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NO. 9

## C. of C. Mails Ballots To Elect 11 Directors

Members of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce received two ballots by mail the first of the week with a request that each be voted and returned to the organization by December 19.

One ballot contains a list of twenty-two men who have been nominated for directors for a two-year term. Eleven are to be voted for and as fast as ballots are received at the chamber office they will be counted and tabulated. The eleven receiving the greatest number of votes will be the new directors and will take office at the meeting in January.

The nominations are:  
L. C. Adair, wholesale oil  
Ross Black, Sr., dry goods  
E. E. King, furniture  
Bill Bell, grocer  
Ted Tisdale, variety store  
Tony Morgan, ready-to-wear

L. M. Bowden, barber  
Joe Forman, banker  
Lanham Flynt, automobile dealer  
Jay Garrett, utilities  
Dick Ayers, dry goods  
J. G. Tuckey, furniture  
Maack Young, utilities  
Sam Behringer, motel  
K. V. Northington, postmaster  
Herman Price, feed and hatchery  
Troy Simpson, newspaper  
G. A. Morrish, Union Sulphur & Oil  
F. L. Wells, drugs  
John King, hospital  
Price Middleton, county official  
Paul Petty, lawyer

The other ballot is to designate the six holidays the business district will observe in 1954. The holidays submitted on the ballot are: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

## Utilities District G Employees Banquet-Program Here Friday

Employees of district G, West Texas Utilities Co., and their families will be in Ballinger tomorrow (Friday) to attend two special events.

Employees will assemble at 10 a. m. for their regular quarterly safety meeting. An interesting program is being arranged by those in charge of this feature.

The big program will be at night when the families and a number of special guests gather at the junior high school cafeteria for their Christmas banquet and program. The turkey dinner will be served at 7:00 p. m.

Following the meal, Jay Garrett will assemble the children around the piano for a short program of carols.

County Judge W. H. Ramey will be the principal speaker, basing his address on a Christmas theme.

The highlight of the evening for the children will be the arrival of Santa Claus. He will personally distribute gifts from the tree and all kiddies under 12 years of age will be remembered.

Arrangements for the banquet and party have been made by O. L. Huddleston, R. E. Rubie and Jay Garrett.

## 10 Jurors Taken For Clary Trial; Recess Ordered

The third trial of Clifton T. Clary, charged with the murder of his wife, is moving slowly, up to Wednesday night only ten jurors having been accepted out of a venire of 91. District Judge T. M. Collier called a recess late Wednesday and asked for a meeting of attorneys at a night session.

Clary, one-time ranch foreman in this county, is standing trial in district court at Eastland for the third time in five years, charged with strangulation of his wife on January 31, 1948. He has been convicted twice and each time the case has been reversed and a new trial ordered.

A large number of Ballinger witnesses are awaiting a call to testify. They are to be notified when the jury is completed and the court is ready to receive evidence. Police Chief J. L. Moreland went to Eastland the first of the week. District Attorney E. C. Grindstaff is there leading the prosecution for the 19th district.

Sheriff Don Atkins said this morning that he had received no call to notify local witnesses to appear at Eastland.

## MOORE IN HOSPITAL; REPORTED IMPROVING

Bill Moore, in a San Angelo hospital the past week, is reported improving. He was taken to San Angelo when his nose began hemorrhaging after surgery. Those who saw him Wednesday said the bleeding had been stopped but that he was being kept very quiet and no company is allowed.

Mrs. Moore has been at his bedside the past week.

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, pioneer resident of Ballinger, left last week for Dallas, where she will live in the C. C. Young Memorial Home. Friends of Mrs. Williamson may address her at 1431 Stemmons Street, Dallas.

## Christmas Drama Sunday Evening



A scene from "No Room at the Inn," which will be presented as the main Christmas feature at the First Christian Church at 7:30 p. m. Sunday. Seated are D. B. and Wanda Crockett, as Joseph and Mary. Standing are Charles Clifton, H. B. Edmondson and Gene Crawford, as the Wise Men.

## Churches to Observe Christmas

### First Christian

The First Christian Church will present the drama, "No Room at the Inn," at 7:30 p. m. Sunday, December 20. This Christmas story has 40 people in the cast and assisting with the music and staging. Beautiful costumes are worn.

The Inn, Khan, is the scene of most of the drama. Rev. C. B. Orabhood is keeper of the Inn. Joseph and Mary, a Jewish family, a Roman nobleman and his slave, the shepherds and the wise men come to the Khan for inquiry and reports of their experiences.

Mrs. Orabhood is directing the drama and Mrs. E. H. Crawford will be at the organ console.

The public is invited to witness this program Sunday evening.

Christmas started in organizations of the church last week when several Sunday school classes held holiday parties. Church groups are cooperating with the plan to provide practical gifts for the needy of Ballinger. The Christmas tree party will be held at the church at 7:00 p. m. tonight.

The elementary department of the Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Sunday will observe Christmas with "A Birthday Party for Baby Jesus." At this program each child will offer a gift for daily use or play to be sent to the Mexican Christian Institute, San Antonio.

Worship at 10:50 a. m. Sunday will be on the theme "What Jesus Will Mean to the World from Now On."

Christmas at the First Baptist Church started this week with a number of social events for departments which included programs and gift exchanges from trees.

The main program for the holiday season will be at 7:30 Sunday evening when the church choir, junior choir and four primary students will present a musical program featuring well loved Christmas music.

The program will be under the direction of Royce Howell, director of music; with Mrs. Charles Hambrick at the organ and Mrs. I. B. Funderburk at the piano.

Chauncey Mansell, Ronnie Clark, Kaye Ayers and Judy Sweeney, students in the primary department, will bring the Christmas story at the opening of the program. Members of the junior choir will be heard and the main part of the program will be by the regular church choir of 23 voices.

Special numbers will include a solo by Mr. Dowell, a duet by Mrs. E. B. Blackburn and Mrs. Royce Howell, and a quartet by Mrs. Elliott Kemp, Mrs. W. E. Elkins, R. E. White and E. D. Lovelady.

At the 11:00 o'clock hour Sunday, the pastor, Rev. R. H. Cagle, will speak on "The Missionary Christ." This will be the conclusion of a church-wide offering for foreign missions.

The Little Moon program has been observed already by the women of the church and last Sunday officials reported \$1,500 already raised for foreign mis-

sions by these groups. The men and departments of the church will add their offerings at the service Sunday morning.

Other Christmas activities for Sunday school classes and departments will be continued next week.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service Sunday.

First Methodist

A series of Christmas programs began at the First Methodist Church last Sunday afternoon when three singing groups of the Ballinger schools appeared in concert. Clubs of the elementary, junior and senior schools, under the direction of Miss Ramona Wright, sang to a large congregation at the 5:00 p. m. vesper service.

All services next Sunday will feature Christmas. The Christmas theme will be used in all departments of the Sunday school, which will begin at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. Wayne Reynolds, pastor, will deliver his special Christmas message at the 11 o'clock hour and his subject will be "Christmas Morning." At this service all members will bring offerings for the Methodist Home, Waco, and the envelopes will be pinned on the Christmas tree. Special music will be presented by the choir under the direction of M. T. Camp.

At the 5:00 p. m. vesper service the choir will present a program of Christmas music and the conclusion will be a candle-lighting service. Following this program young people of the church will sing carols over town.

The final Christmas event will be on Wednesday night, December 23, when the church-wide tree program is presented. A program by the intermediate department will be under the direction of Mrs. Grady Richards. To conclude the program Santa Claus will make his appearance and distribute gifts to the boys and girls.

Sunday school classes will take presents to shut-ins and the needy of the community.

The pastor and the youth council have made plans for a watch night starting at 9:00 p. m. December 31. The pastor will administer communion at 11:30 p. m. and all members and friends of the church are invited.

First Presbyterian, U. S.

A Christmas program has been planned for the membership of the First Presbyterian Church, U. S., for 7:00 p. m. Sunday. This will be a "Joy Gift Service," featuring the singing of the traditional Christmas carols and contributions will be accepted for retired ministers and their families.

Those in charge of the program are Mrs. Alex McGregor, music; Mrs. E. A. Saunders, organist; Mrs. B. W. Claunch, director.

The highlight of the Christmas season will be reached Wednesday evening of next week when the annual Christmas tree program is held for

the children. The program will start at 7:00 p. m. with children of the church participating. This will be followed by a visit from Santa Claus, who will distribute gifts from the tree.

There will be no worship service at the church Sunday morning, but regular church school will be held by all departments.

First Presbyterian, U. S. A.

The church school will meet at 9:45 a. m. with the singing of Christmas carols and the subject theme, "Let the Prince of Peace Rule."

At 11:00 a. m. the worship service will feature a requested subject, "Will We Know Each Other There?" This subject will bring out the fuller and deeper meaning of Christmas. Appropriate music will be rendered by the choir and congregation.

At 7:00 p. m. "The Nativity Pageant" will be presented by the nursery, kindergarten, primary and junior departments of the church school. This pageant is composed of the following parts:

Introduction  
Prologue  
Prayer scene  
Annunciation scene  
Bethlehem scene  
Shepherd scene  
Nativity scene  
Scene of the Wise Men  
The Word was God  
Benediction  
Postlude

On Monday evening at 7 o'clock Santa Claus' annual visit and the Christmas tree is scheduled. The senior department of the church school will furnish the program for this service.

The public is cordially invited to attend all these services.

St. Mary's Church

The following Christmas services have been announced for St. Mary's Catholic Church, corner of Sixth Street and Crosson Avenue.

Thursday, Christmas eve: Confessions 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p. m. Midnight mass at 12 sharp.

The second mass will be held at 8 o'clock Christmas morning, December 25. Third mass at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. Benediction after the third mass.

Saturday, December 26, confessions from 5 to 6 and 7 to 8 p. m.

Sunday, December 27, first mass at 8 a. m. and second mass at 10 a. m.

Thursday, December 31, Rosary and Benediction at 7 p. m. Confessions after services.

Friday, January 1, first mass 8 a. m., second mass at 10 a. m.

Saturday, January 2, Confessions from 5 to 6 and 7 to 8 p. m.

Sunday, January 3, first mass 8 a. m., second mass 10 a. m.

Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Ivan Kountzer, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, has announced a special Christmas service for 7:30 p. m. Sunday.

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## Free Kiddy Show At Texas Theatre On December 24

Jack Scales, manager of the Texas Theatre, has announced the annual Christmas eve show for children, to be presented Thursday morning, December 24. The show will commence at 9:30 a. m. and be concluded at 11:30 a. m.

A special program of comedies and cartoons has been arranged and all kiddies in this section are invited to be guests of the management. Parents may bring their children to town and then go on with their last-minute shopping for the next two hours.

Mr. Scales stated that there would be a free gift for each child as he entered the door Christmas eve morning. Those who desire may leave a gift for the needy at the door, but the management emphasizes that this is not a requirement for admission. About 1,000 children are expected and the entire theatre staff will be on duty to take care of them. The house will be made comfortable for any kind of weather.

Parents who wish to pick up their children after the show will be able to get them about 11:30. A two-hour presentation has been booked.

## Tornado Warning System Explained To Commissioners

The Runnels county commissioners' court heard an explanation of a proposed radar tornado warning system to serve eight West Texas counties at its meeting here Monday.

The proposal was explained by Otis Stewart, of the San Angelo Board of City Development. The service would serve Runnels, Menard, Concho, Coke, Schleicher, Sterling, Irion and Tom Green counties.

Approximately \$100,000 worth of radar equipment could be secured through surplus for the West Texas system, according to Mr. Stewart. The total cost of the equipment and installation to the counties would be approximately \$9,000.

San Angelo has agreed to take care of \$4,500 of the cost and the other counties are being asked to provide 10 cents per capita. For Runnels county this would mean \$1,677.

Warnings would be relayed to the public safety department and in turn would be put on radio and other means of communication to give people in the storm areas warning of approaching dangers.

No action was taken by the commissioners Monday but they are anxious to hear from citizens and know their reaction. The county officials think that they need to know the opinions of the people of the county before spending such a sum of money for a warning system. They plan to take the matter before the civic clubs and other groups and ask for discussions after the plan is explained.

Any member of the court will welcome a letter or direct expression on the proposal from any citizen of the county.

## Two Producers Finaled in Week

George Hauk No. 1-C. C. McKnight, located five miles northeast of Crews, has been completed for a daily pumping potential of 121 barrels of 39.4 gravity oil. Top of pay was encountered at 3,703 feet. The production formation was identified.

Howsey & Jacobs No. 1-Harry Jonas, Gunsite discovery, three miles northwest of Winters, was waiting for a completion unit this week. On a drillstem test between 2,829 and 2,841 feet in the Gunsite, gas surfaced in three minutes, mud in nineteen minutes and oil in twenty-one minutes. The project flowed at the rate of five barrels an hour. Top of pay is 2,836 feet.

Geochemical Surveys has filed an application for a permit to drill a 4,700-foot well, the company's No. 1-Arthur Gottschalk, half a mile south and slightly west of the Ballinger (Palo Pinto) field. Drilling is scheduled to begin Saturday.

George Cape and family, of Corpus Christi, will be here for a week-end visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Cape and other relatives.

## Bearcats Meet Indians At Coleman Tomorrow

The Ballinger Bearcats will meet the Comanche Indians at Bluecat Stadium, Coleman, at 2:00 p. m. tomorrow (Friday). These arrangements were made at Wichita Falls Saturday immediately after the Bearcats defeated the Phillips Black-hawks.

Joe Forester, high school principal, stated the first of the week that Ballinger students and fans would occupy the west side of the field and Comanche supporters the east side. All grandstand seats have been reserved and will sell at \$1.50 each.

The Comanche tribe had a perfect season, winning all its games, which included a 13-7 defeat of the Bearcats early this season. The Indians have

also been a high-scoring outfit in most of their tilts. Last week, on a muddy field at Tyler, they barely scraped by the Henderson team by the score of 6-0.

The other teams left in the state race represent Huntsville and Regugio and their game is scheduled Saturday at Huntsville.

Ballinger students will hold their weekly pep rally today and there will be no classes tomorrow. Dismissal this afternoon will usher in the Christmas holidays for local students, but the Bearcats are to report for work as usual.

Ballinger fans will have about 2,500 seats available at Coleman and they can be purchased at the Pearce-Bailey Drug Store until tomorrow noon.

## Officers Report Numerous Thefts, Burglaries Recently

### Club Boys Enter 26 Prime Animals In Houston Show

Runnels county 4-H club boys will be well represented at the Houston Fat Stock Show. It was disclosed this week that 12 boys have entered 3 calves and 23 fat lambs in the show. These animals will be taken to Houston either on January 29 or 30 and will remain there for the judging and sale.

Hugh Campbell, III, and Bill Routh, both of Ballinger, will show one Hereford steer each. Roy Minzenmayer will exhibit a shorthorn fat steer.

A. C. Wessels, of Winters, will exhibit three fine wool lambs, Harvey Wessels, of Winters, will show three crossbred lambs. Billy Holle, of Winters, will have three fine wool lambs and Maurice Holle will exhibit two crossbred lambs. Calvin Helm, of Wingate, has entered two fine wool lambs and two crossbred lambs. Valton Hoffman, of Ballinger, is entering three crossbred lambs, and Kenneth Wendland and Stanley Book, of Miles, will show three crossbred lambs.

All the boys are looking forward to the trip to Houston. Other entries will be announced later in the San Angelo show and the West Texas show at Abilene.

JUDGES TO INSPECT HOME DECORATIONS

Ballinger home and yard Christmas decorations will be judged Saturday and Sunday nights. All who have decorations are asked to have them lighted and ready for inspection by the judges.

Cash prizes will be paid for the first, second and third places in three divisions. One group of judges will view those in the white section, one in the Latin-American and one in the negro section.

Winners are to be announced Monday by the chamber of commerce office. As soon as the judges report, checks will be mailed to the winners.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnes and children, Robert and Frank III, of Wichita Falls, spent the past week-end with Mr. Barnes' mother, Mrs. George Mader, and Mr. Mader.

WESTERN EMPLOYEES HERE HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Employees of the Western Co. in the Ballinger district held their annual Christmas party here Friday night at the American Legion hall. Thirty-eight assembled for the banquet and dance-party which followed.

The turkey banquet was served by Jake's Drive-In at the Legion hall, where dancing and games followed.

MOST BALLINGER STORES CLOSING TOMORROW 12 TO 5

Practically all Ballinger stores will be closed tomorrow (Friday) at noon to permit clerks to attend the football game at Coleman between the Ballinger Bearcats and the Comanche Indians. This is one of the semifinals for the class AA state championship.

Along with the announcement of closing was the information that local stores would be reopened after the game at 5:00 p. m. and remain open until 8:00 p. m.

Joe McCauley, manager of the chamber of commerce, stated Wednesday afternoon that a few stores might be open during the afternoon, but most of the firm managers in various lines got together Tuesday and agreed to close.

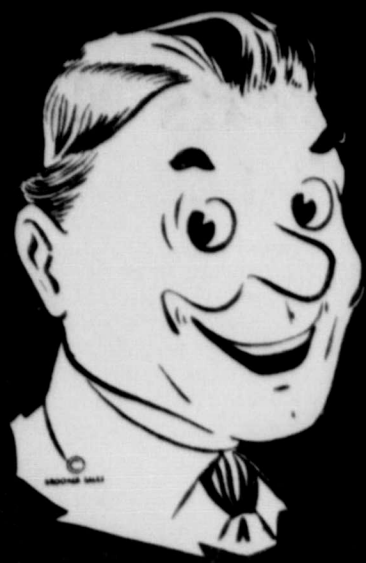
Tickets in both Ballinger and Comanche were sold out and more were being sought. About 1,100 reserved seats put on sale here Tuesday lasted only a short time.

At Coleman 450 tickets went on sale Tuesday and lasted only 30 minutes. The Coleman schools will be closed at noon Friday and information received here was that Winters students would be given a half-day holiday.

Extra seats are being installed in the end zones and an effort will be made to seat 7,000 spectators.



CROWDS ARE JAMMING THEIR WAY IN FOR THIS GREAT SALE NOW GOING ON!



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THE NEXT FEW DAYS CAN BE THE MOST IMPORTANT "SHOPPING DAYS" OF YOUR LIFE!

For during the next few days... you have a "once-in-a-lifetime" buying opportunity! If you are looking for real bargains here is your answer. YOU CAN BUY WITH CONFIDENCE THAT YOU WILL POSITIVELY BE THRILLED WITH YOUR PURCHASES! YOU can't lose... while taking advantage of this sensational sale. A SELLOUT ON MANY ITEMS IS EXPECTED, SO BETTER GET HERE EARLY!

## PRICE CUTTER'S AX FALLS AGAIN



### Notice

Space is Limited—These are but a Fraction of the Bargains to be Had at This Sale.

Have You Been Waiting to Buy? Don't Wait Any Longer, as You Can Save Many Dollars if You Buy Now.

### ATTENTION All Car Owners and Drivers

100 License Numbers

Will be Posted Every Day During Sale. These Numbers are Taken from Cars Parked in Ballinger. Yours May be There Any Day.

If Your Number Is Listed You Can Win \$1, \$2, \$5 or \$25

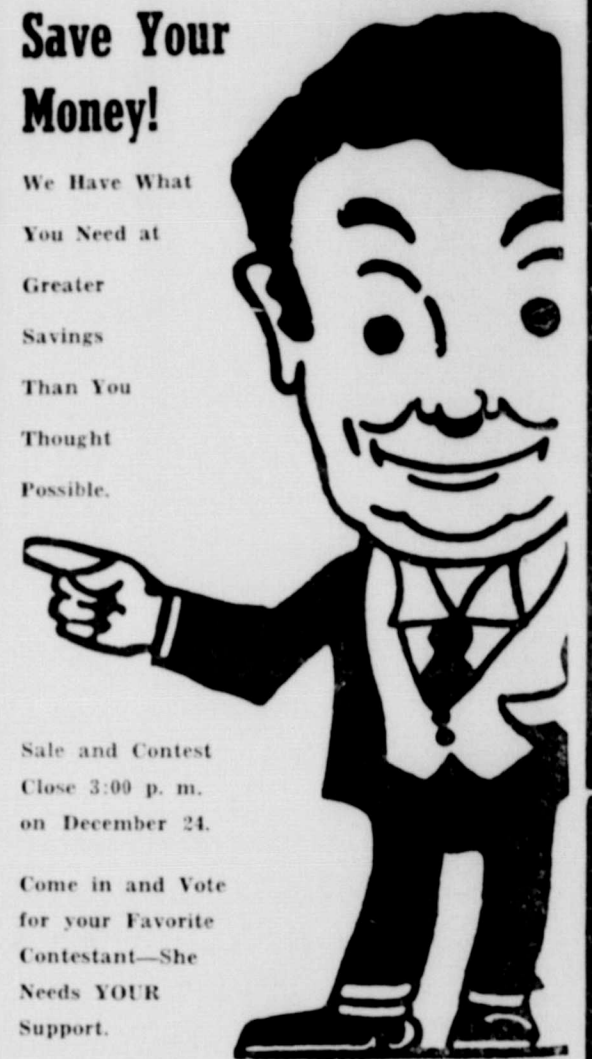
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Your Choice—12 Patterns

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Regularly \$22.50  
12 x 15  
**\$12.87**

**No. 883 Table Lamp**  
Regularly \$19.50  
**\$8.95**

**TV Serving Set**  
4 Tables with Stand Case  
Regularly \$11.00  
**\$5.96**

# Warehouse Unloading SALE



**SOCIETY**

**Mrs. Morgan Honoree at Gift Shower**

Mrs. J. C. Morgan was commented at a stork shower Thursday evening in the home of Mrs. John Cody on Pou Avenue.

Co-hosting with Mrs. Cody were Mrs. W. H. Taylor, Mrs. Roy McAulay and Mrs. J. Lassater.

Yellow and green floral pointments were used throughout party rooms. A center with greenery encircled by pink motifs and yellow ferns formed the centerpiece of the dining table where hot and cold cider was served with wafers. Miniature stork noisels were plate favors.

After games, the honoree received a basket filled with gifts.

Those present were: Meses, B. Crowder, Jack Fryman, Hulsey, O. K. Jacobson, Lee, Arlie Miller, Calton, R. D. Travis, Jewel Cartwright, J. D. Eoff, J. L. Ohlson, J. V. Curlee, O. K. Reynolds, Johnnie Wright, Guy York, Dick Holstead, J. L. Ireland, Henri Smith, L. F. Ith, J. H. Baker, J. P. Boothe, L. McMillan, and Miss Dorado Adams.

**Miss Minzenmayer Honored at Shower**

Miss Barbara Minzenmayer, niece of Johnny Frierson, a daughter of Winters, was complimented at a pantry shower at the home of Mrs. J. J. Wessels and daughter, Arlene, were hostesses.

Guests registered their names on tea towels with oil paints. Gifts were later presented to the honoree and her mother. A large supply of party gifts were presented to Miss Minzenmayer at a miniature "Country Store."

Christmas decorations were throughout party rooms. A dining table was centered with a reflected styrofoam table, flanked by red candles, pyroantha berries. A silver and blue Christmas arrangement was on the coffee table.

Guests served a salad plate of candy, nuts and spiced to the honoree and her mother, Mrs. W. F. Minzenmayer, and Mrs. V. L. Frierson, mother of the prospective groom: Mrs. H. A. Minzenmayer, Erwin Ueckert, J. D. L. L. D. Brown, George W. Jr., R. T. O'Dell; Misses Minzenmayer, Patricia Ann Frierson, Janet Minzenmayer, Frances Minzenmayer, Estella Bredemeyer, Gerhart and Wanda Bredemeyer.

A couple will be married in Winters Lutheran Church December 20.

George Washington Goethals the first governor of the Zone.

**Citation by Publication STATE OF TEXAS**

J. E. Brown and Manda E. Brown, and the unknown heirs of E. Brown, Deceased, and unknown heirs of Manda E. Brown, Deceased, and all claiming any title or interest in the real estate hereinafter described under deed of record given to J. E. Brown and Manda E. Brown, Grantees, March 16, 1925, now of record in Vol. 128, Page 431, of the Records of Runnels County, Texas, GREETING: You are commanded to appear in court to answer to plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of this Citation, the date being Monday, the 25th of January, A. D. 1954, at 10 o'clock a. m., before the Honorable District Court of this County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas, plaintiff's petition was filed on the 9th day of December, 1953. The file number of this case is No. 6324. The names of the parties in said case are: Plaintiff: Dabney and wife, Dabney, as Plaintiffs, E. Brown and Manda E. Brown and the other persons to whom this writ is addressed and above named in this citation. Defendants: The nature of said suit being initially as follows: to-wit: In Termpass to Try Title by plaintiffs against defendants to recover the title to the possession of the land described in the following: Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is made for a more particular description.

This Citation is not served 90 days after the date of issuance, it shall be deemed to be served on this 9th day of December, A. D. 1953.

Under my hand and said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1953.

MILLIE STEPHENS District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 17-4t

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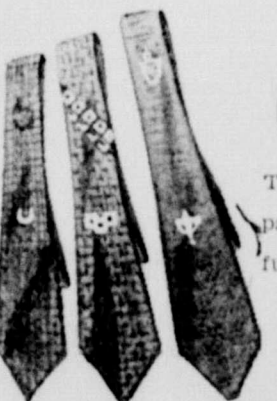


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• 60 GAUGE, 15 DENIER  
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Regular \$1.50 Value  
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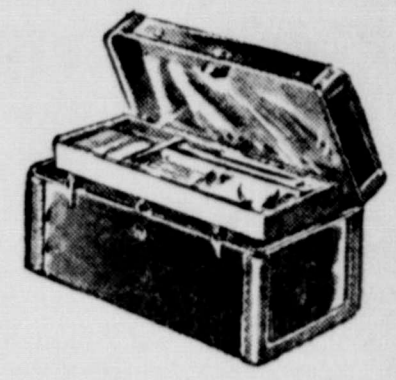
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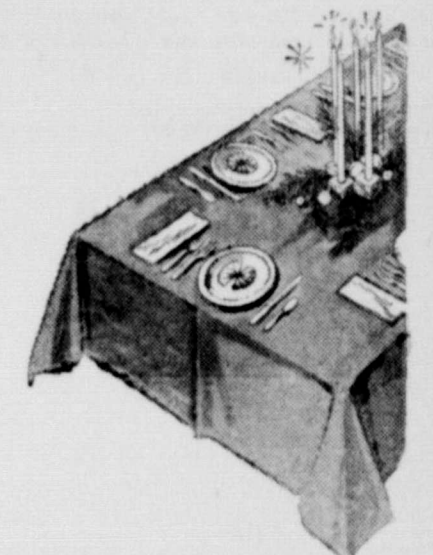
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With Each Two-Piece Set of SAMSONITE  
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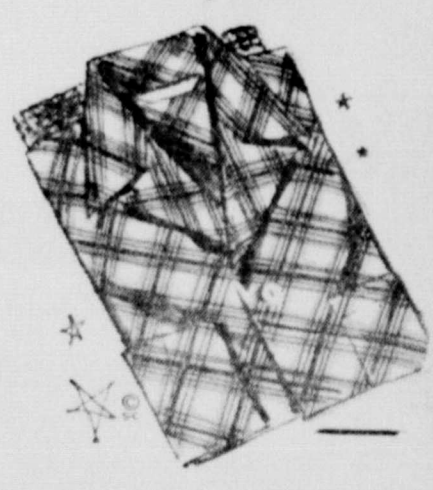


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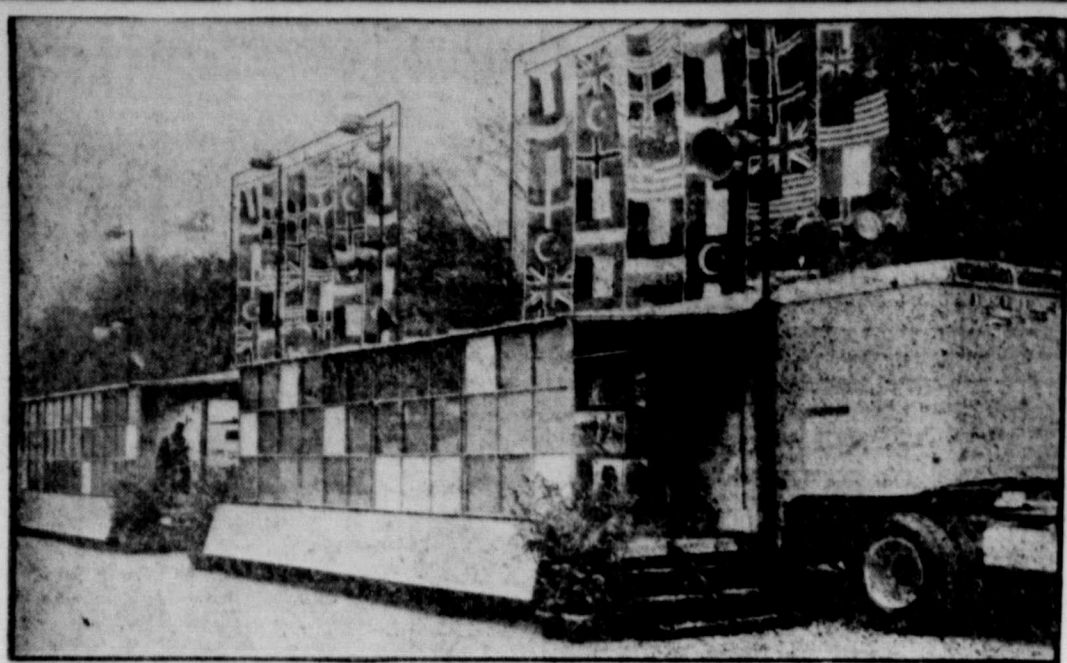


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## SOCIETY

### Stitch-in-Time Sewing Club Has Christmas Party

Mrs. Joe Beard was hostess to the Stitch-in-Time Sewing Club at her home at 7:00 p. m. Friday for the annual Christmas party. Husbands and guests were invited and a visit from Santa Claus was enjoyed. After gifts were passed Mrs. George Proffett presided at a short business session and gave a Christmas story. Mrs. J. V. Smith was co-hostess.

Others present were: the Newsom family, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Smith, the George Proffett family, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Minzenmayer, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Marsh, J. V. Smith, Mrs. Callie Newsom, Miss Mickey Vorbeck and Mrs. John Reese.

### Book Club Members, Husbands and Guests Have Yule Dinner

Current Book Club members entertained Tuesday evening at their annual Christmas dinner-party at which husbands and a few added guests were included. The turkey menu was served in the banquet room of the Central Hotel. Tables were centered with greenery and berries, and groups of graduated candelabra holding red candles were at each end. Table appointments were in red crystal.

Mrs. Alex Saunders, Mrs. Tom Caudle and Mrs. O. R. O'Neill served on the arrangements committee. Mrs. J. W. Barr, club president, greeted guests and O. C. Sykes gave the invocation.

Following the dinner the group enjoyed games of forty-two and a gift exchange in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon on Eighth Street. K. V. Northington enacted the role of Santa Claus.

The white Christmas theme was in evidence at the door, as well as in the reception rooms, where the white tree was decorated with blue baubles. Huge white candles were about the rooms and a large snowball encircled with styrofoam designs formed the centerpiece for the dining table and the buffet.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mmes. J. W. Guynes, O. C. Sykes, James A. Wear, John A. Barton, Sam Behringer, J. W. Barr, Alex Saunders, K. V. Northington, J. O. Satterwhite, Tom Caudle, Chester Cherry, A. H. Dallinger, Jack Nixon, O. R. O'Neill, Mrs. A. M. Smith, Mrs. A. O. Bartlett and Mrs. Hatton Laxson.

### First Baptist Rachel Class Has Christmas Party

Mmes. E. T. Branham, Claude Mansell, Arthur Crockett and Estelle Strickland were hostesses to the Rachel Class of the First Baptist Church Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Branham home on Fifth Street.

The home was decorated in seasonal colors and gifts were exchanged at the illuminated Christmas tree. Mrs. H. T. Batchelor conducted the business routine. The class donated \$10 to be given for nursery needs at the local church.

For the program Mrs. R. E. Rubie gave the opening prayer and presented Mrs. Audra Grant, who gave the Christmas devotional, "Keeping Christmas Christian." Mrs. Batchelor presented gifts to Mrs. Rubie, the class teacher, and to Mrs. Grant.

Hostesses served pecan pie a la mode with coffee and candies. Plate favors were corsages. Others present were: Mmes. Coy Estes, Harold Routh, Jones

Parrish, Paul Kirk, Fred Moncrief, C. A. Bisset, Dick Ayers, Ted Price, P. P. Fitzhugh, C. D. Branham, A. E. Holbrook, Ira Funderburk, Franklin Heath, J. T. Gregory and N. L. Crownover.

### First Presbyterian Women Hold Installation Service

Presbyterian Women of the Church held their annual meeting and installation of officers in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church, U. S., Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Estes M. Lynn conducted the business and heard annual reports of officers. Mrs. Lynn also brought the devotional.

Mrs. Harry Lynn was installing officers when the following new officers and carry-overs were installed at an impressive service: president, Mrs. W. B. Woody; vice-president, Mrs. Paul Trimmer; secretary, Mrs. E. W. Stasney; treasurer, Mrs. Alex Saunders; historian, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson; chairman—spiritual growth, Mrs. Conway T. Wharton; world missions, Mrs. Joel Bates; church extension, Mrs. B. W. Claunch; education, Mrs. R. T. Hall; annuities and relief, Mrs. Orlan Middleton; stewardship, Mrs. Alex McGregor; general fund agencies, Mrs. L. J. Campbell; orphanage cause, Mrs. Harry Lynn. New circle chairmen are Mrs. Bruce Greasy and Mrs. Chester Cherry; Mrs. Warren Lynn is home circle chairman; Mrs. Q. V. Miller, Bible teacher; Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, family night hostess; Mrs. Alex Saunders, program chairman.

A letter from the mother of the late Dr. Conway T. Wharton was read.

Christmas songs were sung by the group.

### Eastern Star Chapter Holds Christmas Party

Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of Eastern Star, held its annual Christmas party Monday evening in the Masonic Hall.

Holiday symbols were used in the hall along with the decorated lighted tree where gifts were exchanged. J. O. Satterwhite, program leader, gave a brief talk and outlined the blessings of the season. Christmas carols and Western selections were sung by Curley Hennigar, Louis and Luther Walden, and all joined in singing "Auld Lang Syne."

At the business session, at which Mrs. Tom McEntire, worthy matron, and George Beard presided, members were asked to save their Christmas cards and add to the box which will be sent to the children at the Abilene State Hospital in January.

Resolutions were read by Mrs. Paul Petty, in memory of Mrs. Alice Russell, a former member of the Ballinger chapter. The charter was draped for the deceased member.

A committee, composed of R. E. Harris, H. P. Largent and George Beard, was named by the worthy matron to investigate purchasing six tables for the Masonic dining room.

At the social hour a sandwich plate was served with nuts, mints and coffee.

### Trio Complimented at Formal Dance

Linda Kay Crockett, Neil Broussard and Ricky Morrish were feted at a formal dance at the Acapulco Cafe Friday evening.

Hostesses were mothers of the honor guests, Mrs. Arthur Crockett, Mrs. M. C. Broussard and Mrs. G. A. Morrish.

Decorations featured the illuminated and decorated tree. The refreshment table was laid with a green linen cloth and centered with a Santa in a bed of green cedar branches encircled with candy canes. Red candles in branched holders were at each side.

Lime sherbet punch was served with cake squares iced in white and decorated with holly wreaths to about 75 young friends throughout the dancing period.

### Fannie Stephens Club's Yule Program in Moss Home

Mrs. W. E. Moss, president of the Fannie Stephens Study Club, was assisted by the social committee, Mrs. E. Y. Bailey and Mrs. R. E. Rubie, when she was hostess to club members at the annual Christmas program and tea Wednesday afternoon.

The Moss home on Fifth Street was decorated with Christmas symbols. Mrs. Moss received guests who were invited to the den where the serving table was laid with a green cloth of linen embossed with Christmas trees in sequins at each end, and "Merry Christmas" in sequins at the sides. Red candles standing before a Madonna encircled with holly formed the centerpiece. Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff presided at the silver service, and Mrs. J. D. Eoff served ambrosia cake topped with whipped cream decorated with red and green cherries.

Decorating the piano was a

snow scene with a lighted Santa. Other decorations in the living room were potted poinsettias and a pyramid arrangement of multi-colored balls with cedar boughs.

Mrs. Tom Epting, program chairman, introduced Miss Wilma Duke, who played Christmas selections, and Sydney Hanson reviewed "Why the Chimes Ring."

Visitors were Mrs. Bryan Burk and Mrs. Sam Blacklock. Other members attending

were: Mmes. Cal Adair, N. L. Crownover, L. D. Burks, W. E. Elkins, Preston Fitzhugh, Fred Harwell, R. M. Hollis, M. E. McClenny, Ted Tisdale, B. J. Williams, K. I. Sharpes, Jr., H. B. Edmondson, Joe Flynn, G. A. Morrish and Miss Dorothy Adams.

### Batts Home Scene of Class Christmas Party

Mmes. B. M. Batts, David Duke, Otto Wood and R. R. Holstead were hostesses to the

First Baptist Mary-Martha Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the rural home of Mrs. Batts.

Christmas candles and greenery and the decorated illuminated tree were featured in rooms where Mrs. Wood conducted the business at which time plans were made to assist an elderly couple at Christmas. Members exchanged gifts from the tree. Miss Ruth Morgan gave the devotional based on Christmas legends.

Hostesses served a salad plate with pie a la mode.

Others present were: Mmes. H. Clark, Fred Holliday, Drury Hathaway, Odie Barrington, J. C. Lange, I. M. Turner, J. P. Owens, Ruth Ramsey, O. L. Britton, Paul Best, William Hill, R. T. Williams, Alda Mae Hirschfeld, L. B. Rudder; and Mrs. Don Atkins, class teacher.

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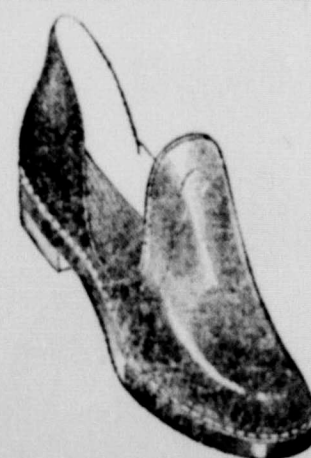
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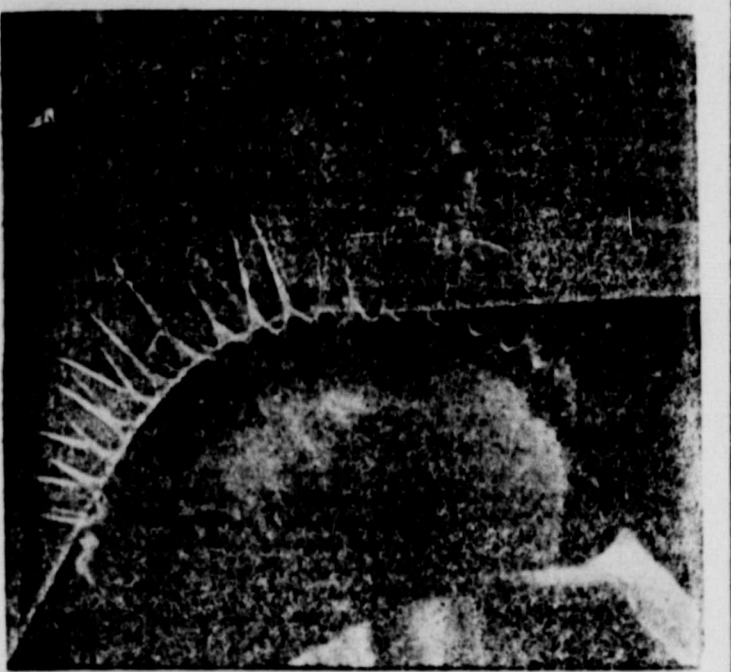
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# SOCIETY

**First Baptist Naomi Class Has Christmas Party**

Mrs. Joe Flynt and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan were hostesses to the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening, entertaining in the Flynt home on Sixth Street.

The pretty Yule spray on the front door, the glow of Christ-



**CAUGHT!**—"Help, I'm being digested!" The awesome contraption with the interlocking teeth is the trap of a carnivorous plant—the Venus flytrap. The jaws have shut on an unlucky grasshopper, who seems a bit large for the trap. But his tail end is probably already soaking in the digestive juices at the bottom. Picture is from the newest Moody Institute of Science films "Prior Claim."



**YOUNG AND TOUGH**—Scrappy little John L. White wears a derby that vaguely recalls the era of the "Great John L." of a few decades past. The five-year-old lad recently won the New York Police Athletic League's annual mosquito-weight boxing title.

Mrs. Summers brought a Christmas story, "How Come Christmas?" which was told in negro dialect. Gifts were exchanged by members.

The dining table was centered with a silver and white foliage arrangement, and the buffet was decorated with huge white candles. Mrs. Stanley Price presided at the silver coffee service and hostesses served date cake topped with whipped cream.

Others were: Mmes. Joe Forster, Lee Tabor, W. E. Elkins, E. Y. Bailey and L. A. Mosier.

**Methodist Friendship Class Has Christmas Dinner**

Mrs. Willie Belle Middleton, Mr. and Mrs. E. Curry and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Witt were hosts at the annual Christmas dinner program given for members of the Friendship Class of the First Methodist Church Tuesday evening.

Clyde Simmons gave the invocation preceding the dinner served at tables centered with silver cedar branches and candles.

Dalton Crockett conducted the business session. An offering was given for the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. Clothing and gifts of food for the "adopted" family were also given. A sing-song followed the business period. A gift was presented the class teacher, Mrs. Ernest Caskey.

Those present were: Messrs. Tom Adams, Dalton Crockett, Ed Curry, J. D. Reneau, Jimmy Cusenbary, Ed Easley, Lanham Flynt, William Harris, Eldon Holley, Wylie Hearn, Jack Moore, Leroy Rieger, Clyde Simmons, Powell Wear, Ben Williams, Lyman Yoder, Charles Webb, Tom Epting, Ernest Caskey, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Reynolds, Mmes. Benita Virden, W. N. Selby and J. H. Farmer.

**Tom Vandevanter, Miss Day Wed at Water Valley**

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clark and children attended the Vandevanter-Day marriage at Water Valley on November 21.

Leola Christopher Day and Tom Vandevanter were married in the home of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vandevanter, Sr., at Water Valley in a single ring service performed by the Rev. J. E. Strain. Relatives and close friends attended the service.

The ceremony was read before the fireplace, which was decorated with bronze and yellow chrysanthemums and candles in crystal holders.

Following the ceremony a reception was held. An arrangement of white roses and chrysanthemums centered the linen-laid table where Mrs. Tom Blanton served the wedding cake and Lucia Clark, of Ballinger, niece of the bridegroom, presided at the punch service. Table appointments were in crystal.

The couple is at home in Water Valley, where Mr. Van-

**County Officials to Take Long Period for Holidays**

County officials and employees at the court house will assemble Wednesday, December 23, for their annual Christmas party and tree. The short program and the exchange of gifts will be held in the office of County Judge W. H. Rampy.

At the close of business next Wednesday all offices at the court house will be closed until Monday, December 28. Judge Rampy said this long holiday period was being taken in a large number of counties in this part of West Texas.

devanter is engaged in ranching.

The bridegroom's parents were residents of Runnels county for many years.

**Pre-Nuptial Party Compliments Misses Vestal, Hays**

Miss Joan Vestal, bride-elect of Billy J. Poe, and Miss Catherine Hays, bride-elect of Airman Kenneth Dean Bradbury, of Goodfellow AFB, were complimented at a kitchen shower in the Grady Richards home on Twelfth Street Tuesday evening.

Hosting the affair were Mrs. Jimmy McAden and Miss Frances Thomas.

Party rooms were decorated with greenery and Christmas symbols. After games were played kitchen gifts were presented the two honorees. Fruit cake and coffee were served. Plate favors were miniature bags of rice.

Those present were: Mmes. Delbert L. Vestal, Marion Hays, Bill Poe, Grady Richards, Wilfred Buxkemper, Dixon Toni, Paul Harral, Charles Mapes, Alvin Spreen, Misses Joyce and Georgia Hite, Edna Muriel Smith, Wilma Duke, Deanie Rountree, Mary Bryant, Clara Hill, Margaret Moomen, Ellen Sheburne, Nita Sikes, Dorothy McShan, Lois Liverman, Evaljo Jo Payne, Louise Bairy, Norma Jackson and Joy Campbell.

The Bradbury-Hays nuptials will be at 6:00 p. m. December 19, and the Poe-Vestal vows are to be repeated at 8:00 p. m. to the same evening in the First Methodist Church. Rev. Wayne Reynolds will officiate at both weddings.

**LIONS CLUB CHANGES THREE MEETING DATES**

The Ballinger Lions Club has announced three changes in meeting days.

The meeting for this week is being held today on account of the football game to be played at Coleman at 2:00 p. m. Friday, regular meeting day.

No meeting will be held on December 25 or for that week. The regular meal money for that week will be used to take care of a needy family.

The meeting which would fall on Friday, January 1, has been changed to Thursday, December 31, because of the holiday on New Year's Day.

**Mrs. Emil Brosh**

Mrs. Emil Brosh, 55, died at her home near Eola Sunday night after illness of three and a half years.

Decedent came to America from Czechoslovakia when she was 13 years of age. She landed at Galveston and lived at Wharton five years. She was married to Mr. Brosh at East Bernard August 25, 1917, and resided at Rowena 15 years before moving to Eola in 1935. She had been a life-long member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors besides the husband include two sons, Simon Brosh, Eola; Adolph Brosh, San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Bruce Ballandingham, San Angelo; Mrs. Charlie Bruno, Kermit; Mrs. J. D. Lewis, Stillwell, Oklahoma; and three grandchildren.

The rosary service was at 8:00 p. m. Tuesday at the Newby-Davis chapel and funeral services were at 9:00 a. m. Wednesday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Rowena, Rev. W. F. Bosen officiating. Burial followed in St. Joseph's Cemetery.

**Mary Ann Robinson**

Mary Ann Robinson, 5 weeks old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Robinson, died at 1:00 a. m. Monday at the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital after illness of two weeks.

Graveside services were held at 10:00 a. m. Tuesday at the Norton cemetery, Rev. Wayne Reynolds officiating.

Survivors besides the parents include a sister, Dorothy Frances Robinson, Ballinger; and the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hilliard, Norton.

**Mrs. J. S. Collins**

Mrs. J. S. Collins, 59, died at her home on South Sixth Street at 6:00 p. m. Wednesday after illness the past seven months.

Decedent had been a resident of Ballinger the past 50 years, moving here with her family from Taylor county, where she had lived for a short time. She was born in Cherokee county on August 7, 1864. She had been a member of the Methodist Church most of her life. She was married to J. S. Collins at Cook's Point in 1885.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a. m. tomorrow (Friday) at the Newby-Davis chapel, Rev. Wayne Reynolds to officiate. Interment will follow in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors are a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Wilke, Uvalde; two sons, Tom Collins, Ballinger; Delbert Collins, California; two sisters, Mrs. Richard George and Mrs. Ed Glenn, Winters; 7 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

About half the weight of the human body is made up of muscle.

# DENTISTS

**Teacher Shortage Caskey's Subject At Lions Meeting**

Supt. Ernest Caskey was the speaker for the Ballinger Lions Club Friday noon. Mr. Caskey discussed the teacher situation, setting out the number of qualified teachers being graduated each year and the need on a nation-wide basis. According to the records the number is falling far short of needs for classrooms.

The speaker stated that there were only three sources from which to obtain teachers. One is from the graduating classes in the colleges and universities each spring. The second is by encouraging teachers who have retired to return to the school room, and the third is to take men and women who are not really qualified, and in doing this, he said, standards must be lowered.

The superintendent also gave some of the necessary qualifications for a good teacher, which include a love for children and the desire to see them develop into worthwhile citizens.

The board of directors met after the program and voted to hold a meeting on December 31 instead of the regular date, which is January 1.

It also was voted to meet with the new Norton club for its charter night on January 14 and the local club will not have a meeting that week.

Organization of a Lions club has been perfected at Norton and a total of 29 members was reported Friday. Others are being solicited and are expected in the membership before charter night.

**DWELLING DESTROYED BY FIRE EARLY TODAY**

Ballinger firemen were called to the C. C. Neff home, just south of the Colorado River on the Paint Rock highway, early this (Thursday) morning. When they arrived the house was already destroyed by the fire which was discovered while the couple was preparing breakfast.

Mr. Neff told firemen that he kept hearing a burning sound and when he looked into the space between the ceiling and roof the flames burst into his face. He walked to the nearest telephone and called firemen but they arrived too late to be of much service. Mr. and Mrs. Neff lost all their household belongings.

The house was owned by J. W. Barr.

**DR. JONES BRINGS BACK BIG BUCK FROM HUNT**

Dr. Glenn Jones flew to Corpus Christi the past week-end for a hunting trip with his brother. He returned the first of the week after bagging a large 9-point buck.

Lacrosse is the national game of Canada.

**Births recorded at the clinic the past week were as follows:**

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Bevel, a son, December 6

Mr. and Mrs. Antonio, Montaluisa, a daughter, December 8

Patients hospitalized at this time include:

Mrs. W. C. Barrett, Norton, medical

Mrs. Melvin Hurt, Hatchel, medical

L. W. Henniger, medical

Miss Margie Taylor, medical

Bill Butler, Fort Worth, surgical

Joy Nell Delay, medical

Mrs. West Talbott, medical.

**POST OFFICE WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY**

Postmaster K. V. Northington has announced that the Ballinger post office will remain open on Saturday, December 19, until 5:30 p. m. instead of closing at 12:30 p. m.

This is being done to render better mailing service to patrons. A special window has been opened for receiving Christmas cards. If packages or cards are placed in this window instead of the regular mailing slots, it will save the employees much time. Some of the patrons are very helpful and leave their cards in packages assorted for city, Texas, and out-of-state addresses.

Cal Adair was in Austin Monday to attend a meeting of the marketing association of oil dealers board of directors.

# Yule Tree Fire Hazards Cited By State Group

The Texas Insurance Advisory Association has issued a warning to the people of Texas on Christmas trees. It is pointed out that the state was lucky in 1952 when only 14 Christmas tree fires were reported with property damage of \$33,298. For the nation, Christmas tree fires annual cost about 100 lives and the property damage runs high.

To keep Christmas merry, the fire insurance experts suggest the following rules:

1. Choose a small tree. It's safer than a large one.
2. Don't set it up until a few days before Christmas, and be sure to buy a tree that is freshly cut.
3. Stand it in water in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators or open gas heaters. Cut off the trunk diagonally at least an inch above the original cut end.
4. Avoid using cotton or paper decorations and never put an electric train under the tree.
5. Be sure your electric lighting sets are in good order.
6. Never leave the lights burning when no one is in the house.
7. Place the tree so that its accidental burning will not ignite curtains or other combustible furnishings, or block off an exit.
8. When the needles begin falling take the tree down and discard it immediately.

**HOSPITAL NOTES**

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

Mrs. R. A. Williamson, medical, last Thursday

Mrs. John Urbanek, Rowena, medical, Wednesday

Cal Adair, medical, Friday

Mrs. A. J. Gottschalk, medical, Friday

Mrs. James Houston, medical, Friday

Michael Read, San Angelo, medical, Wednesday

W. K. Baker, medical, Tuesday

**Buttons Up Record**

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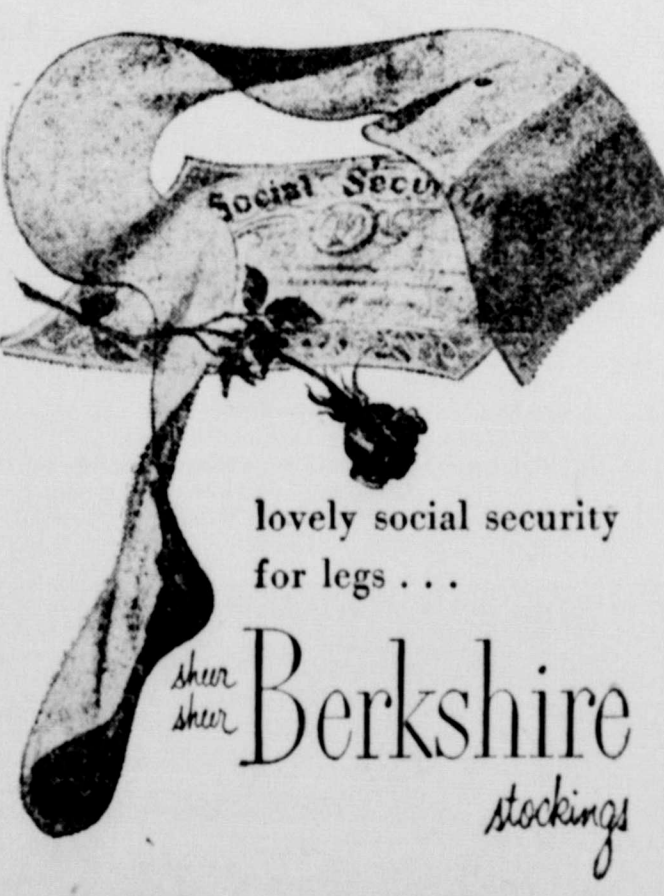
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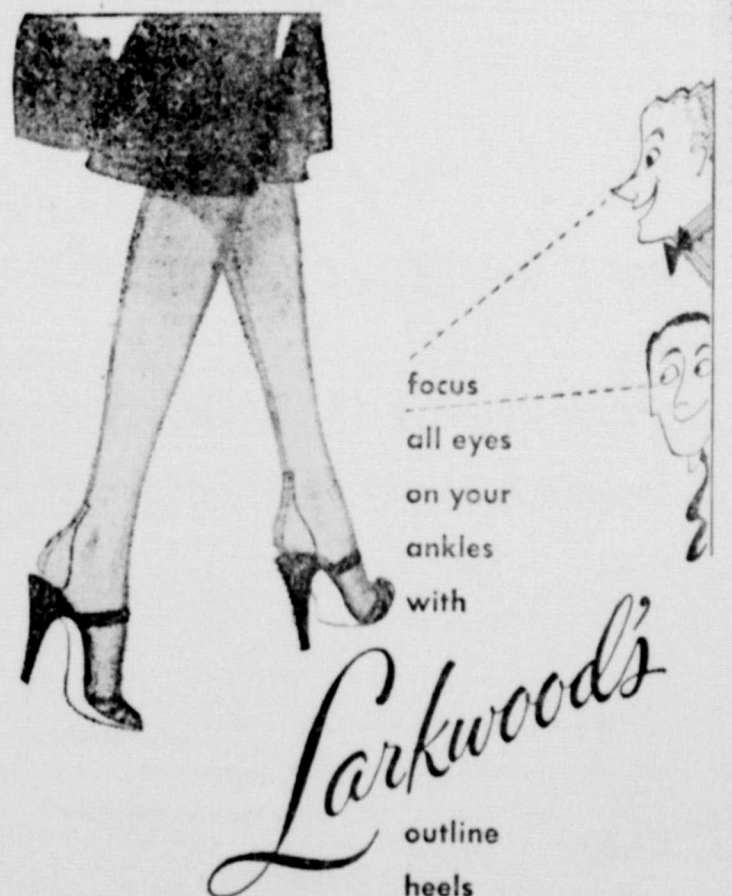
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Sunday school classes and other organizations here are "adopting" needy families as fast as the names are turned in to the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce office. The chamber committee has called on all agencies that deal with assistance and so far have not listed as many families as were cared for in previous years. Many local groups have voted to provide for families during the holidays and have asked the committee for names and addresses. The committee has requested the welfare organization, the ministerial alliance, Red Cross, Salvation Army and the county service officer to submit names of all who need help, especially families whose children will not have Christmas unless it is provided from outside the home.

After heavy tax collections in October, there has been a let up at all collecting offices here. Property owners have the remainder of December and all of January in which to pay their tax accounts before they become delinquent. One important feature this year is poll taxes. Next year will be interesting in the political field with state, district, county and precinct officers to be elected. A poll tax receipt is required for casting a ballot by any citizen who does not have an "over" or "under" certificate. Poll tax receipts must be issued by the last day of January, 1954, and those who fail to visit the collector's office by that time can not take part in the upcoming elections. A good way to avoid the last minute rush is to pay property taxes now and include poll taxes.

Ballingerites have been slow to put up home and yard decorations this year. The chamber of commerce is offering cash prizes for the best three pieces by the white population, Latin-Americans and negroes. Judging will be done on December 18, 19 and 20 and winners disclosed immediately so that the checks can be issued before Christmas eve. If you plan decorations do them as soon as possible so they may be viewed by many night drivers and be ready for the judges when they

Construction crews are to arrive at Hamlin shortly to begin work on the new \$500,000 gas refinery plant for the Texas Pacific Coal & Oil Co. of Fort Worth. The plant, to be located west of Hamlin, will manufacture butane and other products. The company has purchased an 18-acre tract for the plant and some work has been started in preparation for the erection of buildings and installation of machinery. Capacity of the plant will be 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

Robert E. Stripling, of Midland, who nailed down the case against Alger Hiss while serving as chief investigator for the house un-american activities committee, will be the principal speaker at a Brownwood meeting. The annual Christmas meeting of all civic luncheon clubs will be held December 18 on the roof of Hotel Brownwood. All clubs will cancel their regular meetings for the

week in order to join in the special program.

The Comanche Garden Club will have its fifth annual Christmas pilgrimage this week-end. Eight or ten homes will be visited to see the decorations. Each home owner will hold open house for the tour. One church and one school where special decorations have been installed, have also been included in the stops.

A large crowd of Colorado City business men and women met last week to hear R. L. Beagle, of Big Spring, explain the United Fund. He told his audience that United Fund was a logical development that combines charity financial undertakings into one drive. The speaker told of the success of the plan in other cities and towns and the great saving in time to civic workers who are called on often to make fund drives.

A meeting of citizens will be held at San Angelo soon after Christmas to consider the building of an athletic stadium. The meeting was first set for December 15, but Porter Hen-

derson, chairman of a committee on arrangements, stated it had been postponed because of the heavy holiday activities. At the meeting early in January the views of some 100 will be asked in regard to erecting a stadium.

Brady civic workers are striving to arrange for caring for all the needy of the city and on Saturday of last week a movie theatre staged a showing of "Alice in Wonderland" with the admission price one can of food. The food collected at the theatre will be put in baskets to be delivered to a large number of homes on Christmas eve. Toys for Christmas baskets were being concentrated at the office of the Empire Southern Gas Co. The list of needy is being compiled by Miss

Arvie Wagner, welfare office worker.

More than 3,000 people attended the formal opening of the new sales room at the Wolfe Nursery, Stephenville, last Sunday. The opening had been given considerable publicity and many were present from other sections of the state. During the afternoon special entertainment was presented and special radio broadcasts were made from the salesrooms. The Wolfe Nursery, one of the largest in West Texas, has completed a number of improvements.

The city of Menard has purchased an enclosed garbage truck and the machine was put in limited operation last week. At a called meeting of the city council plans were made for

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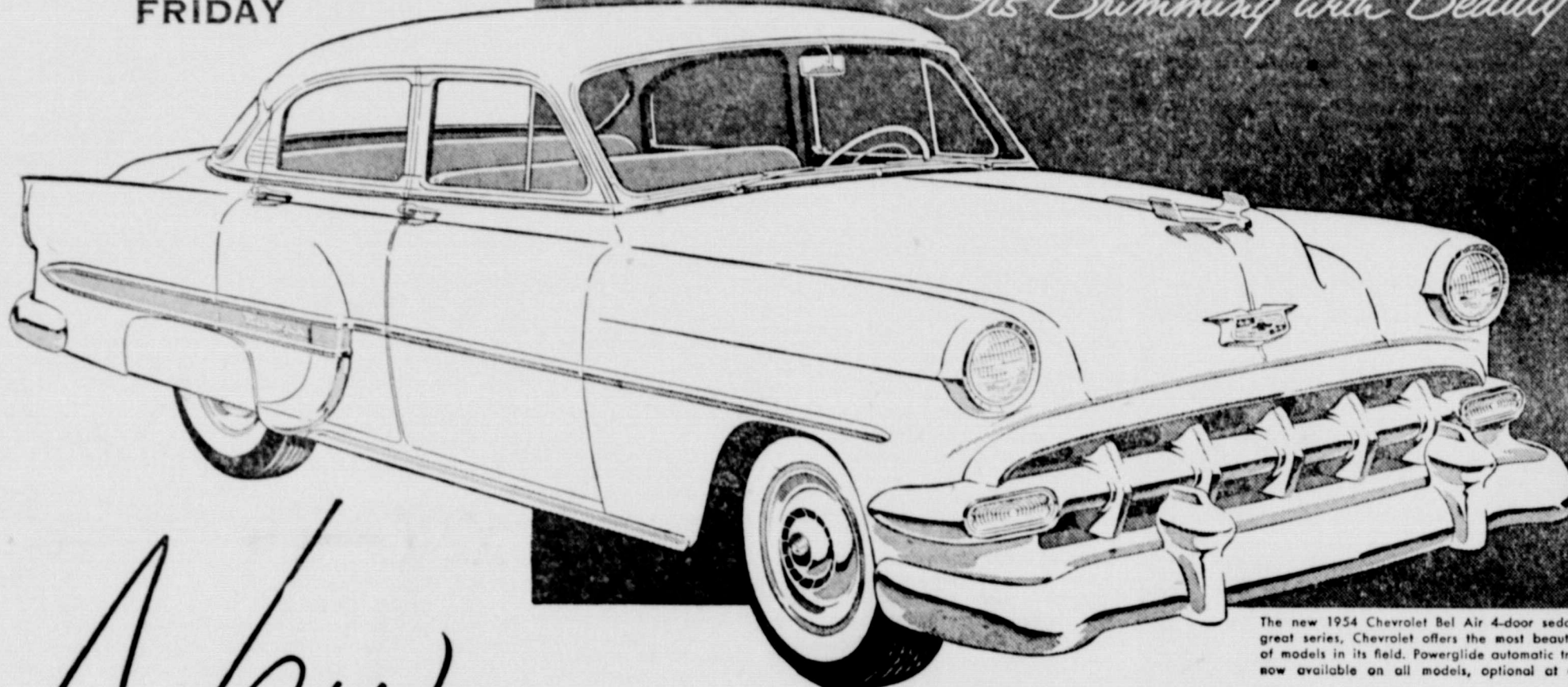
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make their rounds.

A number of Christmas presentations have been planned in connection with Ballinger church services for the holiday season. Efforts are being made to keep some of the principal programs from conflicting in time and this will give members an opportunity to witness pageants in other churches. Many people are involved in these programs and many hours have been spent in preparing them. The public will be welcome at each one.

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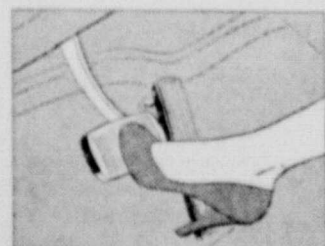
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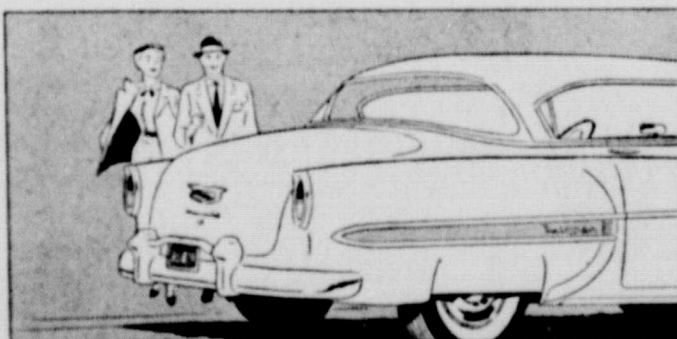
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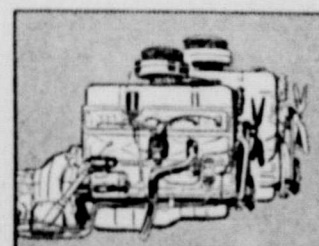


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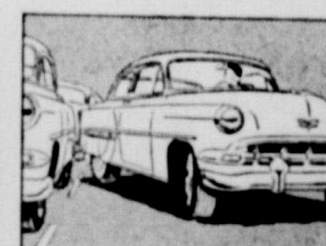
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After a scoreless first quarter in which the Bearcats were unable to gain any yardage, the boys in black and red started rolling at the opening of the second quarter and there was little doubt of the outcome. Led by a forward wall that soundly outplayed the mighty Phillips line, the Bearcats began plugging away with line smashes, wide running plays and passes to put across three touchdowns. The Blackhawks scored in the last 27 seconds after the second string had been sent in by the Ballinger coaches. The Hawks connected with a fourth down pass as the clock was running out to cross the Bearcat goal line for the only time in the afternoon.

Scoring started for the Bearcats early in the second quarter when a short jump pass over the line was intercepted by Bobby Winans, who raced 27 yards across the goal line. Ferguson's kick was wide.

The next score was sent up when Weldon Brevard took a Phillips punt and returned it 62 yards to the 19-yard line in the most spectacular broken field run of the day. Richard Tolliver and Brevard made it a first down in three tries, then Brevard took it straight down the middle for the score. Ferguson's kick was directly through the uprights.

Phillips recovered a blocked punt on the Ballinger 30-yard stripe and after four plays, wound up on the 46 with Tommie Parker and Gary Ferguson breaking through to throw the would-be passer for losses. Ballinger took over at that point and soon had the ball on the Phillips 17. Here the Blackhawks drew a 15-yard penalty and Richard Tolliver carried over for the last yard to salt down the contest. Ferguson's toe booted the extra.

It was the third game in a

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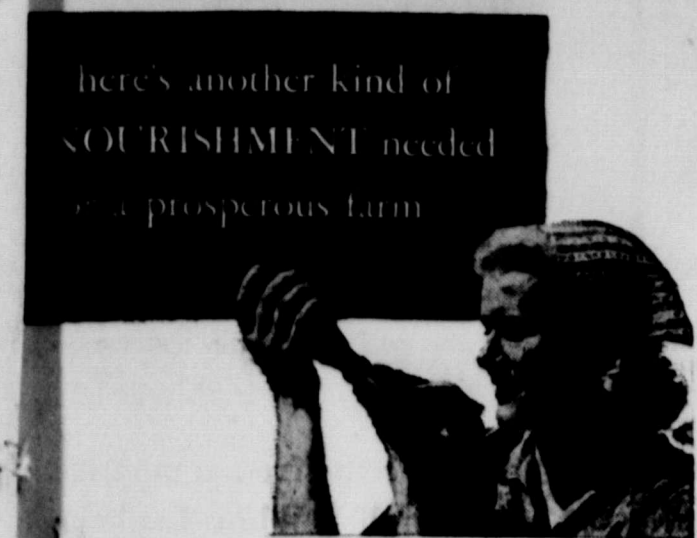
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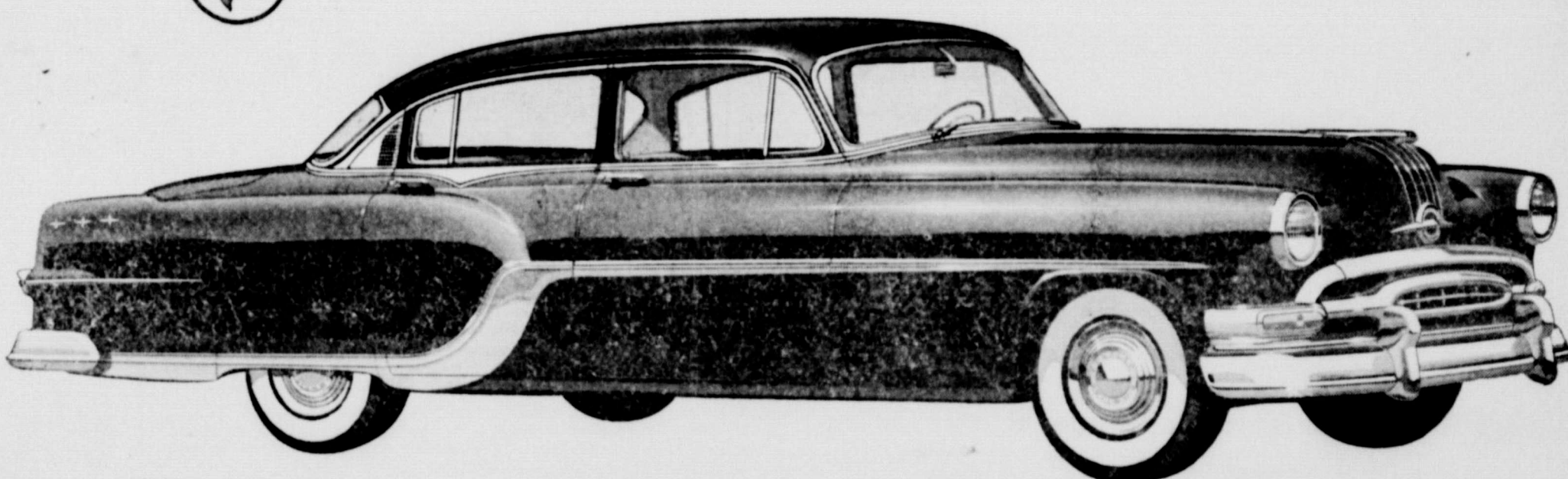
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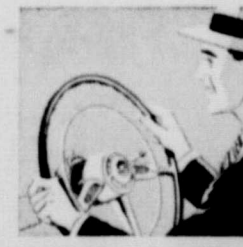
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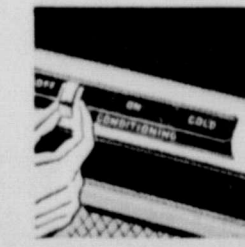
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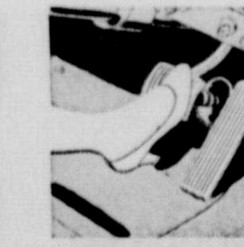
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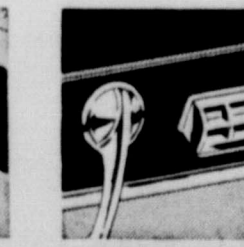
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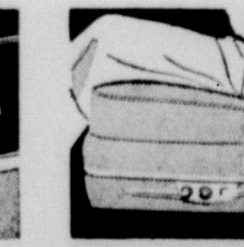
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Mary J. Schneider and husband, Eugene Schneider  
Charlotte C. Scholz and husband, Edwin H. Scholz  
Sarah Claire Schlake and husband, Edgar Schlake  
Annie Pearl Taylor and husband, Milton Taylor  
Geneva Myrtle Barrow and husband, William B. Barrow  
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By the first count cross-plaintiffs pray for a construction of the will of Mary J. Tanner, deceased, which was probated in Runnels County, Texas, on December 16, 1940, to the effect that John W. Tanner (who died also leaving a will probated in said county August 16, 1949) was given all right, title and interest in the estate of Mary J. Tanner except only for a contingent remainder in real estate undisposed of at his death and of which there was none in fact, and that the said John W. Tanner had full right, title, power and authority to sell, convey and dispose of the fee simple title of all real estate owned by Mary J. Tanner at her death and to use, consume and dispose of the proceeds thereof, and that all personal property in his possession at his death was owned by him. Cross-plaintiffs pray for judgment so construing said will and adjudicating that cross-defendants have no interest in the estate of Mary J. Tanner, deceased, and no interest or claim against the estate of John W. Tanner except for such claims as certain ones of them have as his designated legatees.

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Ila Mae Eager and Glenn Eager sue for the following:

The B. F. Gee 161 acre Survey No. 2; the W. H. Gee 160 acre Survey No. 1; M. M. Blocker 160 acres Survey No. 50 1/2; 320 acres, the West 1/2 G. W. Still Survey No. 3; Survey 320 1/2-23 1/2 acres. A meter and bounds description of said land being given in deed recorded in Vol. 191, page 232, Runnels County Deed Records.

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Cross-plaintiff, H. L. Speer, sues for the following land:

All of Lots 1 and 2, and the North 8 feet of the West 41 feet of Lot No. 3, all in Block No. 1, of the South Side Addition to the City of Winters, all as described in Deed from John W. Tanner to H. L. Speer, dated September 7, 1944, and recorded in Vol. 192, page 499 of the Runnels County Deed Records.

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Mary J. Tanner is alleged by cross-plaintiffs to be the common source of title.

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Officially of Runnels, Comcho and Coleman counties until after the Christmas holidays. The next meeting will be set for some time in January and announcements will be sent out about the first of the year.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS TO JANICE M. COMISKY; A. J. LONG; Clint G. Rogers, Trustee; John D. Rogers and wife, Carolyn G. Rogers; Percy S. Strauss, Jr.; Henry W. Shinness; Henry Stern; and the unknown heirs of those defendants above named who may be deceased, any, Defendants, in the hereinafter styled and numbered case: You (and each of you) are hereby commanded to appear before the 19th District Court of Runtels County, Texas, to be held at the courthouse of said county in Ballinger, Runtels County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance hereof; that is to say, at before 10 o'clock a. m. of Monday the 15th day of January, 1954, and answer the cross action of defendants John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General of Texas, and the State of Texas, in Cause No. 8187 in which Luther Lynn Plaintiff and Fred M. Manning, Inc., a private corporation, and of the following named other parties who claim some interest in the lands hereinafter described, or adjoining lands, as Defendants, to-wit: W. Abercrombie; R. H. Abercrombie; John L. Abercrombie; S. Abercrombie; J. H. Anderson, Jr.; DeWalt H. Ankeny; Marie Ankeny; Garland Anthony; Robert S. Anderson, Jr.; Corporation; Henry M. Brown; Raymond Bauduc; Edna Bauduc; Edward H. Bailey; Lettie Currie, Individually, and S. Independent Executrix of the Estate of Sallie M. Odum, deceased; C. R. Craig; J. Brown; Althea Cheesman, Delaware Drillers, Inc., a private corporation; John J. Deibel; Dan H. Dalley, Jr.; Miss Daley; Maurice Daley; French; W. H. Francis; E. Evelyn G. French; S. J. Guller; Fred Goodstein; D. G. Gordon; A. N. Goldberg; Greengrass Oil Company, a partner-

ship (composed of DeWalt H. Ankeny and wife, Marie Ankeny; William Hamm, Jr.; James E. Kelley and wife, Margaret H. Kelley; William H. Lang and wife, Theodora Lang; and Joseph A. Mann, who have filed an answer herein); Humble Oil & Refining Company, a private corporation; W. L. Herndstadt; Louis B. Hensley and wife; Morelle Hensley; James T. Harris, Jr.; J. T. Harris, III; Wm. H. Hamm, Jr.; Theima Irby; Margaret Schmid Jeremiah; Virginia Dettlef Jones; Kelly; Lester & Duffield, Inc., a private corporation; William H. Lang; Theodora Lang; Margaret Alice McNay, a widow; John R. Moran; Fred M. Manning; Geo. P. Murrin, Individually, and as Trustee; Wright Morrow; Mrs. Lucy G. Moses; Henry L. Moses; Arthur T. McDannald; Christine Hall McDannald, Individually, and as Agent; Malco Refineries, Inc., a private corporation; Joseph A. Mann; T. W. Murray; Nevada Oil Company, a private corporation; Newmont Oil Company, a private corporation; Olivia Wooten Obenhaus; N. P. Powell; Giddings Rogers; James I. Riddle; May Daley Reilly; Herbert Rosenbush; Ann B. Sleczak; John Richard Schmid; Wm. C. Sylvan; Dale Sumrall; William S. Sherwood, Agent; Clarence W. Sanders; L. P. Teas, Trustee; John H. Tomfohrde; Mrs. Edna Wiley; C. M. Wiley; Wunderlich Contracting Company, a Nebraska corporation; John H. Wilson; Warren Petroleum Corporation, a private corporation; Mannon L. Walker; H. Wooten; and C. H. Wooten, each of the above named Defendants having been duly cited by person service of citation upon him in this cause; and the following other Defendants, to-wit: Janice M. Comisky; A. J. Long; Clint G.

Rogers, Trustee; John D. Rogers and wife, Carolyn G. Rogers; Percy S. Strauss, Jr.; Henry W. Shinness; and Henry Stern; and the unknown heirs of the eight defendants last above named who may be deceased, if any, and Bascom Giles, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and except the cross plaintiffs, in trespass to try title, alleging that said defendants dispossessed the State of Texas from the possession of said premises on September 30, 1950, and without the possession of same from the State of Texas; that said defendants have drilled two oil and gas wells on said land and have produced and are still producing oil and gas from said land. The cross plaintiffs pray for title and possession of said premises, for damages and rents of \$3,000.00 per year for the surface of said land, and for an accounting for the oil and gas produced and judgment for the value thereof with interest thereon and costs and for general relief. If this citation is not served within 90 days after date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved. ISSUED and given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 28th day of November, 1953. (Seal) WILLIE STEPHENS, Clerk of 19th District Court, of Runtels County, Texas, 3-41

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'Story of Three Loves' Texas Mid-Week Film

One of the year's most impressive all-star casts was assembled by M-G-M for "The Story of Three Loves," outstanding production, in Technicolor, to be shown at the Texas Theatre next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, December 22, 23, 24.

Unusual in its unfoldment of three varied romantic interludes, the film involving a brilliant London impresario and a ballerina, the second a young American who meets the girl of his dreams in Rome, and the third a famous aerialist who finds both love and a new partner for his act in Paris, the cast boasts such headliners as Pier Angeli, Ethel Barrymore, Leslie Caron, Kirk Douglas, Farley Granger, James Mason, Agnes Moorehead and Moira Shearer.

tiff brought this suit praying that the court determine the existence of said vacancy and grant to plaintiff a preference right to acquire an oil and gas lease from the State of Texas covering said area. Thereupon, the defendants John Ben Shepperd, Attorney General of Texas, and the State of Texas filed their original answer and cross action, alleging that by virtue of citation having been served upon said Attorney General and the Land Commissioner, and they having intervened herein, the State of Texas is in effect a party to this suit; and said defendants bringing said cross action, who will herein be referred to as cross plaintiffs, allege that the land above described is vacant land and is owned by the State of Texas; and the cross action is brought against all of the defendants in said suit above named, except the defendant Bascom Giles, Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas, and except the cross plaintiffs, in trespass to try title, alleging that said defendants dispossessed the State of Texas from the possession of said premises on September 30, 1950, and without the possession of same from the State of Texas; that said defendants have drilled two oil and gas wells on said land and have produced and are still producing oil and gas from said land.

Plaintiff alleges that he discovered a tract of vacant, unsurveyed school land in Runtels County, Texas, which land is described as follows: Said tract is bounded on the north by Survey 298, in the name of Maria Candida Zuniga; and on the west by said survey 298; on the south by Gray Carroll Survey 291; and on the east by Survey 292, in the name of Jose Maria Garcia, and containing 288.55 acres of land, more or less. That plaintiff made application to lease said vacant land under Article 5412 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, that in due course of the Land Commissioner, after survey, on September 15, 1952, entered his finding of no vacancy; and thereupon plain-

'I, the Jury,' Detective-Mystery Yarn To Open Run at the Texas Sunday

"I, the Jury," feature attraction at the Texas Theatre next Sunday and Monday, December 20, 21, is based on the mass-circulated story of the same name by Mickey Spillane and stars the TV celebrity Biff Elliot in the role of the hard-steel private eye, Mike Hammer. The yarn opens as a one-eyed buddy of Hammer's is shot to death. Hammer thereupon embarks on a long and tortuous hunt for the killer. En route to the solution he tangles with an assortment of characters, some on the lovely feminine side, others on the ugly masculine side.

Others highly placed in the melodrama are Preston Foster, Peggie Castle, Margaret Sheridan, and Tani and Dran Seitz, a pair of twins on hand mostly

because of striking looks. The action is said by preview critics to be terrific.

Mark Stevens stars as one of the West's most violent lawmen in "Jack Slade," new Allied Artists film, being shown at the Texas today, tomorrow and Saturday, as one of the two features. Dorothy Malone, Barton MacLane and John Littel are supporting players. Scenes of actual fighting between a squadron of the famed French Foreign Legion and revolting Arab tribesmen provide the background of "Fort Algiers." No. 2 feature at the Texas today through Saturday. Starred are Yvonne de Carlo and Carlos Thompson, Latin-American film favorite who makes his Hollywood debut in

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Gary Cooper, Barbara Stanwyck, Ruth Roman and Anthony Quinn co-star in Warner Bros. "Blowing Wild," which opens a two-day run tomorrow (Friday) at the Hillcrest Drive-In Theatre. Cooper and Quinn, who won 1952 "oscar," play the roles of oil wildcatters; one, Quinn, has already made his fortune; and Cooper, who is still fighting to find his bonanza in the wilds of Mexico. Miss Stanwyck and Miss Roman are the women in their lives. Miss Stanwyck plays the tempestuous wife of Quinn and Miss Roman is seen as the woman Cooper loves. The score and the

title song are sung by Frankie Laine.

On the same program is a "Bugs Bunny" revue of three cartoons.

Murder comes bedecked with tinsel and glamour in the sophisticated world of models, careerists and the restless fashionables of New York cafe society depicted in 20th Century-Fox's sizzling mystery drama, "Vicki," billed at the Hillcrest next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 20, 21, 22. Co-starred as two of Hollywood's loveliest glamour girls, Jean Peters and Jeanne Crain, with Elliott Reid, fresh from his initial screen success in "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes," Richard Boone and Casey Adams as admirers involved in the devious affairs that lead only one way—to murder.

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numbers will bear the Christ-  
mas theme.

The Christmas theme will  
also be carried in other services  
Sunday. Rev. Kounter will  
deliver his Christmas message  
at the morning service.

The public is invited to wor-  
ship with this church Sunday.

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The First Church of God will  
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vice on Wednesday, December  
23. The program will be held at  
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The children of the Sunday  
school will sing and the young  
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There will be treats for all  
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## Water for Rannels County

By John A. Barton  
County Agent, Rannels County

Water is the life blood of all  
plants—it creates a condition in  
our plant life called "photo-  
synthesis," which is the basis of  
life on this earth.

Facts show that 70 per cent  
of the surface of the earth is  
covered by water, 25 per cent of  
a normal earth is water, even a  
cubic mile of air above us at  
65 degrees has at complete  
saturation 12½ million gallons  
of water. The human body con-  
tains 70% water, green grass  
80%, the shade tree in your  
yard 50%, eggs 74%, milk 85%,  
beefsteak 62%. It will take 150  
gallons of water to grow the  
flour to make one loaf of bread.

There is 45 times more water  
used now by Texans than 50  
years ago. The new and greater  
use of water is on the march  
in our modern way of living,  
but nature has not increased  
the amount which falls, and  
maybe there has been a  
decrease, especially the past  
seven years.

In Texas enough water falls  
each year to cover every inch  
of soil 30 inches deep. Rannels  
county over a 50-year period  
got only about 23.65 inches  
average per year. Records show  
that in the past 50 years, only  
in 21 years has the average or  
above been received. The three  
top years were 1935 with 48.35  
inches, 1906 with 37.82 inches  
and 1932 with 37.55 inches. In  
1917 the fall was only 10.86  
inches.

Out of the 362 million acre-  
feet of water that falls in Texas  
each year, we are using only  
about 30,000,000 acre-feet each  
year for crops, range and useful  
timber as compared to undegr-  
able brush and weeds that use  
131,000,000 acre-feet, or 4½  
times that used by crops. This  
can only mean that we need a  
greater water conservation pro-  
gram.

Nature has developed over the  
years some 216 creeks and  
branches, two miles or more in  
length, in this county. This  
means that a great percentage  
of our water runs off even with  
some 200,000 acres of terraced  
land and a thousand or more  
earthen tanks.

Along in 1918 the terracing  
program was started in this  
county by the extension ser-  
vice. This program has gradu-  
ally spread and during the past  
35 years much has been accom-  
plished. Farmers say it would be

hard to set an exact value on  
this program to the farms of  
the county, but that it would  
run into many millions of dol-  
lars in the increased yields of  
crops.

Another side of the story is  
that as the land grows older in  
the number of years of cultiva-  
tion it loses some of its power  
to absorb and hold water, due  
to decrease in humus, soil par-  
ticles becoming finer and devel-  
opment of hard or plow pans  
that resist the entering of water  
into the subsoil.

If Rannels county land own-  
ers will give in the future as  
much thought to holding and  
soaking water into the soils as  
they have in the past 35 years  
to holding the soils, Rannels  
will emerge as one of the top  
counties in production of crops  
and livestock.

### FISHER COUNTY SHERIFF BEATEN BY 3 PRISONERS

R. L. Wilkins, sheriff of Fisher  
county, was beaten into submis-  
sion by three prisoners who  
made their escape at Roby  
Tuesday afternoon.

Unarmed, the sheriff entered  
the second story of the jail to  
give the prisoners some supplies  
they had requested. They  
attacked the officer, using  
sawed-off shotguns to beat him.  
He continued to fight, using  
only his bare fists until the  
men broke for freedom when a  
farmer heard screams for help  
and rushed to the jail.

The sheriff continued after  
the prisoners even then and  
finally arrived at his home and  
asked his wife to send out an  
alarm to other officers of the  
area.

Sheriff Wilkins is the father  
of Jimmy Wilkins, of Ballinger,  
who is connected with the West-  
ern Co.

### LOCAL YOUTH INJURED IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Jimmy B. Thomasson, 18, son  
of Mrs. P. L. Thomasson, of Bal-  
linger route 2, was dismissed  
from Hendricks Memorial Hos-  
pital, Abilene, Tuesday follow-  
ing treatment for injuries sus-  
tained in a traffic accident.

The accident occurred west of  
Abilene on highway 80 early  
Tuesday. Young Thomasson  
stated the wreck occurred when  
his brother, Lessie E. Thomasson,  
who was driving, went to  
sleep. A third occupant of the  
car, Kenneth Wooten, of Ballin-  
ger, escaped uninjured.

The trio was returning home  
after working on an oil rig.

### AVARITT TO BE SPEAKER FOR CHURCH OF CHRIST

Kenneth Avaritt, of Tucum-  
cari, New Mexico, will be with  
the Church of Christ, 1310 North  
Seventh Street, in a series of  
meetings from December 19  
through 27. Mr. Avaritt has  
been here for a gospel meeting  
on one other occasion.

Services have been announced  
for 7:30 each evening, and at  
10:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Sun-  
days. The membership extends  
a cordial invitation to the public  
to attend.

### CLASSIFICATION TALK FOR ROTARY PROGRAM

Clifford Cook, past president  
of the Ballinger Rotary Club,  
told Tuesday how members are  
classified and the steps to  
becoming a Rotarian. Mr. Cook  
is serving this year as chair-  
man of the classification com-

mittee.

The speaker said there are 16  
steps to becoming a member  
and that only one member is  
selected to represent each occu-  
pation or profession. He pointed  
out that Rotary was the only  
limited membership service  
organization.

The club's annual Christmas  
program and exchange of gifts,  
as well as the "adoption" of a  
needy family, will be held next  
Tuesday.

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### FORMER BALLINGER CITIZEN BURIED AT BONHAM SUNDAY

Funeral services for R. Eugene Risser, president of Southwest Pump Co. at Bonham, were held Sunday at Wise Funeral home chapel. Mr. Risser died Friday night at Houston after being stricken by a heart attack Tuesday. Decedent had been a resident at Bonham forty years. He operated a department store at Bonham before going into the pump business in 1920. The plant grew to be one of the largest manufacturing establishments making gasoline pumps west of the Mississippi, and had government contracts since World War II. During the war, Mr. Risser, regional director of the war production board, had offices at Dallas.

He was a member of the board of the First Christian Church, a Rotarian, a director of Allen Memorial Hospital and active in civic affairs at Bonham.

In the early 1900s he was associated with his father in the dry goods business in Ballinger. He was married to Miss Amelia Johnson, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Johnson, pioneer settlers of Runnels county, in Ballinger.

Survivors besides the wife include two sons, Eugene Risser, Jr., and Dr. John A. Risser; and three grandchildren, all of Bonham.

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Reynolds, the youngsters include Bobby Van, Bob Fosse and Barbara Ruick. The picture is set against a college background, is hilarious in its situations and is tailored for both the young and the young in heart.

Jeff Chandler, Faith Domergue and Lyle Bettger are starred in Universal's "The Great Sioux Uprising," No. 2 feature on the December 22-23 program. Color is by Technicolor. Chandler is cast as a former Union officer who helps break up a gigantic horse rustling ring which threatens to drive the Sioux nation to the warpath.

## The Ballinger Clinic

will be

### Closed Friday Afternoon

in order to attend the Football Game at Coleman

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS TO BEGIN TOMORROW

Ballinger students will be dismissed tomorrow (Friday) afternoon for the Christmas holidays. A number of pupils in the elementary schools will have short programs and trees

before dismissal. Ballinger students will have two full weeks, returning to the classrooms on January 4. Teachers who live elsewhere will go to their homes for Christmas and a number of others are planning holiday trips.

### O. Henry Omnibus, Comedies and Westerns on Horseshoe Programs

A galaxy of stars depict five great American short stories in the omnibus 20th Century-Fox production, "O. Henry's Full House," one of two features at the Horseshoe Drive-In Theatre today and tomorrow. The notables who appear are: Jeanne Crain, Farley Granger, Oscar Levant, Fred Allen, Anne Baxter, Jean Peters, Marilyn Monroe, Gregory Ratoff, Charles Laughton, David Wayne, Dale Robertson and Richard Widmark. Narration is by John Steinbeck, noted author.

"Young Bess," M-G-M Technicolor production, to be presented at the Horseshoe Sunday and Monday, December 20, 21, has a distinguished roster of stars, including Jean Simmons, Stewart Granger, Deborah Kerr and Charles Laughton. Unfolded is a dramatic narrative of the life and love of the girl who became England's queen at the age of 25. Settings are the spectacular and colorful Tudor England of the reign of Henry VIII.

A three-fold conflict between a visionary who dreams of building a cattle empire in the Far West, the trigger-quick foster brother of a ruthless outlaw vaquero, and the girl they both love, forms the basis of the powerful "Ride, Vaquero," the second feature on the Sunday-Monday program. Robert Tay-

lor, Ava Gardner and Howard Keel are the stars of this fast-paced outdoor offering, in Anasco Color. "The Affairs of Doble Gillis," reportedly a showcase for some of the brightest new talent developed in Hollywood the past year. Headed by Debbie

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CREWS

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Dietz and Patsy were guests in the John Dennis home at San Angelo Saturday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hale were visitors in the Arthur Allcorn home Sunday.  
The Willing Workers Club met with Mrs. C. L. Carroll Wednesday. Members planned a Christmas party for their families to be held at the gymnasium on December 18. The next regular meeting will be

with Mrs. Sam Faubion January 6.  
Mrs. J. C. Gray and boys visited in the J. G. Hart home Sunday afternoon.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Baker, of Winters, spent Friday night in the E. W. Bridwell home.  
Airman I-c Hartwell Schwartz and family, of Moriarity, New Mexico, came in Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with his father, W. H. Schwartz, and other relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Kimbrough and Mrs. Dossie Kim-

brough, of Abilene; and Bonnie Hambricht, of San Angelo, visited in the Marvin Hambricht home Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Bridwell visited in the Elmo Mayhew and Leon Bridwell homes at Drasco Sunday.  
Members of the Methodist church and other guests met in the new modern home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Petrie Wednesday night for a house warming. A lamp was presented to the couple by the church

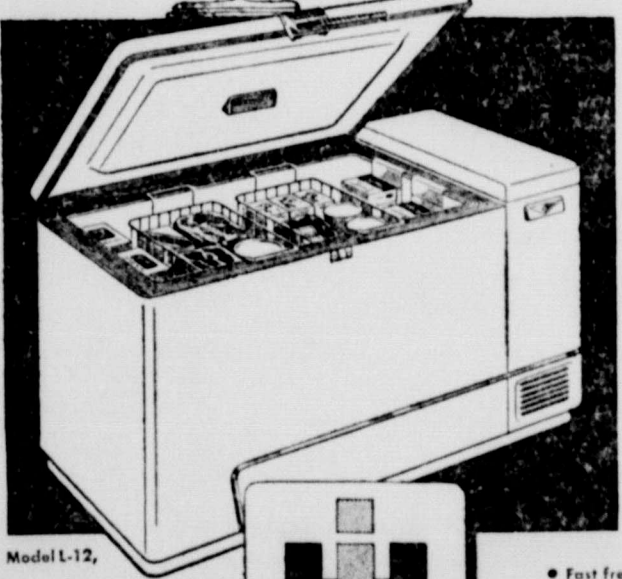
group. Other gifts were presented and refreshments served to approximately 45.  
Frances Wood spent Sunday with Cheryl Bragg.  
**OLFEN HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**  
Fifteen members and Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, attended the regular meeting and Christmas party of the Olfen home

demonstration club in the home of Mrs. B. J. Halfmann Monday. Party rooms were decorated in the Christmas theme.  
At the business session Mrs. H. E. Halfmann gave the council report "The 1954 yearbooks were distributed and filled out."  
Mrs. Alfred Multer gave a reading, "Special Rush," and Geneva Eggemeyer read a poem, "A Mother's Letter to Santa." The meeting adjourned with the group singing "Silent Night."

During the Christmas party which followed, Mrs. Alfred Multer and Miss Veronica Doran conducted games, readings and songs. Miss Doran presented the Christmas story and "There Will Always be a Christmas." Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree. Mrs. Harry Halfmann and Mrs. Ferd Rohm-feld served refreshments. Others attending were: Mmes. J. J. Fuchs, Ralph Gerngross, Paul Jansa, L. A. Halfmann, Theo Halfmann, J. J. Hoelscher, and Miss Lydia Halfmann.  
The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Erwin Halfmann at 2:30 p. m. January 21.

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Mrs. Roy Tyree conducted the business routine after the group sang the opening song, directed by Mrs. Andy Riddle. Members answered roll by telling "What I Have Learned from Another Member." Mrs. J. J. Wessels gave the council report. New yearbooks were distributed. Christmas gifts for the children in the Abilene state hospital were brought and packed.  
Miss Ollie Chenoweth, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on meat roasting. Refreshments were served to nine members and guests.  
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# SOCIETY

## Bethel Lutheran Aid Society Has Christmas Party

Mrs. Gus Behnke was hostess to the Aid Society of Bethel Lutheran Church Wednesday afternoon, entertaining in her Eleventh Street home.

Christmas decorations were used throughout party rooms. A small reflected tree encircled with a snow scene and Christmas balls centered the dining table. A log container holding candles surrounded by gold leaves and ornaments was on the piano, and a large lighted tree was featured, where gifts were exchanged at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. Carl Beckhausen conducted the business session when the following officers were elected: president, Mrs. Carl Meyer; vice-president, Mrs. Glenn Erwin; secretary, Mrs. Gus Behnke; treasurer, Mrs. Frank Jones.

For the program Miss Joyce Beckhausen gave a Christmas reading; Mrs. Albert Lippe sang "Silent Night;" and Karen Behnke sang "The Little Baby in the Manger." Mrs. Behnke played the accompaniment.

A refreshment plate of frozen salad was served with fruit cake and coffee to about 30 members.

## W.S.C.S. Honors New Members at Christmas Tea

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the First Methodist Church hosted a Christmas tea in the Doss Bible Class room Monday afternoon at which new circle members were named honor guests.

Mrs. J. W. Guynes, W. S. C. S. president, presided at the meeting and presented Mrs. George Newby, who introduced program numbers: the high school sextet, composed of Willena Plemons, Mary Buchanan, Twila and Joyce Foreman, Faye McDorman and Margarette Parker, who sang "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "White Christmas," "Birthday of a King," "O Holy Night," and "Hymn of Joy." Miss RaMonna Wright, high school choral director, accompanied the group.

A children's chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Bill Witter, sang two Christmas selections. The chorus was composed of Betty Reynolds, Janabeth Conner, Ginger Newby, Gena Cox, Penny Hearne, Mary Middleton, Paul Witt, Sandy Williams, Rebecca Bigby, Pamela Parish, Gary Brown and Mike Roundtree.

Arrangements of Christmas greenery, figurines and candles were used to decorate the parlors. The lace-laid tea table was centered with silvered foilage and cerise Christmas bells flanked by white tapers in silver holders.

Mrs. Guynes presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. Newby served decorated cake squares. Mrs. Bill Witt, Mrs. Grady Richards and Mrs. J. H. Farmer assisted in serving. Mrs. J. F. Currie gave a program of piano selections throughout the tea hour.

The following new members were introduced: Mmes. E. L. Williamson, M. C. Broussard, T. L. Hebert, Sid Caskey, C. H. Gonden, Wayne Reynolds, B. J. Williams, J. H. Farmer and Richard Hollis.

Others were: Mmes. Felix Itz, Tom Crockett, Oliver Cochran, W. R. Clark, Hatton Laxson, R. D. Midgley, Lemmie Davis, W. E. Midgley, Ewing Holt, R. A. Dickinson, Tom Caudie, J. W. Barr, Jack Moore, C. D. Harris, A. O. Strother, George Beard, M. B. Webb, C. P. Shepherd, E. L. Rumpy, Troy Simpson and Marion Hays.

## Workers Class in Barr Home for Christmas Party

Mrs. J. W. Barr and Mrs. W. R. Clark were hostesses to the Workers Class of the First Methodist Church Wednesday afternoon of last week, entertaining in the home of Mrs. Barr on Sixth Street.

The Christmas theme was featured throughout the home, along with the decorated tree where members exchanged gifts at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. W. E. Midgley conducted the business and heard reports from officers. The class presented a gift to Mrs. R. A. Williamson, who is ill. Mrs. C. P. Shepherd reported two needy families which the class will assist at Christmas.

The group sang Christmas carols. Mrs. Clark gave a Bible reading and Mrs. A. O. Strother gave the prayer. A playlet, "Three Wise Men and the Babe," was enacted by Mrs. John Loveless, Mrs. Oliver Cochran and Mrs. Hatton Laxson. Others assisting in the presentation were Mrs. Sally McShan and Mrs. Oscar McDaniel.

The hostesses served a salad plate with hot spiced punch to

23 members and a visitor, Mrs. W. A. Tillery, of Paint Rock.

## Altar Society, Catholic Men Plan Christmas Party

Members of St. Mary's Altar Society and the Catholic Men's Society held meetings at the parish hall Sunday afternoon.

Both organizations plan to sponsor a Christmas party for the children next Sunday following the evening service.

Gifts will be exchanged at the Christmas tree with Santa Claus present to participate in giving bags of candy and fruits.

Pie, cake and coffee will be served to adults, and cookies and punch to the children. A bingo party will be one of the diversions.

The two groups met together following their business sessions and enjoyed refreshments served by Mrs. R. Hoelscher and

Mrs. Woodrow Hoffman. Rev. Pat Ward, O. M. I., met with the Men's Society.

About 40 members of both groups attended the meetings.

## Pfc. West, Miss McEntire Wed at Richland, Washington

Miss Hazel McEntire will become the bride of Pfc. James L. West today in the First Baptist Church of Richland, Washington.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McEntire, of Richland, and parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Earl West, of Ballinger.

The couple will be at home in Richland, where the bridegroom is stationed at Camp Hanford.

## G. G. Club Plans New Year's Dance

Barbara Medien and Martha

Kay Northington were hostesses to members of the G. G. Club Monday evening, entertaining in the home of Mrs. O. R. Laster on Sixth Street.

At the business session plans were completed for a dance to be held on the evening of December 31, at the Acapulco Cafe. The public is invited to attend.

The hostesses served a sandwich plate with coca colas at the social hour.

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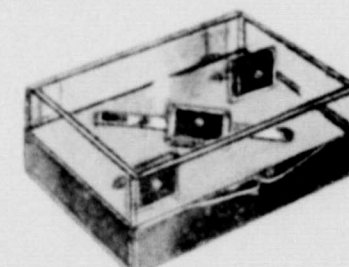
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