seventh)
Sunday:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning worship
6:30 p. m., training union
7:30 p. m., evening worship

Wednesday: 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting
9:00 p. m., choir practice

Monday: Brotherhood and W.M.U. each first and third Monday
CORDELL BALES, Pastor

Foursquare Gospel Church
Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning worship
6:45 p. m., Junior Crusaders,
Mary Lou Tindie, captain
7:30 p. m., evangelistic service,
pastor in charge
Tuesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting
Thursday: 7:30 p. m., Senior Crusaders,
Bible study, Clifton Wright,
captain

C. R. DUNAWAY, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
(Corner Ninth and Harris)

Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11 a. m., morning worship
6:45 p. m., N.Y.P.S. and juniors
7:30 p. m., evening worship

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., mid-week service
C. H. LUCAS, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ
(Corner Bonsall and Eighth)
Sunday: 10:00 a. m., Bible school
10:50 a. m., morning worship
6:15 p. m., young people's meet-
ing
7:00 p. m., evening service
Monday: 3:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class
Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting

First Christian Church
(Corner Broadway and Murrell)

Sunday: 9:30 a. m., pre-prayer service for teachers
9:45 a. m., Sunday school
10:40 a. m., general assembly
10:50 a. m., morning worship
7:00 p. m., evening service

Monday: 4:00 p. m., women's council

Wednesday: 7:00 p. m., visitation program. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday night of each month.
RAWLINGS CHERRYHOMES, Minister

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

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., teachers' meeting
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting
8:30 p. m., choir rehearsal
B. J. MARTIN Pastor

First Methodist Church
(Corner Murrell and Tenth)

Sunday: 9:45 a. m., church school, Homer Hudgins, Superintendent
10:50 a. m., morning worship
6:15 p. m., youth fellowship, intermediates and seniors
6:15 p. m., junior fellowship
7:00 p. m., evening worship
8:00 p. m., after church fellowship for youth

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., choir rehearsal
C. D. WOOTEN, Pastor

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

Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Junior Y. P., 7:15 p. m.
J. H. SHELL, Pastor
Phone 134

First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
(501 Eighth Street)
9:45 a. m., Church School
11:00 a. m., morning worship
7:00 p. m., evening worship
6:00 p. m., Session meets each 1st Sunday.

Monday: 3:00 p. m. Woman's Auxiliary.

Wednesday: 7:00 p. m., devotion and choir rehearsal.

Saturday: 2:00 p. m., Junior and Junior Hi Westminster Fellowship.
ALVIN O. RUE, Minister

Church of Christ
(1100 Ninth Street)
Lord's Day services, 10:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Wednesday services at 7:00 p. m.
BUSTER MULLIN, Minister

Full Gospel Church
(Hamilton and Fifteenth)
Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school
11:00 a. m., morning worship
6:30 p. m., young people's service
7:30 p. m., evening service

Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., Bible study
W. L. EDWARDS, Pastor

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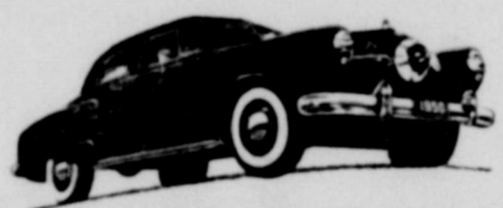
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John Wayne Stars in Roaring American Story of Romance

John Wayne's starrer, "The Fighting Kentuckian," to be presented at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday, January 1, 2, deals most effectively with a little known but piquant phase of American history.

The picture tells a fascinating tale of 340 families, once the most influential in France, who, after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, emigrated to the territory of Alabama, desperately eager to carve homes for themselves out of the wilderness.

Against a background of adventure, romantic Fleurette DeMarchand, pretty daughter of one of Napoleon's greatest generals, loses her heart to rugged John Breen, a devil-may-care private in the

2nd Kentucky militia. Breen, for love of Fleurette, gives up the gay and carefree life of his regiment to assist the French settlers in their fight against the Alabama rivermen.

Vera Ralston portrays Fleurette with charm and grace, bringing her own continental brand of vivacity to the characterization.

Philip Dorn as the one-armed French general, and Oliver Hardy as the comic bugler both score soundly, as do John Howard, Hugo Haas, Marie Windsor and Odette Myrtil.

Glenn Ford and Evelyn Keyes are starred in Columbia's "Mr. Soft Touch," to be shown at the Texas tomorrow and Saturday, December 30, 31.

Ford portrays a cynical, hardened gambler, while Miss Keyes is seen as a settlement house worker intent upon reforming her co-star. Other featured members of the cast include John Ireland, Beulah Bondi and Percy Kilbride.

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Mystery-Melodrama Tomorrow at Palace

Murder shrouded in mystery, a large scale jewel theft, double-cross and love are the main ingredients in Republic's thrill-filled melodrama, "Hideout," to be shown at the Palace Theatre Friday (tomorrow) and Saturday, December 30, 31.

Lloyd Bridges stars as George Browning, an ambitious, young attorney running for mayor. In solving the mysterious murder of Gabriel Wotter, jewel-cutter from Chicago, George eventually bags a gang of jewel thieves, and at the same time clears up the mystery of the missing famous Kaymer necklace.

Adrian Booth is seen as the alluring Hannah Kelly, accomplice of the thieves, while beautiful Sheila Ryan portrays a secretary. Fletcher Chandler, Jeff Corey, Alan Carney, Emory Parnell and Don Beddal have featured supporting roles.

'Make Mine Laughs' Midnight New Year's Special at Texas

Novelty is the word for RKO Radio's new film offering, "Make Mine Laughs," to be shown at the Texas Theatre in midnight matinee New Year's eve (one time only). More than a dozen varied subjects are said to be welded into top-notch entertainment.

Anne Shirley, Dennis Day, Joan Davis, Jack Haley, Leon Errol, Frances Langford, Ray Bolger and many other stage and screen personalities are seen specialties which are liberally interspersed with such widely divergent acts as that of the French comedian, Robert Lamouret and his duck "Dudule," Manuel and Marita Viera and their orchestra of monkeys, dancers Rosario and Antonio, and by the Titans, who perform amazing feats of strength.

Highlights from RKO film hits and from old time silent movies are included in "Make Mine Laughs" which is emceed by Comedian Gil Lamb.

New Peach Varieties Now Being Developed Show Much Promise

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 23.—Research workers at state and federal experiment stations in many parts of the nation are busy trying to develop new varieties of fruits that will out produce and yield more desirable fruit than the varieties now commonly grown. They have come up with several outstanding new peach varieties and the Texas Agricultural Experiment Stations at Stephenville and Lindale have tested more than 300 varieties.

In the tests made at Stephenville, a new variety called Dixigem looks very good. John Hutchison, associate horticulturist of Texas A. & M. College, says it is a yellow freestone fruit of fine texture and good quality. The skin has a rich red blush with a yellow base. It ripens four to five weeks before the Elberta.

Next in order of ripening is a new peach known as the Dixired. This peach really does have the skin you love to touch. It is not as large as the Dixigem, but is most attractive in appearance. The trees tend to overbear and it is a good idea to thin the fruit early in the spring so the fruit left can attain full size.

A comparatively new variety which has been tested thoroughly throughout most of the state is Halehaven. It is a yellow freestone and the trees are unusually vigorous. In Central Texas it ripens from mid June to early July.

Improvements have been made on the old standby, Elberta. The new strain is known as the Sullivan Elberta. The improvement has added extra color and a slight tendency for the fruit to ripen earlier than the standard type.

Hutchison says the Frank variety is not new but if you want peaches right on into August, it fills the bill. It is a yellow clingstone peach that can be used for pickling and preserving and is also a good peach to use fresh.

These varieties will furnish

'Everybody Does It' Romantic Comedy, Mid-Week at Texas

To be screened at the Texas Theatre next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 3, 4, 5, is "Everybody Does It," a romantic comedy of a society girl who dreams of becoming a concert singer, and her husband, a wrecking contractor, who actually does become an opera singer. Darryl F. Zanuck, studio production chief for 20th Century-Fox has brought together again three of the stars of the immensely popular "A Letter to Three Wives." They are Linda Darnell, Paul Douglas and Celeste Holm.

In "Everybody Does It" Miss Darnell, Mr. Douglas, Miss Holm and Charles Coburn are put through an explosive whirl of experiences in which Douglas' voice has the power to break glasses and shatter mirrors. After his super-powerful voice is discovered, Douglas gets the opportunity to enact the role of the oriental lover of Linda Darnell in one of the most lavish sets built in Hollywood in recent years.

fruit through the summer season and Hutchison says they are his recommended varieties for Central, East and North Texas. He says there are other good varieties but suggests that you try some of the new ones.

For the southern part of the state, a new variety known as Southland has done well under the climatic conditions common to that section. This peach is a yellow freestone and needs only 200 hours of cold weather during the dormant period to produce a good crop of fruit. Hutchison suggests that home orchardists in the southern part of the state try a few trees of this new creation.

Talpa Stock Show Slated January 9 In New Building

The 14th annual livestock show for the Talpa Future Farmers of America will be held on January 9. The 1950 show will be staged in the new barns located on the school campus and all livestock to be exhibited must be in the barns by January 7. They will be on exhibition Sunday and judging will be started at 10 a. m. Monday.

There will be 35 fat lambs, including light and heavy Southdowns, Delaine cross, light and heavy; Suffolk and Delaine cross, and Southdown in fine wool classes. There will also be Southdown, Suffolk and Delaine in breeding classes.

Prize money and ribbons will be given in each class. Prize money was raised at the annual chicken barbecue held in the high school gymnasium on December 20.

Lunch will be served at the school lunch room adjoining the show barns and the public is invited to see the fine work accomplished by the chapter members.

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FIREMEN ANSWER TWO CALLS DURING HOLIDAYS

The Ballinger fire department received only two calls during the Christmas holidays. One was to the Park Hotel Friday, slight damage resulting in one room where a mattress was ablaze. The other was to South Seventh Street when a car left the highway and crashed into a house. There was no fire and the firemen returned to the station after an inspection.

Recent fire alarms have brought hundreds of telephone calls to the fire station from people wanting to know where the fire was. Firemen stationed at the city hall ask that this practice be stopped as they have no facilities for giving this information.

At one time last week the phone continued to ring long after the alarm signal stopped and firemen pointed out that this telephone must be kept open for receiving fire calls and not for passing out information.

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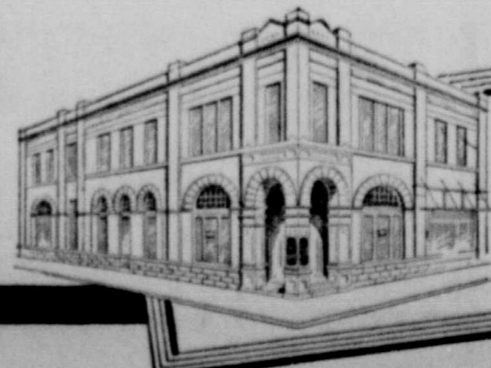
As the New Year dawns all of us look back over the path we have trod and wonder what is ahead. Youth is expectant and eager for time to pass. Those who are older count the years that have gone to profit by what experience has taught.

The occasion gives us another opportunity to express our deep appreciation to depositors and friends for their good will and loyalty. It will be our aim to be even more helpful to them in years ahead. May 1950 be a happy year for you.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Mrs. Pearce Entertains House Guests at Christmas Tea

Mrs. F. M. Pearce was hostess at a beautifully-appointed Christmas tea Tuesday afternoon in her Eighth Street home to present her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Francis M. Pearce, Jr., of New Orleans, who is a house guest with Mr. Pearce for the holidays, and also to introduce another house guest, Miss Alice York, of Houston.

Guests were greeted in the reception hall, which was decorated with sprays of spruce and red Christmas balls, by Mrs. Alex McGregor, who presented Mrs. Pearce and Mrs. Francis M. Pearce, Jr.

Christmas reds and greens were used in decorating the living room in the holiday motif. Poinsettias gave color to entertaining rooms where Mrs. J. G. Douglass and Mrs. C. L. Baker assisted in dispensing hospitalities and directing guests into the dining room.

The dining room decoration was especially lovely. The tea table was centered with a silver tree with silver leaves and green Xmas balls at the base. Tall green tapers burned in three-branched silver candelabra on the table and in two-point holders on the buffet and serving table.

Mrs. Paul Trimmer and Mrs. K. V. Northington spoke adieu to

about one hundred guests who called between four and six o'clock.

Auxiliary Compliments Collegians with Dinner Party

The Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church entertained members of the church who are college students at home for the holidays with a Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. Jewel Cooper on Broadway Tuesday evening.

Mrs. W. B. Woody was in charge of arrangements and Miss Mary Brian Woody, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was hostess at the chicken dinner party. The three-course menu was served at the table centered with a Christmas floral arrangement. The group enjoyed an informal get-together at the Woody home following the dinner.

Added guests were Miss Jane Loflin, of Lubbock, house guest in the Woody home; and Miss Alice York, house guests in the F. M. Pearce home. Others were Miss Woody and Bob Northington, Misses Peggy Fox, Arlene Miller, and Virginia Hennigar; Charles W. Pearce, Bill Zedlitz, Charles Miller and Bill Boggs.

Know Your Neighbors Guests in Morgan Home

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan was assisted by her daughter, Mrs. Tony Morgan, of Waco, when she was hostess to the Know Your Neighbors Club Wednesday afternoon.

The Morgan home on Sixth Street was decorated with New Year symbols and a snow scene



LAST OF THE OLD FIRM . . . Jack Parisi, 50, allegedly the last of the Murder, Incorporated, triggermen, arrives at Pennsylvania station, New York City, from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where he was found after a 10-year hunt. He was to be taken to Brooklyn county court to face a first-degree murder indictment in the death of Morris Diamond, union official. A writ of habeas corpus to prevent his extradition was denied in common pleas court at Wilkes-Barre. The accused man was arrested by officers in Hazleton, Pa.

Engagement of Miss Wright and Ken Carley Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright, of Brownwood, have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, June, to Kenneth Carley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carley, Jr., of San Angelo.

Wedding vows will be exchanged February 18 in the First Baptist Church at Brownwood. Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, pastor, to officiate. The wedding announcement was made at a tea given by the bride-elect's mother last Thursday from 4 to 6 p. m. in the Blue Room of Hotel Brownwood.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. J. H. Shelton and received by the hostess, the bride-elect, Mrs. W. H. Carley, mother of the prospective bridegroom; Mrs. Tad Carley, of Kerrville; Miss Ann Baugh, Mrs. Bennie Williams, Mrs. W. H. Hinton; and Mrs. Cal Adair, of Ballinger.

The honoree's colors of royal blue and white were reflected in

In-Honor Affair for Miss Wright in Adair Home

Miss June Wright, of Brownwood, bride-elect of Ken Carley, of San Angelo, was complimented by Mrs. Cal Adair at a coffee in her Tenth Street home Wednesday morning.

The affair included close friends of the honoree, as she spent her early childhood in Ballinger when her father, Felton T. Wright, was coach for Ballinger High School, and he and Mrs. Wright made home here for a number of years.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated with greenery, Christmas lights were on the mantel, and a snow scene with reindeer centered the lace-laid table. Mrs. Toney Morgan presided at the silver service on the coffee table. The hostess was assisted by Mrs. Felton Wright in serving a sandwich plate with cookies and salted nuts.

Bethel Lutheran Church Program in Herman Brown Home

Members of the Bethel Lutheran Church of Ballinger held their first Christmas program in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown on Eighth Street.

Christmas decorations were about living rooms along with the beautiful silver and blue Christmas tree, where Mrs. John Wellbrock, Sunday school superintendent had charge of the program which was furnished by members of the Sunday school class members: Glenn Giech, Lynn Torbeck, Emerine Wellbrock, Loretta, Dawn and Freddie Brown, Henry Wolf, Jr., and Clarence Wellbrock. Following the program and closing service, the group sang Christmas carols.

Mrs. Brown served assorted cookies and candies with coffee and punch to the Rev. and Mrs. Pabor and children, of Eola, and thirty members.

Christmas Party Held by Brownie Troop

Fifteen members of Brownie Troop No. 9 met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Darby on Seventh Street for their Christmas party.

Games were played and carols sung, followed by members exchanging gifts from the lighted tree. The leader, Mrs. John McGrath, assisted in serving cookies, doughnuts, candies and hot chocolate.



DOWN-UNDER UPSETTERS . . . One of the biggest upsets in the last dozen years of tennis was registered at Longwood Cricket club, Chestnut Hill, Mass., when this pair of ambitious Australian youngsters, George Worthington (left) and Frank Sedgman, third seeded foreign pair, outought and outstuffed defending champions Gardner Mulloy, Miami, and Bill Talbot, Wilmington, Del., to win 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 9-7, in the quarter-final round of the US national doubles championship.

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'49 B. H. S. Graduates Have Class Reunion

Members of the graduating class of '49, Ballinger High School, held their first reunion last Friday evening when they entertained at a dinner program in the banquet room of the Central Hotel.

A majority of the class are attending various colleges in Texas and are at home for the holidays. Lynn Neill, student at T. C. U., Fort Worth, who was president of the last year's class, was master of ceremonies and introduced a few added guests. Charles Bailey, Jr., student at T. C. U., gave the class statistics, and Dorothy Daugherty, student at N. T. S. C., Denton, gave a short history. A quartet composed of Wart Hill, A. & M. student; Bill Hart, Sul Ross student; Deanie Smith and Jimmie Williams sang several numbers with Cynthia Tuckey at the piano. M. E. Sweeney, who was class sponsor, gave the benediction; and the program was concluded with the class song.

The Forty-Niners, as they call the class, were: Mary Jo Wright, Jo Ann Rayburn, LaRita Price, Sue Hampton, Barbara Patterson, Cynthia Tuckey, Mrs. Horace Atmipp, Ariene Miller, Peggy Fox, Betty Jo Middleton, Grace Ann Bryan, Janie Morrison, Hortense Alvarez, Dorothy Daugherty, Virginia Lou Lange, Edwina Vogel-sang, Florene Lisso, Joyce McCorstin, Mary Lou Howell, Alameda bounds, Helen Brown, Lidel Paschal, Jaquelyn Bishop, Betty Jean Hudgins, Theda Myri Cotton; Jack Keel, Bobby Bryan, James Read, John Reese, Billy Jack Middleton, Lynn Neill, Rudolph Hoffman, Danny Moonen, Frederick Feist, Eddy Jo Egan, Charles Bailey, Jr., Joe Baker, Walter Hill, Hie Atmipp, Bill Hart, Carlie Watkins, Jerry Barber, Deanie Smith and Bill Zedlitz.

Added guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney, Margaret Ann Hampton, Gayle Eubank, Jimmy Davenport, Junior Curry, Jesus Garcia, Otis Fussels, Eugene Fischer and Jimmy Williams.

Following the dinner a dance was held at the Ballinger Country

Luther Rudds to Hold Open House at Goldthwaite Home

In celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rudd, prominent ranch couple of Goldthwaite, are having Open House next Sunday, January 1, 1950, from two-thirty until five-thirty o'clock at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were married in Goldthwaite. Five children were born to them, three of whom are living: Jack W. Rudd of Abilene, L. R. Rudd of Goldthwaite, and Mrs. S. E. Cloninger, of Ballinger. The couple have four granddaughters and three grandsons.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudd were residents of Ballinger in 1929.

Mrs. W. T. Padgett and Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh entertained the following relatives during the Christmas holidays: O. F. Sensabaugh, Lubbock; Sam Sensabaugh, Hobbs, New Mexico; Miss Kathryn Sensabaugh, theology student at Scarritt College, Nashville; and Mr. and Mrs. Padgett Maddox, Midland. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Maddox came in Wednesday from Lubbock for a visit with Mrs. Maddox's mother and sister.

Miss Kathryn Sensabaugh, graduate student in Biblical theology at Scarritt College, Nashville, spent the holidays with her relatives and left Sunday evening for Rock Island, Illinois, where she was sent as a delegate from Scarritt College to attend the fifth triennial Seminary Conference for which delegates from the United States and Canada assembled this

The following visitors and relatives were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doherty: Mr. and Mrs. George Doherty, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Doherty and daughter, Nancy, Kilgore; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ivy, Seminole; Rev. and Mrs. Johnny Ivy and son, Freddie, Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Reed McMillan and son, Floyd Wayne, of the Wilmeth community.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Johnson, of Los Angeles, were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett.

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During Holidays

About 20 Ballinger families received help during the Christmas season from Sunday school classes, civic clubs, the Red Cross and individuals and from cash contributed by the Ballinger Lions Club.

In most instances the necessities were given and especially was food provided for meals during the holidays. Mrs. Robert Wickersham, secretary of the Red Cross chapter, received a large number of calls from the needy. After placing all families she could with organizations, the Red Cross purchased food baskets, some clothing and bed clothing for the most needy.

The Lions Club meeting Friday was cancelled and members contributed \$75 to be used in helping to provide cheer.

Calls at the Red Cross office have been increasing the past few weeks and continued this week, several requests coming for success each day. The chapter is getting short of cash and will have to dole out its funds until the annual round-up in March.

CLARKS CELEBRATE 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Saturday, December 24, at their home, 700 Tenth Street.

Mr. Clark and Miss Virginia Lee Teague were married in the home of her sister, Mrs. S. M. Gotcher, near May, on December 24, 1899. For the first three years of their married life they farmed in Brown county.

Mr. Clark then entered the blacksmithing business and followed the trade about thirty years. They moved to Ballinger in 1920 and for the past 14 years have operated a grocery store here.

The Clarks have six children and all were present for the celebration. They are: Mrs. Arlie Miller, Mrs. O. J. Dean, Marvin Clark, all of Ballinger; Oakley Clark, Austin; Mrs. Elwood Wilson, Winters; Mrs. Bertie Morgan, Abilene. All ten of the grandchildren were present, as follows: Mrs. Stanley Hunnicutt, San Antonio; Mrs. Dan Miller, Austin; Mrs. Jimmie Dankworth, Pamela Dean, Marvin Kidwell, Buddy, Larry and Michael Clark, all of Ballinger; Sharon Sue and Gerry Morgan, Abilene. One great granddaughter, Kathy Ann Dankworth, Ballinger; and Mrs. J. M. Miller, of Waco, sister of Mr. Clark, also were present. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Levett, of Austin, were guests.

Miss Martha James, of Denton, arrived in this city Sunday evening for a visit with Miss Eva Jo Flynt and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Flynt. Miss James resided here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert James, for a number of years. She is now a student at T. S. C., Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor entertained their children and grandchildren in their home over the Christmas holidays. They were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bandy McGregor and baby son, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Salfen and three sons, Dallas; and Alexander McGregor, Galveston. Miss Mildred Hennant, of Alice, was also a visitor in the McGregor home.

Mrs. Ann Kelly spent the holidays with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Forest M. Wilson, at Lockhart.

Mrs. F. G. Grawunder and three sons, of Brownfield, spent the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Brown, and family.

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ONE THAT GOT A "WEIGH" . . . This blue marlin weighs 370 pounds and is believed to be the largest fish ever landed in Bermuda on rod and reel. It was caught by Durham Stephens (left) of Bermuda who, with his guide, Roy Taylor, displays it. The huge fish measures 11 feet and four inches and was brought to graft after a fierce two-hour battle. It was caught off St. David's Deep, Bermuda.

Basketball League
Offers Two Games
Tonight and Friday

Two more basketball games were reeled off last week in the Lions Club League, the First Baptists defeating the Seventh Street Baptists by a score of 24 to 27. In the second game the First Methodists won on a forfeit when the First Christian-Presbyterian team did not put their players on the court.

Those sponsoring the league are hopeful for increased attendance after the first of the year and assure fans of some fast basketball. There are contribution boxes at the entrances to the gymnasium and those who attend may help with the game expenses.

Here are the scheduled games for the next week:

Tonight
7 p. m. 7th Street Baptists vs. First Methodists
8 p. m. Heidenheimer's vs. First Christian-Presbyterians

Friday, December 30
7 p. m. National Guard vs. First Baptists
8 p. m. Rubin's vs. 7th Street Baptists

Thursday, January 5
7 p. m. First Baptists vs. First Christian-Presbyterians
8 p. m. First Methodists vs. Heidenheimer's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gaston and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gaston of Littlefield; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gaston, of Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas, of Carlsbad, New Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Barnett and three children, of San Angelo, visited in the Joe Thomas home during the Christmas holidays.

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Utilities Christmas
Program Attended
By About 200 People

About 200 people attended the annual Christmas party given here by the West Texas Utilities Co. last Thursday night. Most of the employees of the company in district G and their families were present.

The affair was held in the school lunch room where a turkey dinner opened the evening's entertainment. After plates were served a brief program was presented at which Rawlins Cherry-homes was guest speaker.

The highlight of the evening was the appearance of Santa Claus and the distribution of gifts. Every child 12 years old and under was remembered by Santa and many of them were given the opportunity to hug his neck and make special requests for Christmas.

The party for the entire group is held here each year just before Christmas.

Mrs. W. P. Kelly and Miss Elizabeth Alexander, who have been visiting here during the holidays will return this week to Belton, where they are teaching in Mary Hardin-Baylor College.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Grantland and sons, of Colorado City, were here during the Christmas holidays to visit relatives.

Mrs. Mary Massey and son, Arthur, of Dallas; and Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap, of Seminole, visited during the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dunlap and Mrs. Annie Arterburn.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Toney, of Lubbock, spent Monday here, visiting friends. They visited relatives at Winters during the holidays.

DODGE DEALER PREVIEWS
NEW MODEL AUTOMOBILES

The new Dodge cars to be introduced January 4 will have a fresh styling appeal, new low body lines and many refinements in design, according to O. C. Sykes, who has returned from a dealer preview meeting at Dallas. Mr. Sykes said that pictures of the new Dodge cars, specifications and full details on body types and the new cars will be on display in his showroom January 4.

"Dodge's production and retail deliveries this year have been the highest in Dodge history," he said. "We're confident of doing even better next year with the new improved models. They're beautiful cars. I personally believe they are the finest values we've ever had."

Mr. Sykes cordially invites everybody to his gala open house January 4 through 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Thomas and daughter, Miss Martha Elder and Gus Glenewinkle, all of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scruggs, of Roscoe; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Elder, of Coleman, were Christmas visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Scruggs.

George M. Garrett, of Fort Worth, transacted business in Ballinger Tuesday. Mr. Garrett was formerly highway engineer for this district and made home here several years. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and son spent Christmas at Winters, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fain, of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Holt, of Waco; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Perry King, of Amarillo, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King for the Christmas holidays.

Holiday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn included Mr. and Mrs. George Snyder, Evansville, Indiana; Mr. and Mrs. Troy Perry and daughters, Linda and Marjorie, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeman, Moran; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Ricks and children, Katherine and Malcolm, Americus, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Hutto, of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoffer and Jo Ann, Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Turnbow, College Station, spent the Christmas holidays here with Mrs. John Endacott and son, Jimmy.

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NOBODY LOVES 'EM . . . Representatives of an avowedly Communist nation and yet at critical loggerheads with the Kremlin, Yugoslavia's delegates to the United Nations, sit grimly through second day's session of the 29-nation general assembly at Flushing Meadows, N. Y. They are (left to right) Milovan Djilas, minister without portfolio; Vladimir Dedjic; Velko Mitrovic and Edvard Kardelj, minister for foreign affairs. Yugoslavia no longer votes as part of the Soviet bloc. This became suspect when Czechoslovakia's delegate pulled only five votes while being defeated for post of assembly head.

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**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

If you are going to make any New Year's resolutions it is time to get started. One thing which all Ballinger people might place at the head of the list would be more interest in their home town to make it a better place in which to live. Some times people get a little burned out on doing outside activities, but somebody must put their shoulders to the wheel to keep progress moving. The chamber of commerce offers the leadership but it efforts will fall far short of expectations unless there are workers for each committee who are completely sold on the project to be attempted and who are willing to give their time, efforts and money to put it over. During 1950 a large number of important items will be on the program of this and other organizations of the city. At the chamber of commerce clinics, most Ballingerites agreed these projects would be good and should be accomplished. Now comes the time when workers can make these projects successful. Let's all resolve to give better cooperation to community projects and work when called upon.

Entertainment features in Ballinger in 1950 will be much more numerous than ever before. The

Tommie Grimes has been elected to serve the Menard Chamber of Commerce as president during 1950 and all other officers have been elected and standing committees appointed. The organization has approved a program for the next twelve months which will provide much civic improvement. The chamber will continue to pay office rent and utilities for the maintaining of a Western Union Telegraph Co. office. The company only provides an operator at Menard.

Melvin citizens made Christmas eve a big day when they offered free movies for all children and also had a visit from Santa Claus in the afternoon. The double Christmas feature attracted a large crowd and increased the

construction of two new drive-in theatres is underway, organized baseball has been assured and a committee is working on a plan which they hope will make possible a municipal swimming pool. Colored people of the city are working together for the establishment of a park and playground for their children and other attractions will make it possible for old and young to enjoy the summer vacation period.

State, county and district officials face another political year when they must announce candidates and seek the votes of the populace. Primary elections will be held in July and August and within a short time candidates will be putting their names before the voters. The last check-up indicated poll tax payments were low in this county and if the normal vote is possible in 1950 the county tax collector's office will be a busy place during the next thirty days. People have until January 31 to pay their poll taxes and get receipts which will entitle them to vote in all 1950 elections. The same date also applies for property tax payments before they become delinquent.

final shopping rush. The Melvin Lions Club helped to sponsor the two events and was aided by merchants and other organizations.

The Brownwood Chamber of Commerce and the Brownwood Industrial Corporation made a Christmas announcement that two new industrial firms had been secured for the city. A shirt factory will begin operation early in the year with a payroll of 50 employees. A furniture factory will start improvements which will lead to a large payroll later in the year. Both firms will be housed in the group of buildings bought by the Brownwood organizations at Camp Bowie.

The state highway department is asking for bids on 14 miles of farm-to-market road from Bangs, bids to be opened on January 10. The road will form a junction with highway 67 at Bangs and extend south to a junction with F-M road 586 near Brooksmith. A work contract will be issued soon after the bids are opened. The project will be financed with federal and state money.

The Stephenville Chamber of Commerce has elected new officers and directors and is preparing a program for 1950. Six men were elected to serve three-year terms on the board and there are three hold-overs. The chamber has scheduled a meeting early in January to form the organization, appoint committees and get ready for the next year.

The annual Coleman livestock show promises to be one of the largest to be held in the nation this year by a county unit. A total of 498 entries have been received and many others are expected. Dates for the annual event are January 16 and 17 and new show barns will be in use for the first time. The barns have been constructed on the Coleman rodeo grounds and are large enough to take care of the show and hundreds of visitors.

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for the construction of a dam on Mountain Creek near Robert Lee at a meeting held last week. The project will cost approximately \$78,000 and will be built with UCRA funds. The funds will be paid back over a twenty-year period by the city of Robert Lee. The UCRA also plans to help Bronte secure an adequate water supply but the plan is being postponed awaiting outcome of the litigation on the proposed Oak Creek dam.

A group of McCulloch county farmers and business men met with Congressman O. C. Fisher last week in an effort to secure an increase in the county's cotton acreage. They were promised that everything possible would be done to make adjustments and increase the 9,986 acres allotted to cotton for 1950 under the control program. Congressman Bob Poage has also promised to help secure more

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almost its entire Christmas issue to letters from Santa Claus written by children of the community. Christmas greetings from business firms made up much of the advertising and there were news stories about the regional championship football team.

The Sidney school in Comanche county was completely destroyed by fire Friday. The three-room frame building and all equipment was burned to the ground. The fire was discovered at 4 o'clock in the morning by Vernon Welch, high school teacher who lives on the school grounds. The home-making cottage and lunch room were also damaged but can be put in service again soon. Only \$2,500

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IN SOCIETY

Open House Held in Cherry Home for Sixty Guests

Ballingerites look forward each year to the annual open house party given by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, in their home on Sixth Street.

This gathering of old and new friends is a tradition among many in the celebration of Christmas. The getting together on Christmas morn was begun by Mrs. Cherry's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilke, in the early 1900s and has been carried down to the present by Mr. and Mrs. Cherry.

At the beginning a number of couples would meet on Christmas morning to have breakfast together, but for the past thirty-eight years Mr. and Mrs. Cherry have been hosts to many friends at open house. The "charter members" were the late Mr. and Mrs. Wilke, the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Creasy, the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ostertag, the late Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Day, the late Oscar Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, the Cherrys, and Bill Schleyer, now residing at San Angelo.

The holiday theme was emphasized throughout the Cherry home with Christmas candles, greenery, berries, the lighted tree and potted azaleas where guests were greeted, and refreshments were served from the lace-laid dining table centered with a gum drop tree.

Approximately 60 guests called between nine-thirty and eleven o'clock.

Miss Demmer, Dr. Dewey Recite Wedding Vows at Church

The First Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., was a setting in pink and green for the Christmas wedding at four o'clock p. m. of Miss Carmen Louisa Demmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer, and Dr. Anson T. Dewey, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Winters.

White tapers were burning in floor candelabra and on the choir rail which was entwined with spruce rope. Pink azaleas and

palm trees were other altar decorations.

Reading the double ring ceremony was the Rev. Alvin O. Rues, church pastor, assisted by the Rev. David Murray, of San Angelo.

Traditional wedding music was played by Mrs. Terah Leonard, of San Angelo, organist. The pre-nuptial program consisted of Fibiichs "Poem", "My Heart Ever Faithful" by Bach, "Londonderry Air", and "Nocturne", by Mendelssohn. As candles were lighted by Chris Moore, nephew of the bride, and Lucius Wood, Mrs. Leonard played Mendelssohn's "Oh Wings of Song". She also accompanied Carl Black, of Junction, who sang "Oh Perfect Love".

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a navy sheer dress designed with semi-fitted bodice featuring soft bows at the neckline. The skirt was knife pleated. Her hat was of winter pink felt with wine, blue and pink satin trim, and other accessories were navy. Her corsage was of pink rosebuds.

The couple's only attendants were her sister, Mrs. C. C. Moore, of Van, as matron of honor, and Mr. Moore, best man.

Mrs. Moore wore a dress of gray crepe with a hat and gloves of winter pink and other accessories were gray. Her corsage was of pink carnations.

Following the wedding there was a reception in the home of the bride's parents. Members of the wedding party were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Crabtree, of Granbury, son-in-law and daughter of the bridegroom. Reception rooms were decorated with poinsettias.

The bride's table was laid in lace and centered with an arrangement of white stock and fern, flanked by white tapers in crystal candelabra. Miss Eugenia Baskin, of Dallas, presided at the three-tiered decorated wedding cake, and Miss Carmen Carr, of Galveston, aunt of the bride, ladled punch. Misses Lola Eubank and Curtis Gregory assisted in serving.

Mrs. Moore registered guests in the bride's book.

Following a wedding trip to the Rio Grande Valley, the couple will be at home at Winters.

A graduate of Ballinger High School, the bride received her B.S. and M.A. degrees at N. T. S. C. in Denton. She has done graduate work at the University of Wisconsin, Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville; and attended the National Music Camp at Interlochen, Michigan. She has been a teacher in Ballinger schools for a number of years, and will continue teaching here for the remainder of the school year.

Dr. Dewey attended Western College, LaMars, Iowa, and received his B.D. degree at McCormick Seminary, Chicago, and his M.A. at the University of Chicago. His Ph.D. work was done at the University of Chicago and an additional year of specialized graduate work was taken at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. He has been pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Winters the past two years.

Junior Music Club Has Social

The Ballinger Junior Music Club met at the Ballinger Country Club on December 15 for their Christmas social. All members, eleven guests and all but one of the mothers attended.

Games were played until the refreshments consisting of punch, cookies and candy were served. Gifts were exchanged and as the group left popcorn balls were distributed.

Girl Scout Troop in Social

Members of Girl Scout troop No. 6 met with their leader, Mrs. J. T. Gregory, last Wednesday for their annual Christmas party. Gifts were exchanged and members acted out the story of Christmas from Luke. The party closed with the singing of Christmas carols.

CREWS

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Routh and Mary Helen and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Alcorn visited in the Marvin Hale home Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. Hale, of Dallas, visited his sister, Mrs. Arthur Alcorn, and family during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mathis

visited in the Doc Foreman home at Benoit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Hale and children and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Alcorn and Charles were visitors in the Arthur Alcorn home Friday night.

Visitors in the W. C. Mathis home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Mathis and Mary, of Water Valley; Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mathis and Terry Lee, of Colorado City, and Miss Marguerite Mathis, of Paducah.

There was a reunion of the Hale family Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Flay Brevard, of Ballinger.

Leslie Alcorn spent Saturday night in the Arthur Alcorn home. Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harper visited a sister of Mrs. Harper at Brownwood this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis visited in the R. L. Bates home Thursday night. It was the occasion of the annual Christmas tree for the family.

We regret to hear of the death of the 13-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miles, of the Content community, Saturday. We extend our deepest sympathy to the parents and relatives.

Relatives visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jarm Morrison during the holidays were their children, Rev. Hayward Morrison and family, Rev. Orville Garrard and family, of Realtoes; Mr. and Mrs. Vayden Morrison, of Odessa; and a granddaughter, Mrs. Charley Kueck, of Benavides.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Phillips and Janis, of Odessa, were Christmas guests of his mother, Mrs. George Phillips, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Jayroe and Carol, of Pecos, were holiday guests of his father, Edgar Jayroe, and Mrs. Jayroe; and his sister, Mrs. W. W. Norris, and Mr. Norris. Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Fisher Christmas day were Mr. and Mrs. T. E. McAdoo and family, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fisher, of Bradshaw; his father, of Winters; and Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Burkett, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hood and baby, of Big Lake, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Schwartz.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright, of Abilene, were Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. G. W. Harper, and Mr. Harper.

Rev. Hayward Morrison, of Odessa, preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning. Bro. Morrison has just recently surrendered to the ministry and plans to enter Wayland Baptist College, Plainview, in January. His many friends here, where he was reared, wish him great success.

Guests in the home of Mrs. R. E. Burrus during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. White and Clyde, of Ovalo; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Irvin and Jerry, of Kermit; Mr. and Mrs. M. M. King and Janice, of Tye; Mr. and Mrs. Ray-

mond Huffman and Carolyn, of Brownwood; and Mr. and Mrs. Armol Tounget, of Abilene.

Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Traylor and Quincy Ray included her mother, Mrs. Nettie Lucas, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Lucas and family, of Midland; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Burrow, of Snyder; Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Traylor, of Winters; and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sprinkle, of Abilene.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Ethel Cunn. GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 16th day of January, A. D. 1950, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 26 day of November, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 5724. The names of the parties in said suit are: Dan Cupp as Plaintiff, and Ethel Cupp as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff Dan Cupp against defendant Ethel Cupp for divorce.

If this Citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

Issued this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1949.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 30th day of November, A. D. 1949.

(Seal)
WILLIE STEPHENS, Clerk,
District Court of Runnels County, Texas.

By Lillie B. Bishop, Deputy 8-4t

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Howard Willie Tyler, GREETING:
You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1949, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Run-

nels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 23 day of September, 1949. The file number of said suit being No. 5702. The names of the parties in said suit are: Virginia Weathers Tyler as Plaintiff, and Howard Willie Tyler as Defendant.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff Virginia Weathers Tyler against defendant Howard Willie Tyler, in which said plaintiff seeks judgment against said defendant for a divorce and dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them.

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Issued this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1949.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 5th day of December, A. D. 1949.

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District Court, Runnels County, Texas.

Notice

To Whom It May Concern:
Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately subsisting between George Newby and Charles Allen Davis of Ballinger, County of Runnels, State of Texas, under the firm name of "Newby-Davis Funeral Home" was dissolved by mutual consent on December 1, 1949. The business has been incorporated under the same firm name with Mr. and Mrs. George Newby and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Davis as the principal stockholders.

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for sale . . . 4 bed rooms and 2 baths, hardwood floors, roomy and bright, in walking distance from town . . . priced only \$12,000.00.
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FOR RENT—South bedroom. 801 Eighth Street. 1t

FOR SALE—Heavy fryers \$1.00 each. 600 Ninth Street. J. D. Coulter. 22-2t.*

Wanted: Scrap Iron — Batteries Hides — Copper — Radiators
BALLINGER SALVAGE CO.
So. 8th St. Phone 5414 22-tf

FOR RENT—Small, partly furnished apartment, bills paid. Mrs. H. L. Fikes at Currie Apartments. 8-tf

FOR SALE—Fifty young Buff Orpington hens Mrs. Joe C. Halfmann, Rt. 1, Rowena. 22-2t*

FOR RENT—3 room house, partly furnished. 1103 15th Street. Phone 4274. 1t

FOR RENT—to a young man, comfortable bedroom with adjoining lavatory. Private entrance. 409 Eighth Street. 27-tf

FOR SALE—Good crushed rock and caliche for drive-ins. John Bomar, six miles east of Talpa on highway. 15-4t.*

Salesmen Wanted
DON'T WRITE US if you like to punch a time clock and work for the other man. DO WRITE US IF you would like to go into a business of your own, in South Runnels County or Ballinger and Winters. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-1240-256A, Bronte, Tenn., or see A. E. Bell, Bronte, Texas. 22-5t.*

FOR RENT—Upstairs bedroom, private bath. 209 10th Street. Phone 5974. 1t*

FOR SALE—Malt Shop. See Mrs. Guy Taylor at Malt Shop. 29-2t*

FOR LEASE—120 acres, 98 cultivated, 20 under ditch with four inch pump, five room house, electricity, water, \$550. Eight miles north of Ballinger. R. L. Wiley, 203 Fourth Street. 1t*

LOST—Spur pin. Initials L. W. D. Reward. Return to Ledger office or Wilma Duke, 401 Fifth Street. 29-2t.*

NEW YEAR'S BUILDING VALUES
3" x 6 Panel 1 3/4" Front Doors, each \$13.95
210 lb. Composition Roofing (close outs in red, brown and gray) per square 4.99
2x4s and 2x6s, per 100 \$5.50 to 8.95
1x8 K.D. Y.P. Siding 11.95
Armstrong's Inlaid Linoileum (two weeks only) 1.49
Good 1 1/2" x 8" and Shiplap 8.95
Complete Line of DuPont Paints.
Let us figure your bill for real dollar savings. Big values in all doors, windows and mill items.
All Prices Cash and 75-Mile Free Delivery.

1818 Pine Street Phone 4381
LONE STAR LUMBER & BUILDERS SUPPLY
Abilene, Texas 22-2t

FOR SALE—Two all steel two-row stalk cutters. The last I will make this season. Patterson's Shop. 29-2t

Texas City is the home of the world's largest tin smelting and processing plant.



COLLISION KILLS FOUR FIREMEN . . . A priest gives last rites in Baltimore, Md., to one of the victims of a collision between a hook and ladder wagon and a pump truck. Four Baltimore firemen were killed and five injured, two seriously. The fire vehicles, one of which is in the background, collided at an intersection on their way to a grass fire. Police reported the vehicles swerved and collided sidewise, strewn dead and injured along the street. The fire was reported to have been not serious and to have been put out easily without the aid of the firemen.

Card of Thanks
We would like to thank each one personally, but that is impossible, so we take this means of trying to tell you how much we appreciate your interest, cards, flowers, food,

your friendship and the doctors and nurses for their special care and attention during Mrs. Stephens' illness.
May the new year bring you health and happiness is our wish.
Willie and Oma Stephens

Richard and Roland Fouts, of Independence, Kansas, are visiting several days in the home of their brother, Carl Fouts, and Mrs. Fouts.
Read the ads and SAVE!

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Duke for dinner on Christmas day were: Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Duke, Dallas; Mrs. J. S. Clements and daughter, Waco; Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Barrows, Asherton; Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Whismand, Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore, Mrs. Jess Jones, Paint Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dorrance, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Cone Robinson, Wynone and C. J., Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duke and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Virden and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Virden and son, Mr. and Mrs. George Metz and Bobbie Caron, Ballinger; and Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Tyson, Surray.

Mr. and Mrs. John Castor, Mrs. Marie Carter and son, Duane Carter, student at A. & M. College, spent Christmas day at Sweetwater. When they returned home they were accompanied by Miss Edna Cordell of that city, Mrs. George Hubbard and daughter, Mrs. Martha Bargon and Sherill Hubbard, all of Dallas; George Hubbard, Jr., of Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Bud Smith of San Antonio. All spent Monday in the home of Mrs. Charles Castor and returned to their homes Tuesday. Other Christmas visitors in the Castor home were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Castor and family, of San Angelo. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sullivan, of Corpus Christi, will be New Year's guests of Mrs. Castor and Mrs. Carter.

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Consider the number of shopping trips you'll be making during 1950. Then consider how much it would mean to you to save even a few cents on each trip. That's why we suggest that you compare Safeway's prices with what others are asking. You'll discover many ways to trim your food costs at Safeway.

Peaches Highway Yellow Cling Sliced or Halves	No. 2 1/2 Can	25¢
Jell-Well Assorted Gelatins or Puddings	Reg. Pkg.	5¢
Sardines American, in Oil	3 No. 1/4 Cans	25¢
Blackeye Peas Thrift Fresh	15-Oz. Can	11¢
Ginger Ale Sky Room Deposit Extra	2 32-Oz. Bots.	23¢
Soda Crackers Oven Kist	2-Lb. Pkg.	35¢

EDWARDS COFFEE
Rich, Robust, Fine Quality
1-Lb. Can **69¢**

Admiration Coffee	1-Lb. Can	79¢
Nob Hill Coffee	1-Lb. Pkg.	63¢
Airway Coffee	1-Lb. Pkg.	59¢

Guaranteed Meats

Pork Sausage Safeway 1-Lb. Bag	45¢
Pork Chops All Center Cuts	45¢
Pork Roast Pork Loin Rib or Loin End	33¢
Sliced Bacon Capitol	1-Lb. Pkg. 41¢

Farm-Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Red Potatoes Economy Peck	10-Lb. Bag 39¢
Cabbage Crisp Green Solid Heads	Lb. 3¢
Tomatoes Fresh Firm Packed in Cartons	Ctn. 19¢
Bananas	2 lbs. 27¢

POULTRY
Fresh Dressed and Drawn
FRYERS Lb. **55¢**
Dressed and Drawn Heavy
FOWL Lb. **45¢**

HOUSEHOLD NEEDS

Su-Purb Granulated Soap	Lb. 23¢
Oxydol Granulated Soap	Lb. 27¢
Tide Washing Powder	Lb. 27¢
Crystal White Laundry Soap	Lb. 7¢
Sweetheart Toilet Soap	3-Bars 11¢
Lux Soap Toilet Soap	3-Bars 23¢
Aiax Cleanser	2 16-Oz. Cans 21¢

Prices Effective Friday and Saturday in **BALLINGER**

HAPPY NEW YEAR SAFEWAY
From all of us at