

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1953

NO. 11

New Directors Elected For Ballinger C. of C.

Ballinger Chamber of Commerce directors will hold their first meeting of the new year Monday night with eleven new directors present. This meeting will be to organize the board and elect officers for 1954. John Bradley, retiring president, will call the meeting to order and preside until the election is concluded. The new directors, named on post card ballots mailed to all members, are as follows: Herman Price, feed store owner; Nathan Flynn, car dealer; Troy Simpson, newspaper editor; G. T. Tuckey, furniture store owner; F. L. Wells, drug store owner; K. V. Northington, postmaster; Dick Ayers, department store employee; Jay Garrett, utilities employee; Joe Forman, banker; Bill Bell, grocer; G. A. Morrish, oil operator. This group will serve with seven holdovers who have one more year on the board. They are: Claude Mansell, Ed Curry, R. R. Ruple, Earl Barr, Joe Forester, G. A. Swann, Bill Witt, Al Purifoy, Harry Lynn, Clyde

Chapman and C. E. Maedgen. Directors who have completed two years on the board and who retire this year are: Charles Webb, C. A. Bissett, Al Dallinger, Doyle St. John, A. E. Holbrook, Wayman Mason, Frank Flynt, Mack Bowers, E. B. Underwood and John Bradley. Mr. Bradley will remain on the executive committee as retiring president. Other members of the executive board are: W. H. Rampy, county judge; Fred Underwood, city secretary; John Barton, county agent. In addition to the election of officers Monday night, the board will hear a number of reports on projects which are being carried over from 1953. They will also study a poll of the six suggested holidays for the year and take action on this referendum. A full report on the annual membership meeting and banquet will be made and additional committees will be appointed to look after ticket sales and other details. All old and new directors are urged to be present Monday evening.



STAIRCASE STREET—This new street in Kassel, Germany, is just one big staircase—for pedestrians only. Approximately 90 yards long and seven yards wide, with a runway for baby carriages up the middle, the street was built at a cost of some \$47,500.

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School to Present Student Favorites Saturday Evening

One of the biggest student programs of the year will be presented at 7:30 Saturday night at the high school auditorium. The class favorites and those included in who's who will be formally presented. This is an annual affair and one that climaxes the social events of the high school. In all there will be more than 40 students in the presentation. None of the names will be announced until they march down the aisle Saturday night. Those selected on secret ballots and by the faculty will appear on special pages in "Paw Prints," high school annual, which will be published in the spring. This program was set for December 18, the last day of school before the Christmas holidays. It was postponed because of football and is being held Saturday, just two days before classwork will be resumed. The public is cordially invited to attend the coronation, for which a small admission will be charged. Following the program at the high school auditorium, a coronation ball will be held at the American Legion hall. This dance will be for high school students only but patrons are invited to attend.

All-District Squad Has Six Bearcats Picked by Coaches

The all-district 8-AA football team was announced Monday by district officials. This team was selected by the coaches at the end of the district season but was withheld from publicity until after the Ballinger Bearcats finished their bi-district games. The Bearcats placed six men on the district first team and two others on the second team. This was the largest number the local school has placed in recent years and probably in the history of the district. The first team selections were: Ends—Billy Maedgen, Ballinger; and Don Roberts, Winters. Tackles—Eldon Straughan, Coleman; and Tommye Parker, Ballinger. Guards—Bob Byerly, Coleman; and Bobby Winans, Ballinger; and Lewis Pray, Winters. Center—Spike Dykes, Ballinger. Backs—Jerry Bell, Ballinger; Weldon Brevard, Ballinger; Lee Wood, Winters; Kenneth Cleveland, Coleman. On the second team from Ballinger were Bobby Bird, at an end position, and Lawrence Wimberly, guard. It is noticeable that Gary Ferguson, 220-pound tackle, and Richard Tolliver, powerhouse fullback, did not place on either team. These two men were a big part of the Bearcats' success in the final bi-district games and were standout players throughout the regular schedule. Last week Jerry Bell was selected by the sports staff of the Dallas Times-Herald on the all-state eleven and Abilene sports writers put four Bearcats on the all-area team. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Chabysek, of Houston, were here this week, visiting relatives and friends.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Patients dismissed from the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week included: Miss Maggie Taylor, medical, Saturday. Mrs. Homer Cupp and son, Tuesday. Mrs. J. A. Bernathy, Millersville, medical, last Thursday. Mrs. C. D. Richards, medical, last Thursday. Mrs. C. H. Hambricht, Winters, surgical, Monday. D. J. Goetz, Sr., medical, Wednesday. Mrs. C. F. McDaniel, Coleman, medical, last Thursday. Mrs. Bob Lee and daughter, Wednesday. Ronnie PaHan, medical, Wednesday. Mrs. Marvin Clark and son, last Thursday. Dorothy Bishop, surgical, Monday. Patsy Lou Ashton, surgical, Tuesday. Clara Boothe, surgical, Wednesday. Births recorded at the clinic the past week were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weaver, Novice, a daughter, December 23. Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lineham, Winters, a son, December 25. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chesman, Paint Rock, a daughter, December 26. Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Prendez, a son, December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Simpson, Winters, a daughter, December 27. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pena, a son, December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Gray, a son, December 31. Patients hospitalized at this time include: Bill Hampton, medical. Mrs. J. M. MacKey, Bronte, medical. Bobby Crawford, Winters, medical. Jerry Plemons, surgical. J. R. Lusk, medical. Mrs. W. R. Hord, Winters, medical. Mrs. Wesley Reese, medical. W. C. (Dub) Kelly, surgical. B. G. Urbantke, Rowena, medical. Mike Martinez, surgical. W. R. Clark, medical. Mrs. L. L. Walker, medical. Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair will leave today for Commerce, where they will visit over the New Year holidays.

Jaycees Help

The Ballinger Jaycees took the lead in securing the special train and late Wednesday underwrote the last 100 tickets necessary to secure the equipment. They also sponsored the snack bar operated in a baggage car and by this means made it possible for members of the B team to ride the special. The Jaycees paid for the tickets Saturday night so that all the Bearcats could return home on the train.

CAMERON CO. GRANTED CITY BUILDING PERMIT

A building permit has been approved by the city commission for the construction of a modern dwelling by the Cameron Roofing Co. The permit is for \$5,700, the house to be erected on Second Avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

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119th Court Grand Jury Returns 22 Indictments

The Runnels county grand jury was in session most of Monday and returned 22 true bills when it adjourned Monday afternoon. District Attorney E. C. Grindstaff and County Attorney Jack Moore worked with the grand jury throughout the day. Other indictments returned were: Elliott Sewell, child desertion; William Earl Ervin, burglary; Eugene Debs Bellah, 5 cases, burglary; Gerald Turner Ervin, burglary; Jettie Onita Bellah, 2 cases, burglary; Jack Bellah, burglary; Isalah Strambler, assault with intent to murder; August Lohse, assault with intent to murder, 2 cases. Elbert Joe Graves, driving while intoxicated, second offense; Robert Lee, driving while intoxicated, second offense; Bill Whitten, theft of car; A. R. Mason, removing mortgaged property; Manuel Alcantar Hernandez, removing mortgaged property; Bob Knighton, removing property. One defendant indicted for removing mortgaged property has not been arrested. Joe Terrazas Dominguez was charged with murder without malice in connection with a collision west of Ballinger in which Charles Hancock, manager of the Southwestern States Telephone Co. here, was killed. The charges cited Dominguez's driving which caused the wreck and death.

181,694 Letters, Xmas Cards Handled by Post Office Here

The Ballinger post office has just completed one of its biggest Christmas rushes and the work was handled with one regular employee, Bill Cordill, out of service. During the rush period one extra was employed for three 8-hour days. A check-up reveals that the bulk of the Christmas mailing was between December 14 and 24. During that time letters and Christmas cards mailed at Ballinger numbered 108,654 pieces. Incoming cards and letters for delivery here numbered 73,000 pieces, making a total of 181,654 cancellations for the local office. It is estimated that parcels received here during the ten-day period totalled 9,650. Postmaster K. V. Northington stated that the local office was cleared every night and that delivery was made on all routes, city and rural, every day. Patrons cooperated better this year than ever before, the postmaster said. Mailing started early, cards were sorted in packages for city, Texas and out of state, and parcels were better wrapped and addressed than in previous years.

Smith Rural Home Burns to Ground

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smith, two miles north of Ballinger, was completely destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon. The blaze started from a connection on a butane stove and within a short time had spread to most of the building. Ballinger firemen were called and made a rush trip with the rural truck. They used the entire 600 gallons of water which the truck hauls and had the flames whipped from the front of the house when they ran out of water. All they could do then was to watch the home burn to the ground. Delbert Smith was at home when the fire started and was able to get a small amount of furniture and some clothing from the burning building. He dragged some mattresses from the bedrooms after they were on fire. Firemen stated if they had had twice the amount of water they could have brought the blaze under control. They stressed the need of a truck which would have a storage of from 12 to 15 hundred gallons of water.

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BALLINGER FANS TO SEE GATOR BOWL GRID GAME

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fuqua and Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dykes joined friends at Abilene Tuesday for an after-Christmas trip to Florida and Cuba. The group left Abilene by train and will go to Jacksonville, Florida, where they will witness the Texas Tech-Auburn University football game in the Gator Bowl on New Year's day. Leaving there they will take a plane to Miami, for a few days, and then to Havana, Cuba, for a few days. They will fly back to New Orleans and take a train there for home. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Tull and family, of Waco, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McMillan.

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St. Boniface Catholic Church at Oifen was the setting Monday at 9:00 a. m. for the wedding of Miss Doris Ann Dankworth to Lt. John Jones, stationed at Biggs AFB, El Paso.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dankworth, of Ballinger, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jones, Jr., of Alameda, California.

The Rev. Norbert Wagner, pastor, performed the double ring ceremony. The altar was decorated with poinsettias. Baskets of white gladioli and plumosa ferns were at the communion rail which was garlanded with lace ferns.

Mrs. Leo Fuchs, aunt of the bride; and Misses Ruby Lee and Shirley Ann Fuchs, cousins of the bride, sang "Ave Maria," as a pre-nuptial selection. Mrs.

Henry Halfmann, organist, played the wedding marches and accompanied the vocalists.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a white Chantilly lace gown over nylon tulle and taffeta, fashioned with a mandarin neckline embroidered with seed pearls. The elongated fitted bodice came to points at front and back, and the petal point sleeves were accented with lace and taffeta covered buttons. The voluminous skirt swept the floor at the back.

Her finger-tip veil of illusion, which was worn by her sister, Mrs. D. J. Goetz, at her wedding, fell in tiers from a pearl and rhinestone encrusted tiara. She carried a white prayer book topped with a white butterfly orchid, encircled with lace ribbon and stephanotis, showered with lilies of the valley in satin ribbon love knots.

Mrs. D. J. Goetz, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Miss Jeanie Dankworth was her sister's bridesmaid. They wore gowns of ice blue Chantilly lace and net over taffeta designed with a Peter Pan collar, cap sleeves, and the bouffant skirts were fashioned with triple rows of nylon net ruffles. They wore butterfly caps of matching lace and velvet ribbon streamers and matching lace mitts, and carried nosegays of white spilt carnations in ice blue puffs of net showered with matching streamers.

Susan Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orland Middleton, and cousin of the bride, was flower girl. She wore a gown made similar to that of other bridal attendants and carried a white satin covered basket with blue net ruffle trim filled with white petals. Dan Dankworth, brother of the bride, carried the rings on a white satin-covered pillow.

Charles Dankworth, of Paint Rock, brother of the bride, was best man. Dan Dankworth,

another brother, served as groomsmen.

A reception was held in the Oifen parish hall. Baskets of white gladioli decorated the assembly hall, where the three-tiered wedding cake, decorated with rosebuds and topped with white bells and two love birds was served by Mrs. Charles Dankworth, of Paint Rock. Miss Shirley Ann Fuchs presided at the coffee service, Miss Helen Halfmann at the punch service, and Miss Ruby Lee Fuchs served sandwiches. Others in the house party were Mrs. J. H. Shelburne and Mrs. Herman Hallmark.

A luncheon was served at the bride's parents' home on the Paint Rock highway. Assisting at the table service were Mrs. J. E. Dankworth, Mrs. Vernon Dankworth, Mrs. Orland Middleton, Mrs. Shelburne and Mrs. Hallmark.

When the couple left on a wedding trip to California, the bride was wearing a black and white silk wool dress with a black velvet collar, and velvet-

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covered buttons traced the front of the dress. Her accessories were black and white and she wore a full length faille coat. Her orchid corsage was from the bridal bouquet.

Mrs. Jones attended San Angelo College after graduating from Ballinger High School. She is a graduate of Shannon Nursing School at San Angelo and has been a nurse at the Big Spring Veterans' Hospital. Lt. Jones attended the University of California after graduating from Alameda High School. He is stationed at Biggs AFB, El Paso.

The bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dankworth,



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Blackeye Peas	Sunny Hills (Limit 4) 1-Lb. Pkg.	12¢	Sunny Hills (Limit 2) 2-Lb. Pkg. 23¢

Skylark Bread	Cracked Wheat	16-Oz. Loaf	15¢	Apple Pie Mix	Wilderness No. 2 Can	39¢
Hot Dog Rolls	Skylark Bun Craft	6-Cl. Pkg.	16¢	Asparagus	Sunny Skies All Green	10 1/2-Oz. Can 32¢
Skylark Rolls	Cleave Leaf, 12 Ct. Brown 'n' Serve	12-Oz. Pkg.	22¢	Corn	Gardenside, Golden or White, Cream Style	2 No. 303 Cans 27¢
Slender-Way Bread	Skylark	16-Oz. Loaf	22¢	Sweet Peas	Del Monte Early Garden	No. 303 Can 23¢
Curtsy Coffee Cake		11-Oz. Pkg.	29¢	Karo Syrup	Red Label	No. 1 1/2 Bot. 23¢

Ginger Ale	Also Assorted Flavors Cragmont (Deposit Extra)	12 32-Oz. Bots.	\$1.00
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Whipping Cream	Lucerne	1/2-Pk. Ctn.	31¢	Fresh Eggs	Breakfast Gems, Grade A, Large, White	Doz.	69¢	Edwards Coffee	Top Quality	1-Lb. Can	90¢
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Pink Grapefruit	Florida	Lb.	12¢	Bulk Carrots	Crisp Tender	Lb.	12¢
				Red Apples	Delicious 150-163 Size	Lb.	15¢
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Fruit Cocktail	Hottest Delight	No. 1 Can	25¢	Pork Roast	Loin-End of Loin Hip Bone Removed	Lb.	47¢
Grapefruit Juice	Town House	46-Oz. Can	25¢	Pork Sausage	Wingate Fancy, Pure Pork	2-Lb. Pkg.	75¢
Ripe Olives	Ebony Mammoth	9-Oz. Can	31¢	Dry Salt Jowls	Fine for Seasoning	Lb.	25¢
Stuffed Olives	Holsum No. 5 Manz	3-Oz. Jar	33¢	Frankfurters	Somerset Fancy, Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	39¢
Ripe Olives	Ebony Chopped	4 1/2-Oz. Jar	10¢	More Fine Meats...			
Gherkins Pickles	Rainbow Sour	12-Oz. Jar	23¢	Dry Salt Bacon	Fine for Seasoning	Lb.	35¢
Gherkins Pickles	Rainbow Dill	12-Oz. Jar	23¢	Calf Round Steak	U. S. Top Grades at Safeway	Lb.	67¢
Sweet Pickles	Rainbow Mixed	12-Oz. Jar	29¢	Ground Beef	Freshly Ground Daily	Lb.	35¢
Waffle Cream Cookies	Jane Arder	6-Oz. Pkg.	27¢	Rib Chops	U. S. Top Govt. Grades of Calf	Lb.	49¢
Breeze Cheese Food		1-Lb. Pkg.	89¢	Sirloin Steak	U. S. Top Govt. Grades of Calf	Lb.	59¢
				Calf Brisket	U. S. Top Govt. Grades of Calf	Lb.	23¢
				Pork Spareribs	Lean, Meaty	Lb.	55¢
				Pork Chops	All Center Cuts 6 to 8 Lb. Av. Ready to Cook	Lb.	73¢
				Smoked Picnics	Poppy, Fancy Northern Cured	1-Lb. Pkg.	39¢
				Sliced Bacon	Neuhoff Smokies	1-Lb. Cello	69¢
				Pork Sausage	3 1/2 Lbs. and Over	Lb.	73¢
				Heavy Hens	15 to 23 Lb. Av. Ready to Cook	Lb.	53¢
				Turkey Toms		Lb.	49¢

Safeway will be closed NEW YEAR'S DAY. We shall close early (6:30 p. m.) on December 31, so our personnel can spend a longer New Year's Eve with their families and friends.

were hosts at the rehearsal dinner in the Charles Dankworth home Sunday evening.

Guests included were the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dankworth, Rev. Norbert Wagner, and Mrs. Joseph Fuchs, of Rowena, grandmother of the bride.

Class of 1952 Dinner-Dance Held at Country Club

Members of the Ballinger High School class of 1952 held their homecoming dinner-dance at the Ballinger Country Club Monday evening of last week.

The Christmas theme was used in decorating the spacious living room. The fireplace mantel was banked with cedar boughs intermingled with multi-colored Christmas balls and red and white candles. Tinsel, icicles and balloons formed the central adornment for the ceiling.

The buffet dinner was served from the table centered with berries, greenery, balls and candles.

Following the dinner, Elroy Payne conducted a short business session when Mrs. Bobby Bryan was elected president and Joyce Hite secretary.

Those attending the dinner were Dorothy Thomas and Jimmy Nixon, Cordella Flanagan and Lavelle Foy, Jeanie Dankworth and J. D. Marek, Norma Jackson and Jimmy Parrish, Joyce Hite and Steve Ashton, Georgia Hite and Scotty Bell, Pat Zappe and Harlan Forbus, Barbara Stuart and Grayam Hart, Deanie Rountree and Billy Jack Middleton, Gale Hays and Roland Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Elroy Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Cole, Buster Berryhill, Luther Parker and James Teplicek.

Class sponsors present were Mrs. Josephine Stallings and M. E. Sweeney. Others were Mrs. Sweeney and Frankie Berryman.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Robison and children, of Burkburnett, were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Fouts.

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Texas Showing 3-D Musical in Color: 'East of Sumatra' New Year's Special

One of the most exciting productions since the advent of 3-D is Paramount's brand new "Those Redheads from Seattle," being presented at the Texas Theatre today, tomorrow and Saturday, December 31, January 1 and 2. "Those Redheads" is said to be the first important three-

dimension Technicolor musical to have ever been made. Starred are Rhonda Fleming, Gene Barry and Agnes Moorehead and introduced to screen audiences are such favorite singing stars as Guy Mitchell, Teresa Brewer and the Bell Sisters. From advance reports,

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jeopardy with forbidden love in a story that promises to satisfy those who like their action rousing, their men rough and reckless, their women irresistible.

In support are Jay C. Flippen, John Sutton, Aram Katcher and Seat Man Crothers.

McCrea Starrer Set in Zona Libre

One of the most desperate ventures in the latter days of the War Between the States becomes the theme of Universal's Technicolor production, "Border River," co-starring Joel McCrea, Yvonne De Carlo and Pedro Armendariz, booked at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 3, 4, 5.

With \$2,000,000 in gold which he has stolen from the Colorado mint, Confederate Army Officer McCrea crosses the Rio Grande into the bandit-state of Zona Libre, lawlessly broken off from war-torn Mexico. With this fortune McCrea plans to buy badly needed arms and ammunition for the blockaded Southern forces. The story deals with his efforts to get the supplies back across the river and with the attempt by the renegade rulers of Zona Libre to grab the gold from him.

Strong supporting roles are portrayed by Howard Petrie, Erika Nordin, Alfonso Bedoya and Ivan Triesault. George Sherman directed the Albert J. Cohen production from a script by William Sackheim and Louis Stevens.

"Sailor of the King," 20th Century-Fox's vivid adventure story of naval warfare in the South Pacific starring Jeffrey Hunter, Michael Rennie and Wendy Hiller, is scheduled at the Texas Wednesday and Thursday, January 6, 7. The featured cast of the film based on C. S. Forester's novel, "Brown on Resolution," includes Bernard Lee, Peter Van Eyck, Victor Madder, John Horsley, Patrick Barr and Robin Bailey.

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SOCIETY

Miss Bigby, Bob Northington to Marry

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bigby have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Carolyn Bigby, to Bob Northington. The prospective bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington.

Miss Bigby is a student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, where she is a member of Delta Gamma Sorority.

Mr. Northington is a graduate of Texas Technological College, with a major in animal husbandry. He is employed by the First National Bank of Albuquerque, New Mexico, as agriculturalist in the livestock loan division of the bank.

The wedding will take place at 7:00 p. m. January 30 in the First Methodist Church in Ballinger with the Rev. Wayne Reynolds officiating.

Emmett Eggemeier Honored on Birthday

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Eggemeier honored their son, Emmett, with a dinner Sunday, the occasion being his sixteenth birthday.

The lace-laid table was centered with the birthday cake, iced in blue and topped with multi-colored candles. Favors were miniature Mexican hats.

In the afternoon games were played and gifts opened. Refreshments of cake, sandwiches and soda were served to the honoree and James Emgert, A. T. Halfmann, Jr., Lawrence Hilmer, Bernard Clyde, Delbert and Dennis Halfmann, Virgil and Gerald Hoelscher, Harvey Fuchs, Ferd Rohlfeld, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Halfmann and Lydia, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Haechten and Arnold, and Geneva Eggemeier.

After-Christmas Party Held in Crockett Home

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crockett were hosts at a holiday party Sunday evening, entertaining in their rural home on the San Angelo highway.

The home was decorated with evergreens, red berries and Christmas plants. The dining table was laid with a hand-made lace cloth. Following games of forty-two and canasta, the hostess served a plate of assorted sandwiches, cake, cookies and candies with coffee.

Guests were: Messrs. and Mrs. Ed Kaesberg, A. T. Faltsek, Walter Mueller, Edmund Lindermann, Newt Stevens, Victor Slake, Monroe Dierschke, Louis Loika, John Straka and J. O. Satterwhite, and Mrs. Nancy Walker, of Lubbock.

SINGING PROGRAM TO BE AT GRACE CHURCH SUNDAY

The regular first Sunday singing will be held at 2:00 p. m. Sunday at the Grace Baptist Church. All singers of this section are invited and the public is welcome to hear the program.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Morris entertained their children with a dinner and tree in their home on Christmas day. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Morris, Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Morris, Winters; Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Seidel, Rodney, Sherrie, Deborah and Luther Morris, San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. Opal Brown, Kirby, Sue and Judy, Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Archie and Darlene Freeman, Abilene; and Mrs. Sophie Seidel, Rowena.

Wedding announcements—see listing invitations—Ballinger Printing Co.

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and Spencer Fox.
VANCIL MADE OFFICER OF HONORARY SOCIETY
Bob Vancil has been elected corresponding secretary of the University of Texas chapter of Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering society. The son of Delbert Vancil, of Ballinger, Bob is a senior at the university.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks to all those friends who extended favors during the illness and at the death of our loved one. For the floral offerings and all other deeds we are grateful, and may the Lord bless you all.

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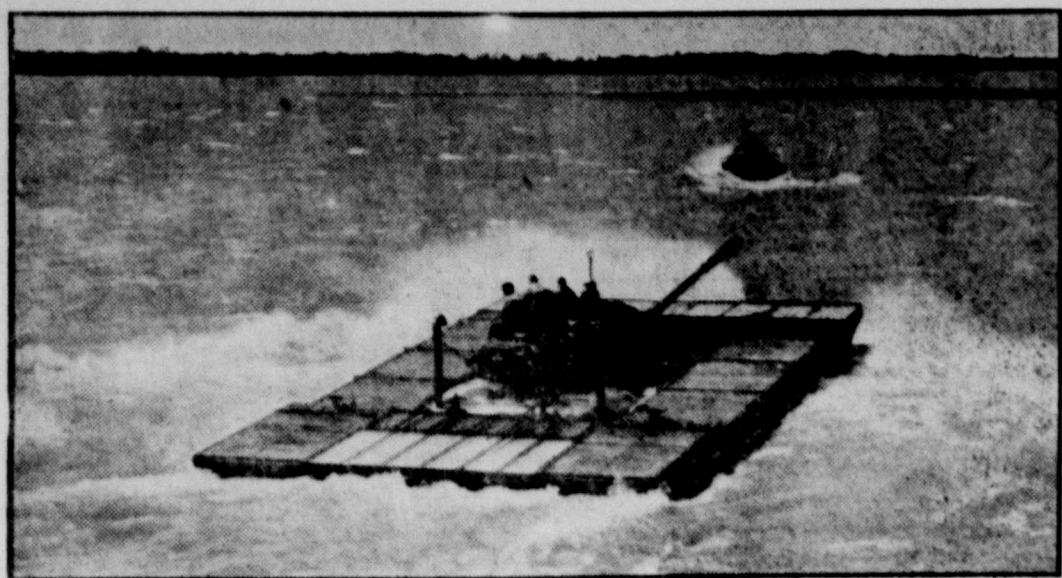
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49ers Hold Fourth Annual Gathering

Members of the graduating class of '49, Ballinger High School, staged their fourth annual reunion Sunday when they entertained at a luncheon at the Acapulco Cafe, including their sponsor, M. E. Sweeney, Mrs. Sweeney, and a few added guests.

Many of the group are married, several are in school and a number are employed in various vocations.

The Western theme was featured for table decorations. A rope ran the length of the table, being looped around potted poinsettias, intermingled with horseshoes. Arrangements of exact formed the centerpiece for the speaker's table, and red leather back programs were designed with black horseshoes.

Lynn Neill, student at the University of Texas medical school, Galveston, and president of the class, was master of ceremonies. Mr. Sweeney gave the invocation preceding the cowboy victuals, consisting of grilled maverick, pinto, spud salad, onion pickles, sour dough, butter, cobbler pie and black coffee.

Readings were given by LaRita Price, teacher in Brownfield schools, and Dorothy Daugherty, on the Abilene Reporter-News staff. Vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. Bobby Bryan and Mrs. Zane Whigham, student at Texas Technological College, Lubbock. The group sang "Home on the Range," and at the conclusion "Auld Lang Syne."

A short business session was held at which Lynn Neill was re-elected president, and the arrangements committee, Miss Betty Middleton and Mrs. Carley Watkins, was named.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the 1953 reunion was composed of Miss LaRita Price, Miss Betty Middleton and Mrs. Troy Smith.

Forty-niners present with their wives, husbands and dates were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barnett, of Luling; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. James Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ischar, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Foreman, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Atnipp, Jr., of Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dunlap, of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. Carley Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Vancil, both students at the University of Texas, Austin; Misses Ann Bryan, Joyce Hite, Dorothy Daugherty, LaRita Price, Alice Kohutek, Betty Middleton, Mary Jo Forman, Mmes. Roland Allen, of Bronte; Troy Lee, Odis Fuesel, Messrs. Steve Ashton, Bill Middleton, Bobby Muncy, Lynn Neill, Cleo Burk, Zane Robinson, of Winters, and Sgt. William H. Zedlitz, of Camp Polk, Louisiana.

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The bureau of navy personnel has announced an advancement for Oliver R. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Long, of Ballinger. Oliver is now an aviation machinist's mate third class and is stationed at the naval air station, Hutchinson, Kansas.

Cpl. Werner A. Halfmann, of Olfen, spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theo Halfmann. Cpl. Halfmann is stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso.

FORMAL OPENING OF DRAPERY SHOP

Mrs. J. M. Carpenter has announced the formal opening for her drapery shop at 1303 Ninth Street on Wednesday, January 6. The public is invited to attend and inspect the stock of draperies and the new quarters and facilities.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Leonard had for their guests during the Christmas holidays their sons and families: Hollis R. Leonard, S.K. 2-c, of Long Beach, California; T-Sgt. Billy G. Leonard, of Holoman AFB, Alamo, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. James Leonard and family of Eunice, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Leonard and family, of Brownwood. Other relatives were Mrs. Bill Adams, of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie McDaniel, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Fagan and family, of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Ed McMillan, of Cross Plains; Mr. and Mrs. Ames Aldridge, of Lawton; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cotton and family, of Big Spring; and Mrs. Odia Fuesel, of Ballinger.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Patterson and Mr. and Mrs. Carley Watkins over the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson and sons, Bobby and Jimmy, of Corpus Christi; and Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Burden and son, Al, of San Antonio.

Miss Marilyn Sommer was recently transferred from the Shell Oil Co. plant at Midland to the Shell chemical plant at Houston, where she will be a junior chemist for the company. Miss Sommer spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sommer, and returned to Houston the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hart, Mickie and Grayum, and Barbara Stewart visited Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hollingsworth at Brownwood during the holidays.

Betty Cloninger, of Gorman, is here this week for a visit with Ballinger friends.

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Holiday guests of Mrs. C. T. Michaels and Miss Gertrude Pagels, of Hatchel, were Mrs. E. F. Batts and family, Billinger; Mrs. Bessie Mullins, Comanche; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stovall, Slaton; Miss Arnetta Stovall, Lubbock; Mrs. S. J. Layton and daughter, Katherine, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Sterling James and baby, Dallas; and W. B. Pagels, Odessa.

Christmas day visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Spreen were: Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lundgren, Austin; Mr. and Mrs. George Lemons, Jacksonville, Mississippi; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Penn, Corpus Christi; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams, Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Brown and Judy; Capt. and Mrs. William H. Penn, San Benita, California; and Tom Epting, Ballinger.

Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olzak were Mrs. John Onderka, of Liberty; Mrs. Evelyn Thomas, of Houston; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Olzak and Frank Zak, of San Angelo; Rayburn Zak, of Fort Bliss, El Paso; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Feist and children and Mr. and Mrs. John Zak and daughters, of Rowena; Mrs. Eva Zak and Mrs. Paul Harral and son, Jim, of Ballinger.

Mrs. Roy Allman returned home Tuesday from Houston, where she had been for the past month for a clinical examination. She will go back to Houston on January 18 for major surgery in the M. D. Anderson Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Hart are in receipt of a letter from their son, Bill Hart, stationed at the Yokota, Japan, AFB. He has just been promoted to staff-sergeant and is in charge of material control for the 96th A & E maintenance squadron.

Service men here during the holidays for a visit with their families and other relatives included Airman 2c Joe Selby, B-29 gunner at the Smoky Hill AFB, Salina, Kansas; Airman 3c Wayne Woods, air police, stationed at Scott Field, Illinois; Airman 3c Roland Bell, with an engineering group at Scott Field; and Pvt. Wayne Cole, stationed at the Lubbock AFB.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Hunnicut and children, of San Antonio, spent the holidays here in the homes of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Wilson, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Swift and Charles Wayne, of Abilene, were holiday guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. McAden.

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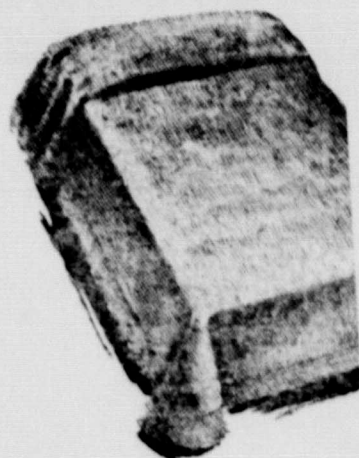
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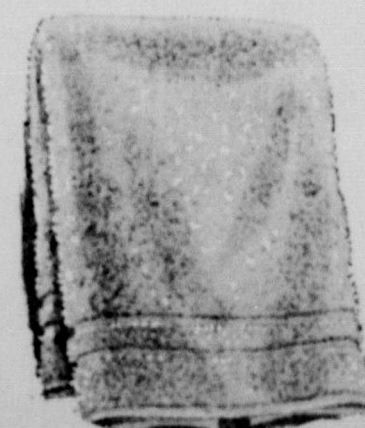
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Hornets State Titlists As Bearcats Lose 40-6

The Ballinger Bearcats fought their way through 14 games to gain a chance at the state class AA football championship, but Saturday was just not their day. A perfectly clicking bunch of Huntsville Hornets gave them a beating to the tune of 40 to 6 and took the state title.

The game was played at Temple before capacity attendance and one of the largest Ballinger crowds of the year. Those in charge of arrangements at Temple did everything

possible to make the game a success and are to be commended. As soon as play began following the kickoff, fans could see that the Bearcats were not up to their usual form. Fumbles and penalties were costly, and later in desperation two pass interceptions spelled two touchdowns for the Hornets. On the other hand, the opposition could do nothing wrong and exhibited a perfectly timed offense with speed, power and an excellent passing attack. The Hornets were also good on defense and kept the Ballinger boys bottled most of the afternoon except for one passing spree which provided the Bearcats' lone touchdown. This last heave was good for 14 yards, Jerry Bell to Jerry Baker. Gary Ferguson pulled his kick slightly



TAKING OFF—Lovely Liona Sears rides her "water" seal through the air after springing from the board at a beach hotel in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The airline hostess is used to flying, but she seems to find a new thrill in this kind of travel.



SAFETY STRIP—This safety-minded boy of Columbus, Ohio, is wearing initials made of cloth strips which reflect bright light. Designed to be worn by pedestrians, the idea grew out of a doctor's desire to prevent highway accidents.

to the left and missed the uprights. The East Texans received the opening kickoff and used a ground attack to go 95 yards for their first score. Nolan Hutchinson, big, hard-running fullback for Huntsville, proved to be a mighty factor and was responsible for many of the short necessary gains and twice broke into an open field for long runs. Joe Clements, lanky quarterback, ran his club perfectly, keeping the Bearcat defense spread and making possible ground gains. He completed 10 of 16 passes during the afternoon for a neat 143 yards and this plus the ground gains of 294 yards was too much to overcome.

The Ballinger Bearcats of 1953 have been a great team. They went further in the state race than any team that has ever represented Ballinger and have done it the hard way. The town and school received much good publicity from their efforts. They were called "the come-back kids" and for four weeks were rated as the underdogs in bi-district contests. Each week they rallied and came through with a win until in the final game, practically every sports writer picked them to go all the way. The lads had been "high" for four weeks but on Saturday could not show that terrific team play which had carried them to the final game.

Fans say it has been a great season and one that will long be remembered. A number of the starters have played their final game in a red and black uniform and next year will move on to colleges and universities, some to continue their activities on the gridiron.

Basketball Work Commenced Here; Team to Stamford

Basketball Coach Richard A. Richey started work with about 23 boys Monday and has been meeting team candidates twice daily. Practice sessions have been held at the high school gymnasium at 9:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. since Monday.

The basketball team is behind other clubs of this area because of the long football season, most of the candidates being members of the football squad. Coach Richey stated Wednesday that the boys were in good physical condition and were shaping into a team fast. He will take eleven players to Stamford to take part in an invitation tournament Friday and Saturday. The Bearcats will open the Stamford play, meeting the Roscoe quintet at 5:30 tomorrow afternoon. Coach Richey was not sure of the

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STUDENTS TO RECLASSWORK
 Ballinger students in classwork Monday at regular time after a long holiday period. Students dismissed Thursday, October 17, and will have seven days for the holidays.

Paper clips at Ledger office.



TIME ON HIS HANDS—The face of a discarded clock is not much of a toy, but this grim-looking Korean orphan has to make it do. He lives in the Che Nan orphanage on the island of Cheju-Do, some 50 miles off the southern coast of Korea.

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Counties count Christmas is over and Runnels countians are preparing to start 1954. One good way to start in the new year is to pay property and poll taxes. Tomorrow ushers in a good year to be an eligible voter as there will be a number of elections during the summer and fall. Within a short time the political pot will be boiling with announcements of office seekers. These will include state and district races and what is interesting will be the election of men to operate our county and city governments. A general election will be held in November and several special referendums probably will be held during 1954. Visit the tax collecting officers before it is too late.

Several important road projects in Runnels county will be completed as soon as the weather is suitable for spreading asphalt. The Martin Inn road will be surfaced in the spring and the road north from Norton to connect with the farm-to-market road from Winters to Wingate will be ready for topping early next year. Work is to be done on the road two miles west of Ballinger that winds along the Colorado River and back south to Rowena, which is due for completion in 1954. The spreading network of lateral roads in this county will make it possible soon to go to any community and never get off pavement. Other projects are being pushed and designations probably will be secured.

It is common to hear someone say he wished he had an oil well. It's only human to dream of financial security and to sit back and watch an endless stream of dollars roll in. But finding an oil well is an expensive and risky business. Many prospectors have taken a chance in Runnels county during the past year, some hitting and others missing. To itemize: first of all you need a drilling rig that costs approximately \$300,000, then there is more high-priced equipment, including steel casing, scores of bits and reamers, powerful motors, thousands of sacks of cement, chemicals, and so on down the line. Then the operator must be prepared to meet the pay checks for other expenses which include technicians and craftsmen, geologists, exploration crews, engineers, and drillers. About 90 per cent of the holes drilled are dry and many of the other 10 per cent produce only small amounts. The oil industry is taking these long-shot chances in this area every day and has had much to do with the healthy economy of this county. Oilmen operate in the hope of hitting a gusher and making a profit but in doing so serve a nation that



WEST TEXAS NOTES

West Texas business men said "Merry Christmas" to their customers and friends with advertisements in their home town newspapers last week. Practically every newspaper published in this region came out with a special Christmas edition.

Miles business men scheduled a two-day lay-off for employees the past week-end, stores being closed for Christmas day as well as Saturday, December 26. Some of the long holiday period started Christmas eve, clerks leaving early to visit at other places.

The Rowena Lions Club gave away a television set last week in its campaign to raise money for a community fire truck. Over \$3,900 was raised by this method, and added to the fund already built up the total was boosted to \$4,299. City officials will negotiate soon for the purchase of a modern fire truck to serve Rowena and nearby.

Robert Lee school district residents last week authorized a \$295,000 bond issue by the count of 187 to 37. It was declared that the bonds, maturing over a 25-year period, could be retired without raising taxes. The election was called after a committee had studied the situation and made a report to a mass meeting. Sixteen classrooms, several offices and an auditorium will be provided.

A \$175,000 bond issue election will be held at Brownwood on Saturday, January 9. Money from the sale of the bonds will construct a sewer line from the new industrial district at Bluffview to connect with the city's trunk lines. City officials said the line was necessary if the industrial committee of the chamber of commerce was to be successful in bringing additional businesses to Brownwood.

Hamlin business houses were closed on Christmas eve and reopened the following Monday. Store managers report brisk business during the holiday period. A large cotton crop and

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must have oil. Let's decide now that we will know our oil people better and understand their work as they try to keep this section prosperous.

continuation of oil development made the territory one of the most prosperous in Texas. A special Christmas edition of the Hamlin Herald carried ads of thanks and wishes for happy holidays from business firms.

A Veterans of Foreign Wars committee met with the Stephenville city council last week to urge the forming of an organization for civil defense and disaster. The council gave its approval and every phase of defense and disaster is to be covered in an organization that will serve all of Erath county. V. F. W. representatives also met with the commissioners' court and asked that the county service office be kept open full time three days a week.

Coleman Jaycees made up 55 baskets for needy families of the community on Christmas eve. Contributions to a fund to buy the groceries and other items totalled more than \$1,000. The baskets were of various sizes, depending on the number of people to be provided for. They were filled with groceries, toys, clothing and other articles.

Mitchell county's 1954 cotton harvest passed 17,000 bales last week and it is believed about 1,800 more bales will be ginned. It is estimated that this crop will bring growers about two million dollars in take-home cash. According to recent tabulations all gins in the county have had good runs and all sections of the county made more cotton than predicted earlier.

County Judge W. H. Rampsy was the speaker for the Winters Lions Club meeting last week and explained the proposed tornado warning system planned for a number of West Texas counties. Runnels county has been asked to cooperate in the plan and to contribute \$1,677 to the cost. Judge Rampsy stated that the proposal had been submitted to the commissioners' court but before taking action the court would like to hear from the county's tax payers. The proposal will be presented to other groups before the commissioners decide what to do.

Bob Branum, of Dublin, has completed an irrigation well on his place near Proctor, Comanche county. The 105-foot well has been making 90 gallons a minute since it was drilled in two weeks ago. It filled a two-acre pond in six days. Branum will use the water to irrigate 30 acres of land. During the past two years about 30 wells have been drilled in the area to provide irrigation for a number of small plots.

A bloodmobile unit was at Menard Tuesday to collect 150 pints of whole blood in a special clinic. Committees had been working for several weeks getting pledge cards signed and arrangements made for space to hold the clinic and operate the canteen in connection. The high school auditorium was used for the clinic and the school cafeteria for the can-

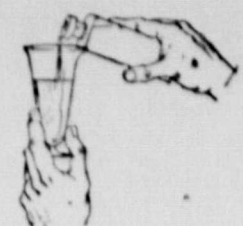
teen. Before Christmas 155 persons had signed cards and others were expected to report at the clinic.

Members of the Brady Lions Club, city policemen, and high school boys and girls joined last week to prepare and deliver 100 Christmas baskets to needy families in McCulloch county. The baskets were valued at \$1,100 and money had been raised by free will offerings from firms and individuals. Several business men also gave large amounts of candy and other items to be put in the baskets. Turkey dinners went to inmates of the county jail.

Plans for interscholastic league events for Concho and adjoining counties were made at Eden last week. Raymond Green, of Eden, was elected director general and will name those to be in charge of special events. Schools represented at the meeting were Melvin, Eden, Rochelle, Richland Springs, Paint Rock and Lohn. Both literary and athletic events will be held in meets scheduled in the spring.

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 Firemen were on the scene soon after the alarm was turned in but were unable to do anything except keep the fire from spreading to other nearby houses.
 Byers has been confined to his bed for several years and would have been unable to leave the burning building except with aid.
 Mrs. Nancy Walker has returned to her home at Lubbock after spending the Christmas holidays with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Satterwhite.
 Lt. and Mrs. Stanley J. Psenick, of Fort Sill, Oklahoma, visited relatives in Ballinger while spending the holidays with Mrs. Psenick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Afflerbach, at Winters. Miss Carolyn Affler-

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bach was also a visitor in Ballinger. She is a student at Incarnate Word College, San Antonio.
 Cpl. Homer J. Eggemeyer has returned to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, after spending Christmas holidays with his parents and friends. He is serving in the medical corps.
 Pfc. and Mrs. Marvin Haechten visited their parents and friends during the holidays. They returned to Killen Sunday and Pfc. Haechten reported to his unit at Fort Hood.
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"Dangerous Crossing," 20th Century-Fox mystery drama starring Jeanne Crane and Michael Rennie, is one of two features to be shown at the Horseshoe next Tuesday and Wednesday, January 5, 6. Supporting players include Casey Adams, Mary Anderson and Carl Betz.
 A raging fire is one of the spectacular highlights of the latest of the Bomba, the Jungle Boy pictures, "Bomba and the Jungle Girl," No. 2 feature on this program. Johnny Sheffield is the star.
 Paramount's "Tropic Zone," a Technicolored adventure drama, is one of the two major attractions at the Horseshoe Thursday and Friday, January 7, 8. Ronald Reagan, Rhonda Fleming and Estelita are starred in the film, which follows a deadly conflict that turns a tropical paradise into a blazing inferno of hatred.
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 The stern realism of men in battle—stripped of the false heroics and the trappings of glory—is thrillingly faced up to in Columbia's "Combat Squad," to be shown for the last time this (Thursday) evening at the Horseshoe Drive-In Theatre, stars John Ireland and Lon McCallister. In this blistering account of what the foot soldier must endure in a tough war theatre, the parades, the dress uniforms, the piping of fifes and the rolling of drums have been left behind. Supporting players include Hal March, Linda Danson and George E. Stone.
 "The Homesteader," also on the same bill, has "Wild Bill" Elliott turning homesteader, trying to clear a tract of land in Oregon. The picture, in sepia tone, presents Barbara Allen in the leading feminine role.
 "Big Leaguer," an M-G-M picture starring Edward G. Robinson and Vera-Ellen, with Jeff Richards, Richard Jaeckel and William Campbell heading the supporting players, will be presented at the Horseshoe tomorrow and Saturday, January 1, 2. Unfolded is the drama of the conflict of a youngster who has an unquenchable ambition to become a baseball star, but whose father wants him to go to college to study law. It takes the girl who loves him to strengthen his resolve and see him emerge as a potential big leaguer.
 Also on the Friday-Saturday program at the Horseshoe is "The Stand at Apache River," starring Stephen McNally, Julia Adams and Hugh Marlowe. Two terror-packed days are turned into a powerful package of film tension in this Universal thriller in Technicolor. An atmosphere of peril is said to dominate every foot of the picture, from the moment the oddly assorted group of settlers comes under siege of Cara Blanca and his

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