

Annual Livestock Show Needs Fund of \$1,800

The chamber of commerce is preparing letters to be mailed soon after Christmas to business men and a list of individuals in the south part of Runnels County. The letters will ask for contributions for the annual livestock show to be staged on January 11 and 12 at the hangar at Bruce Field.

A budget of \$1,800 has been set up for the 1957 show and those solicited will be urged to give generously in order that the enlarged show may be a success.

A commercial division has been added to the show this year and it has met so far with excellent success. A large number of boys have entered the commercial project and started sheep, swine and calves on feeding projects several months ago. They were weighed in at the same time and strict records are being kept by each feeder to determine the cost of the project and to show the net profit for the animals are

Needy Families Still Not Taken For Yule Season

There are still a large number of families in Ballinger with no one to look after them this Christmas. In the families are about 80 young children who are looking forward to Christmas, the same as other children, but unless some one thinks enough to provide their needs, the holidays will be pretty empty.

A check up Wednesday afternoon showed a long listing of families that have not been adopted. A few of the bigger organizations will do what they can to provide a little Christmas but they cannot take care of all the people still on the lists.

All the families have been certified as in dire need and that Christmas cannot come to the homes except out of the hearts of those more fortunate. Unless there is a rally of some kind started, there will be hungry people and children without Santa Claus this year.

Some have called at the chamber of commerce office to check on the lists but would not take a family because they were not white. The desires of children and parents is not governed at Christmas time by color and many of those on the list have been unable to get jobs during the slow fall months. For that reason they are unable to supply the needs of their families at this season. Christmas should be a little happier for everyone if there are no hungry or cold people on Christmas eve and Christmas day.



The fact that the youngsters at the Gonzales Warm Springs Foundation face Christmas in wheel chairs and braces does not lessen their enthusiasm for the coming of St. Nick and other Yuletide joys. Among those hanging their stockings at Texas' own comprehensive rehab center this year are Gary Ryan of Kingsville, Linda Bingham of Bridge City, and Kathy Carroll of Abilene.

5 Wildcat Tests For This County Announced Mon.

The Railroad Commission, Oil and Gas Division, has announced a field designation and daily allowable for the Norton, East (Goe) field. It was opened on December 5 with the completion of the Landa Oil Co. No. 1-Paul Gerhart, three miles east of Norton, for a daily flowing potential of 150 barrels of 45 gravity oil.

Runnels County has received locations for five wildcat tests to be started at once.

The Ab-Tex Production Co. and J. E. Elliott of Abilene will drill two 4,400 foot wildcats in the northeast portion of the county. One will be their No. 1-J. F. Nevine, eight miles northeast of Winters. The other will be their No. 1-E. T. Meeks, 1 1/2 miles south of the Nevine test. Operations were due to start on both wells today.

Ambassador Oil Co. of Fort Worth will drill an Ellenburger wildcat, 4 1/2 miles east of Norton which will be their No. 1-E. H. Hollie. It is scheduled for 5,000 feet with rotary equipment and will get underway when permit is issued.

Addison-Warner of Fort Worth will drill a 4,500 wildcat, seven miles northeast of Winters. It will be their No. 1-Pearl Wright and is located 1 1/2 miles northwest of the Sykes field.

Davis and Davis of Coleman have located a 2,900 foot test, three miles northeast of Ballinger which will be their No. 1-F. Rohmfeld. The project is one mile west of the Hays-Watts field.

Four Highway Projects Approved for County

The Texas Highway Department has announced from Austin that the first step has been taken that will set up a new program of highway work for the calendar year of 1957. This new program is especially designed to protect the investment already made by the state system of roads.

J. A. Snell, district engineer of the Texas Highway Department at San Angelo, has stated that the following state highways and roads in this area are scheduled for work under this program.

This will include four jobs in Runnels County with an estimated cost on the four projects amounting to \$77,000. Two of the jobs are on Highway 83 north and south of Ballinger.

On Highway 83 from Hatchel to one mile north of Ballinger, a distance of 7.5 miles, the road will be widened and leveled and surfaced with asphaltic concrete.

On Highway 83 from Ballinger south to the Concho County line the asphalt surface will be leveled and given a seal coat job. The cost of the work from Hatchel to Ballinger will be \$25,000 and the work from Ballinger to the Concho County line will cost an estimated \$22,500.

On farm-to-market road 53 from Wingate to 5 miles east of Winters, the asphalt surface will be leveled and seal coated at a cost of \$24,500. This job covers 17.1 miles.

On farm-to-market highway 1692 from the Tom Green County line to Miles road will be given asphalt and seal coat job at a cost of \$5,000 for the 3.9 miles.

It was announced that the work would be started just as soon as the final planning is completed.

All this work comes under the maintenance program and does not affect any of the new construction set up for 1957 in the county.

Awards Made Saturday To 4-H Boys and Girls

A crowd of about 300 4-H club boys and girls along with their leaders attended the achievement program and Christmas party held at the American Legion Hall on December 15.

The program for the evening consisted of the singing of Christmas carols, the grand march, Texas wigg-wag by the Rowena 4-H members, presentation of awards and exchange of gifts. Mrs. L. A. Wilbanks read the Christmas story. Cookies and punch were served before the close of the meeting.

Featured in the awards presented were the Gold Star girl, Marcella Schmiedekamp and the Gold Star boy, Valton Hoffman. Mrs. Wilbanks, a adult leader of the Ballinger-Bethel Club and Ralph Gerngross, adult leader of the Ofen Club received the Alumni Award for Runnels County.

Others receiving awards were: Achievement—Jimeth Flynn and John Middleton, Ballinger; Sue Lindsey and Pat Pritchard, Wingate.

Beautification of home group—Norma Ohlhausen, Ballinger.

Boys' Agriculture—Clifford Frey and Hilmer Halfmann, Rowena; Bryan Webb and David Smith, Winters.

Canning—Lee Anna Halfmann and Joyce Dierschke, Ofen; Dixie Wilbanks, Ballinger; Joan Hurley, Winters.

Clothing—Alma Spill, Elaine Hope and Nancy Ann Minzenmayer, Winters; Barbara Urbanek, Rowena.

Dairy—Chester McCown, Miles; Jerry Smith and Kenneth Boothe, Ballinger.

Dress Revue—Barbara Greger, Norton.

Entomology—Patrick Halfmann and Wilbert Halfmann, Rowena.

Field Crops—Kenneth Eggenmeyer, Miles; Roy Minzenmayer, Norton; A. L. Mitchell Jr. and Truett Bryan, Winters.

Food Preparation—Jerry Helen Deike, Lillie Jean Bryan and Rita Hurley, Winters; Helen Halfmann, Rowena.

Frozen Foods—Naomi Busher and Lavera Williams, Winters; Loreta Halfmann and Ottilia Hajovsky, Rowena.

Garden—Ruth Ann Spill, Winters; Lucille Niehuus, Norton; Mary Frances Halfmann, Ballinger and Clayton McCown, Winters.

Girls Home Economics—Carolyn Gottschalk, Lynn Ann Kruse and Elaine Hoppe, Winters; Mary Frances Greger, Norton.

Home Improvement—Socorro Ibarra, Wingate; Sylvia Marie Franke, Rowena; Betty Joyce Puchs, Ballinger; Betty Sue Wessels, Winters.

Leadership—Kenneth Wendland, Miles; Marcella Schmiedekamp, Rowena.

Meat Animals—Sammy Folsom, Wingate; Gordon Hays, Ballinger.

Poultry—Louis Sneed, Wingate; Mike Priddy, Winters; Stanley Miles.

Recreation—Carolyn Pelezel, Linda Wright, Jimmy Boothe, Wilburn Frey, Ballinger.

Safety—Patty Greger and Marie Niehuus, Norton.

Sealed Water—Charles Wil-

Annual Utilities Christmas Party Held Wednesday

All employees of the West Texas Utilities Co. in District G and their families were in Ballinger Wednesday to attend the safety meeting, Christmas banquet, program and dance.

The program started at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon when the men met at the city hall auditorium for a safety meeting. Sim Ledford was in charge of the discussions for the afternoon.

The fun program started at 6:30 Wednesday when the families gathered at the West Ward school cafeteria for their annual Christmas banquet. The large dining room was filled to its capacity and after the turkey menu was served, a welcome was extended by District Superintendent W. O. Wallace and several introductions and awards were made.

Children of employees assembled for the singing of Christmas carols and songs with Jay Garrett leading them. Just as they were singing "Here Comes Santa Claus" the jolly old fellow arrived which cut the musical program short.

Santa greeted all the children and a few grown ups and then started the job of distributing gifts from the beautifully decorated tree. Each child present received a gift as well as a bag of fruit, candy and nuts.

After the departure of Santa Claus, a few special gifts were presented and the meeting adjourned.

Those who desired to remain for a later program went to the Ballinger Country Club for dancing and other entertainment for the remainder of the evening.

Football Banquet Tuesday Evening; Baugh Is Speaker

The Ballinger Quarterback Club staged their annual football banquet Tuesday night at the American Legion Hall with all members of the A and B teams attending along with many fans.

The hall was decorated in red and black and the meal was served cafeteria style with the group seated at two long tables facing the speakers table. Members of the club were in charge of serving and other details.

After the meal Guy White, president of the club, called the crowd to order and was in charge of the program. Jerry Candler and Rodney Flanagan presented gifts from the players to the four coaches.

Coach Bill Gomey introduced the other coaches and each player, giving their classification. Fans noticed with interest the large number of sophomores and juniors on the squad with some of the starters left over from next year.

Sammy Baugh, coach at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, often referred to as the greatest football player of all times, was the guest speaker. Baugh played football for 29 years, starting in junior high school, at Texas Christian University and for 16 years in professional football with the Washington Redskins. His ability to throw passes earned him a place in the Hall of Fame and practically every other honor which can come to a player. He used many of his personal experiences in his talk here to keep the crowd in laughter.

At the close of the program, the boys went for their dates and returned for dancing and other entertainment the rest of the evening.

Five Transferred To State Prison; 1 To Gatesville

County peace officers announced Tuesday that six persons had been taken from this county to state prison or juvenile schools. Two local deputies used two cars to make the transfers.

James H. Setzer was taken to the Gatesville school for boys after being before a local court. The five sent to the state penitentiary at Huntsville were: Arthur McDaniell, 3 years for murder without malice; James Blackshear, 2 years, burglary; Arthur Carroll Jonas, 2 years, burglary; Lloyd McCune, 2 years, felony lacing; Thomas Lee Duval, 8 years on two counts, burglary and car theft.

Lane Page was given a two year sentence here and then turned over to officers from Midland.

James Green was charged with aggravated assault and received a fine of \$52.80.

Delmer Keeler was charged with driving while intoxicated and received a fine of \$72.80 and three days in jail.

J. D. Cotter was charged here with wife and child desertion.

Adolph Torres was charged with driving while intoxicated and received a fine of \$77.80 and three days in jail.

Highway patrolmen issued seven speeding tickets the past week-end.

Highway patrolmen also investigated a wreck at the intersection of the Abilene and Bronte highways on Broadway. No one was injured but property damage was reported.

Two were fined for being drunk.

George R. Lancaster was charged with checking and a warrant sent to officers at Big Lake.

Dario Rodriguez was charged with checking in Concho County and a warrant sent local officers for his arrest.

Marilyn Labedelle was charged with checking in Concho County and a warrant mailed to local officers.

Mrs. Ralph W. Young was charged with checking and a fine of \$17.95 paid in San Angelo.

Parade of Sweethearts School Feature Tonight

Christmas parties in the Ballinger schools were held Wednesday afternoon immediately were over, school was dismissed after lunch and as soon as they for the Christmas holidays.

The student council sponsored the program for high school students in the auditorium with Mrs. Troy Simpson bringing the Christmas story.

Classes met in special programs and for parties in other buildings and as soon as they were completed, the busses made their runs early to deliver children home.

Students will have until January 2 at which time class will resume work.

The big annual program will be held tonight at the high school auditorium when the "Parade of Sweethearts" will be held. At this program the king and queen of Ballinger High will be presented along with the most popular boy and girl, best all-around boy and girl, most beautiful and most handsome, class favorites, and the sweethearts of organizations. A long list of Who's Who in Ballinger High will also be presented.

The affair will close with the coronation of the queen and king.

Following the coronation, students will go to the American Legion Hall at Bruce Field for their annual coronation dance.

The only school activities for the holidays will be the boys basketball team taking part in the tournament at Howard Payne College, Brownwood, on December 27, 28 and 29.

C of C Ballots To Be Returned By December 22

All members of the Ballinger Chamber of Commerce received two ballots in the mail this week with a request that they be voted and returned to the office not later than December 22. At that time tabulations will be made and the results announced.

The first ballot is to name eleven new directors to serve for a two year term with the organization. This ballot includes the names of eleven men who were nominated by the chamber and who have agreed to serve if elected. On the same ballot are blanks for write-in candidates, should someone desire to name other men for the places. In cases where a name is written in, one of those printed should be scratched as only eleven are to be voted for in the election.

The second ballot is to select six holidays to be observed during 1957. There are seven suggested holidays on the ballot with six to be named. Those suggested are January 1, Memorial Day, May 30, July 4, Labor Day, September 2, Veteran's Day, November 11, Thanksgiving, November 28 and Christmas day.

Merchants and other members who receive the ballots are urged to return them by Saturday in order that they may be counted. Ballots received after that date will not be included in the tabulations.

Post Office Rush Is Being Handled; Public Is Thanked

The Ballinger post office has been running heavy on their incoming and outgoing mail the past week and expect the rush to continue through Christmas day.

Last week they averaged handling 230 sacks of parcel post incoming per day and 392 sacks of outgoing parcel post per day. Cancellations for Friday alone numbered 12,000 and heavier days were expected this week. Indications are that the receipts from the Christmas business will be more this year than last year.

Postal employees stated they have plenty of help and will take care of the mail both incoming and outgoing each day. All mail will be dispatched and worked in the local office before crews quit at night. The office will continue regular opening and closing hours for the remainder of the holidays. They will be open all day Christmas eve, December 24. They will remain closed on Christmas day but special delivery packages arriving that day will be delivered.

Employees of the local office stated they deeply appreciate the cooperation of local people in sorting their Christmas cards and letters. Most of the large mailings of cards have been sorted for city, state and out of state mail and in many instances the city mail has been stacked alphabetically for convenience of sorting at the office.

Melvin Patterson stated Monday that the cooperation of the public has helped a lot in handling the rush of first class mail.

Postmaster K. V. Northington announced Wednesday that Monday and Tuesday were the biggest days in the history of the local office. Cancellations on Monday numbered 17,280 pieces and 92 sacks of parcel post were sent away from the Ballinger office. Tuesday the cancellations numbered 18,392 and 83 sacks of parcel post were shipped.

The two days showed stamp sales amounting to \$1,200.

Gas-Water Lines Being Relocated On Highway Here

The Lone Star Gas Co. is relocating lines across the Colorado River from 13th Street to a point 2,100 feet west of the river.

This is being done to remove the line from the new bridge and to get it from under the new highway to be constructed in the near future.

The section from 13th Street along in front of the Ray Fuqua Chevrolet Co. has been completed. Workmen will bore under the railroad line which runs to the Texas Compress Co. and then will cut deep ditches to the edge of the water in the Colorado River and place their line on the bottom. The approach ditches are about 20 feet deep and lines will be cemented at the edge of the water in the hope that the section on the bottom of the river can be held in place during floods.

All the line will be south of the new highway pavement when completed.

The city is laying their water line in the same ditch with the gas line. Both lines were originally tied to the old bridge but are being removed to meet state regulations.

Rogers Completes Supply At Church Last of December

Rev. G. K. Rogers, who has been supplying here most of the past year at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, will complete his ministry here this month. Rev. Rogers stated Wednesday that they have bought a home in Houston and will move there in January where he will continue to do supply work.

Rev. Rogers has been serving as pastor of various churches for 42 years. He is retiring from that work to do supply work in various churches and stated that Houston offered a better opportunity than smaller towns. He and Mrs. Rogers made their home in Houston for 17 years while he served a church as pastor.

At the morning worship hour Sunday he will bring his special Christmas sermon and the choir of the church will render special music.

The Sunday school Christmas party was held Wednesday night when the children of the church presented a program and gifts were distributed from a Christmas tree.

Sue Beth and Mike Crockett of San Angelo, and Ralph D. Crockett of Midland visited the past week-end in the home of Mrs. T. A. Crockett.

MRS. ATKINS HURT IN FALL SATURDAY

Mrs. Ida Atkins, mother of Sheriff Don Atkins, was injured in a fall at her home near Winters Saturday morning. She sustained a broken right arm, a cracked collar bone and ribs. She was taken to the Winters Hospital where she is resting fair this week.

NEGRO MAN KILLED AT HATCHEL SUNDAY

Another car wreck occurred at 3:30 Sunday morning on the double curve railroad crossing at Hatchel on Highway 83. Leatha Robinson, Abilene negro, driving toward Ballinger, failed to make the curve, his car going into a spin, throwing him from an open door and the top of the car landed on his head, crushing his skull. Officers investigating the wreck said the driver was killed instantly.

The crossing at Hatchel has been the scene of numerous wrecks in past years.

BIDS FOR HAULING MAIL ARE SOUGHT

The Ballinger post office will receive bids for hauling the mail from the Santa Fe depot to the post office. The blanks are here now and may be secured by anyone interested in submitting a bid. They will be mailed to Fort Worth and announcement of the awarding contract will be made from there.

Free Kiddy Show At Texas Theatre On Christmas Eve

The management of the Texas Theatre has announced their annual Christmas Eve show for the kiddies of this area. The program will start at 9:30 Monday morning, December 24, and a fine program has been arranged for the children.

Employees of the theatre will have the building comfortable for any kind of weather and urge the parents to bring their children to this special show. The program will start at 9:30 and running time is one hour and fifteen minutes.

The following pictures have been booked:

His Best Friend
Mickey's Birthday Party
Tom and Jerry in Cat Fishing
A Hunting We Will Go
Mind Over Mouse
Barnyard Actor
Inkie's Circus
Ace of Space

There is no admission and all children will be admitted free.

Mrs. Jack Switzer returned to her home in Ingram Sunday after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Conway.

Lions To Sponsor Explorer Post 29

The Ballinger Lions Club is sponsoring Explorer Post 29 which met for the first meeting last week. Derwood Bissett is institutional representative and others serving on the club committee are Guy White, Dause Sherman, Wayne Fivash and Clyde Chapman. O. K. Reynolds, scout executive, is also assisting with the beginning work.

Lavelle Foy will be in charge of the post and direct the boys in their work. At the organizational meeting Calvin Kirk was elected deputy senior crew leader. Jimmy Stubblefield, scribe; Carlton Stowers, crew chief and Vance Carter, assistant crew chief.

The first meeting of the new post was held Monday at which time they selected projects on which they will work and attended to other matters. One member is arranging a trip through a candy factory at San Angelo for the near future.

The boys packed a box to be given to a needy family and will present it this week-end. They will continue regular weekly meetings.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shelburne have received a letter from the Shannon School of Nursing at San Angelo, informing them that their daughter, Ellen Shelburne was on the honor roll. She was a 1954 graduate of Ballinger High School.

LEDGER TO PUBLISH MONDAY MORNING

Your Ballinger Ledger will be published and delivered next Monday, December 24. No paper will be published on Thursday of next week.

The Monday paper will be the regular Christmas edition, carrying Christmas greetings from local firms and also printing more than 400 Christmas personals telling where Ballinger and area people will spend Christmas or who will be visiting them.

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

The Ballinger Chamber of Commerce has mailed two ballots to each member of the organization. One is for the purpose of electing eleven new directors to serve a two year term. The other is for local merchants to select six holidays to be observed during 1957. Those who have received these ballots are urged to vote and return them to the chamber by tomorrow. It is easy to get them lost on desks during the Christmas rush and forget all about voting until it is too late. Those who are willing to give of their time for two years to direct the efforts of the chamber of commerce are certainly entitled to a good vote from the membership. Serving on the board is no little matter. There are twelve regular meetings to attend each year and in addition there are numerous called sessions, many committee meetings and many hours of work on special projects. Tabulation of the votes cast on the two ballots will be made this week-end and the results announced. If you have not returned yours,

Two school publications of the Comanche High School were given state ratings at the meeting of the Texas High School Press Association held in Denton last week. The Arrowhead and The Warrior were both rated high by the judges in the contests held as a part of the regular program. More than 700 students from journalism classes of Texas High Schools

do it today.

The State Department of Public Safety has started their annual campaign to make drivers more careful during the Christmas holiday season. Highways will be loaded with traffic this year and sorrow will come to many homes during the season when happiness is supposed to be climaxed in every home. Each year those who guard the highways, plead for drivers to slow down, observe highway signs, to not drink while at the wheel and to stay awake. In the face of all the campaign, the death and destruction continues on each holiday and is expected to again this year. Many wrecks can be avoided if speed laws

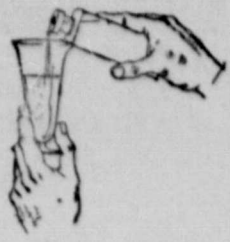
were present for the program held at Texas State College for Women in Denton. Dr. Earl P. English of the University of Missouri was the main speaker.

The city council at Brady held a special session last week and drafted a new petition asking the Civil Aeronautics Administration to release buildings at Curtis Field in order that they might be sold to the Intercontinental Manufacturing Co. A request was made by the city on November 27 and the new petition meets requirements proposed by the CAA. The IMCO promises to build a large hangar of 45,000 square

are observed and the other safety rules made a part of each driver's aims. One way to make this the happiest Christmas in history is to stop the highway wrecks which take such a heavy toll of lives. If you visit out of town this Christmas, be sure you get there, have a good holiday visit and return to your home safely.

Christmas also brings another hazard in which every person should be interested. It is fires that happen so often during the holidays. The Ballinger Fire Department has just announced a record of six months without an alarm. Every person should double their efforts for the rest of the year and try to maintain this record. Christmas is a time when many homes and business houses are decorated with lights and other items which can start fires unless properly used. It is a time when gifts are being wrapped and unwrapped and trash paper and other hazards develop in every home. The use of fire works should be with care and all children should be instructed where they can be shot and how. The fire zone in Ballinger, which includes all the business district, makes it a violation of the law for any kind of fire works to be shot or stored inside this area. A carefully planned lappy Christmas can be ruined in a few minutes by a fire which destroys a home. Be careful.

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feet if the CAA will release hangars 1 and 4 so that they can be used in an expansion program.

Announcement was made at Melvin last week that the annual 4-H club party for boys and girls of McCulloch County would not be held until after the New Year. At that time all honors won by boys and girls the past year will be made in special awards and the gold star boy and girl for 1956 will be announced. The members have also voted to organize a county council and officers for this group will be named at the January meeting and party. This council will coordinate club activities for 1957 in that county.

The city council at Colorado City last week gave the go-ahead signal to a program for parks and recreation which will cost between \$12,000 and \$15,000 annually. The action of the council was unanimous and the city manager stated that additional revenue must be found to meet the new expense. The project will operate all park facilities and provide a full-time director at a salary of \$4,000 plus \$50 per month for car expense. William Brown of Norman, Oklahoma was offered the job as director. Council members transferred \$1,000 to the park fund to get the program underway.

John Tilton, aquatic biologist of the Texas Game and Fish Commission, told a Menard audience last week that residents of the southwest are spending millions fishing each year and the Menard area is not getting its share. Tilton has recently run tests on the San Saba River and reported that since the floods in early 1956, rough fish have taken over the stream until the population of rough fish is now about 90 per cent. He stated that a poison program had been considered but that until a dam was built, it would do no good. He said bass were fewer since the rises on the river but that catfish remained about the same.

Rowena firemen met last week for their regular business meeting and drill session. They reported that several firms contributed supplies and their services in the hook-up of the new dial fire alarm system. These included the General Telephone Co., West Texas Utilities Co. and the crew of Eugene Pavlicek. The secretary was instructed to send letters of thanks to the three firms.

The chamber of commerce at Eden met last week and set January 1, 1957 as a holiday. A holiday committee has been set up by the Eden organization and after a canvass of most of the business men of the city, they announced New Year's Day to be observed this year. During the year they will announce other holidays that will be observed in that city. Schools of Concho County also announced that the Christmas holidays would start on December 21 and that classwork would be resumed on January 2.

The Winters High School band and members of the high school choir will present their annual Christmas concert tonight at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium. The program will provide one hour of familiar Christmas music by the two groups with two numbers by the band and choir combined. The elementary school presented their annual Christmas Operetta on December 14 before a large audience. December 15 the city staged their annual Kiddy Christmas

year.

Capt. Ray Butler, who heads the San Angelo district of the Texas Department of Public Safety, practically assured a group of Bronte citizens last week that a patrolman would be stationed there as soon as possible. A movement to secure a patrolman was started at Bronte several weeks ago and received the support of practically every organization and club in that town. Highways leading through Bronte, has greatly increased traffic in recent months and citizens feel that a patrolman is necessary to serve full time in the immediate area.

A Hungarian refugee family will have a home in Stephenville as result of action started last week by members of the First Methodist Church. The congregation assured money for transportation of the family to Stephenville and other events happened in rapid succession which assured a welcome by the entire city. Operator of the Great Southern Ranch and Dairy provided employment for the entire family. Plans are being made for the city to take a caravan of cars to Dallas to meet and welcome the new family when they arrive there by air.

Starting Tuesday of this week, city employees at Coleman began picking up all dogs which do not have a current city dog tag. This action is in keeping with the city council's recent

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stand to launch a program against the rabies threat in that area. The first announcement was made on December 4 when Dr. M. D. Mann, city health officer, made statements that alarmed the citizens. He stated that a pick up of untagged dogs would start in two weeks. Dr. Mann pointed out that for a dog to have a current tag, they must have a recent rabies immunization slip. Chief of police stated that extra men would be assigned to the job until the city had been covered. Several rabid skunks have been killed in the Coleman area recently.

The Future Farmers of America chapter at the Mozelle school is cooperating in the

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9 Persons Killed In County Wrecks; 10 Is Record Here

Runnels County has had nine highway deaths this year. Ten is the record and state highway patrolmen pointed to the fact Tuesday that a new record may be set unless every precaution is taken.

There were ten highway wrecks in November which brings the total for the year to 91.

Property damage in November was listed at \$4,890 and the total for the year is \$67,065. Drivers between the ages of

21 and 22 still lead in wrecks by a large margin. There has been a total of 135 drivers involved in the accidents for the year and the time of day when the most have occurred was between 3 and 6 p. m. Speed has accounted for the most wrecks with drunk drivers second and right-of-way violations third. Some people say that Friday is an unlucky day and so far this year there have been more wrecks on Fridays than any other day in the week with Sunday a close second.

In the San Angelo district there were 92 wrecks reported for November which was more than for any month in 1955 or 1956. This showed 45 one car wrecks, 46 two car wrecks and one four vehicle accident.

HEREFORD ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCE SALE JAN. 3

The Concho Hereford Association will hold its 10th annual auction sale of registered Herefords in San Angelo Thursday, January 3, 1957, according to Ed Cumbie, association president.

There will be 53 bulls offered in the sale. They are all of good age and in good breeding condition. Consigned by leading breeders of West Texas, they are of high quality and popular bloodlines.

Frank Newsom, county agent, Alpine, will judge the bulls at

9 a. m. and Walter Britten, auctioneer, will start the sale at 1 p. m.

Write Ed Hyman, secretary, for a sale catalog.

The Washington Monument in Washington, D. C., is 555 feet high.

V. F. W. SCHOOL HERE FOR DISTRICT WORK

The Byler-Blibrey Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has invited all officers and members of posts in District 22 to a workshop school of instructions to be held here tonight. The meeting will be held in the city

hall auditorium.

C. L. (Chuck) Fisher of San Angelo, commander of District 22, will be in charge of the program. Interested veterans are invited to come and renew acquaintances and meet other veterans from area towns.

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The eerie special effects occur when Ruth Simmons, played by Teresa Wright, discloses under Louis Hayward's hypnotism that her previous existence as Bridey Murphy included a sojourn in the spirit world before her re-birth.

"Naked Guns" will be an additional attraction at the Texas Theatre tonight, Friday and Saturday.

"The Power and the Prize," M-G-M attraction at the Texas Theatre Sunday and Monday,

unfolds a poignant and moving love story against an absorbing backdrop of the world of Big Business and American industrial empire.

Based on the best-seller novel by Howard Swiggett, the new CinemaScope picture offers some of the year's finest acting portrayals in a cast headed by Robert Taylor, Burl Ives, Charles Coburn, Sir Cedric Hardwicke and Mary Astor, and introduces the beautiful Swiss star Elisabeth Mueller, who, with her first Hollywood role, is destined to achieve an enormous popularity.

Comedy, romance and heart-warming sentiment are skillfully blended to provide what can best be described as "just a swell show" in "Everything But the Truth," the Universal-International picture in color which opens Tuesday and Wednesday at the Texas Theatre with Maureen O'Hara, John Forsythe and little Tim Hovey as its stars.

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SOCIETY

F. H. A. Holds Initiation Tea
Future Homemakers of America Chapter of Ballinger High School held its annual initiation tea last Thursday evening in the Homemaker Cottage with around 85 members, their parents and faculty members present.

Hosts for the affair were Jerry Pruser, Doris Stokes, Nydah Elett, Karen Carpenter, Patsy Curry, and Gene Routh, F. H. A. King.

Members initiated were: Do-

lores Proffitt, Charlene White, Judy Brown, Joyce Mize, Barbara Browning, Mary Bagwell, Margaret Rodriguez, Shirley Kurtz, Louise Jones, Ethelene Brown, LaNell Holbrook, Lola Mae Campbell, Dianna Everett, Grace Isaacs, Frances Vaughn, Rosaline Legg, Betty Dixon, Beverly Walthers, Lola Jean Weiss, Martha Sibley, Dorothy Piel, Mildred Campbell, Ruth Ferguson, Jera Summers, Helen James, Carolyn Belcher, Pauline Preasler, Dixie Curry, Adelpha

Lugo and Linda Wright.
The tea table was laid with lace and centered with a Santa Claus face which was encircled with cedar sprays and Christmas balls. Serving coffee, tea, fruit cake and sand tarts were Karen Carpenter, Doris Stokes, Jerry Pruser, Elois Scrivener, Patsy Curry, Sue Keele and LaNell Holbrook.

The initiation table where the service was held was centered with red roses, eight white candles and one red candle. (The red rose is the chapter flower.)
Others assisting in serving and kitchen crew included Jackie Neil Canady, Ann Rich-

ardson, Margaret Campbell, Clara Norris, Pat Edwards, Patsy Teplicek, Ruth Ann Henniger, Lynn Herring, Jera Summers, Betty Dixon, Martha Sibley.
Gay Jarrett registered guests. The cottage was decorated with the traditional Christmas greenery and berries and red candles.

Those in charge of making all arrangements for the tea were Karen Carpenter, chairman, and: Ruth Ann Henniger, Doris Rose, Sue Keele, Barbara Ferguson, Beverly Walthers, Nola Jean Weiss and Barbara Browning.

Virginia Douglass Class Meets For Christmas Party

The Virginia Douglass Class of the First Methodist Church held its Christmas party in the home of Mrs. W. O. Irby Tuesday evening. Other hostesses with Mrs. Irby were Mrs. Bill Witter, Mrs. L. F. Jackson, Mrs. Tom McEntire and Mrs. E. C. Tinsley.

Home decorations were in the Yule theme. The green tree, decorated with multi-colored lights and glitter, and the mantel was centered with an angel scene. At either side were tall white candles and sprays of pine boughs.
Mrs. Ted Tisdale brought the

Christmas devotional from the second chapter of Luke. She also gave a Christmas story, "The Hope of Christmas." Gifts were exchanged from the lighted tree.

A sandwich plate was served with cake and coffee from the dining table laid with a green cloth, centered with red berries. Others present were: Mmes. M. E. McClenny, Guy White, T. E. Forman, Sam Conner, R. W. Earnshaw, L. M. Bowden, Roy Hill, Pauline Richardson, Ruel Boswell, J. W. Jones, Lynn Candler, Price Middleton, C. E. Kilpatrick, Herman Virden, W. E. Moss, E. L. Rumpy; Misses Clara and Olga Werner, Ann

Midgley and Bonnie Clark.
1952 Seniors Set Reunion
Dec. 29 at Country Club

The Ballinger High School senior class of 1952 will hold its reunion on December 29 at the Ballinger Country Club.

Mrs. Bobby Bryan and Mrs. Billy Jack Middleton are making arrangements for the class meet and are anxious to get in touch with the entire group of 55 members. They have not been able to contact six class members and since it is necessary that arrangements be completed in advance, members are urged to mail reservations, which will be \$1.00 each. The

meeting is for class members, wives, husbands and dates.

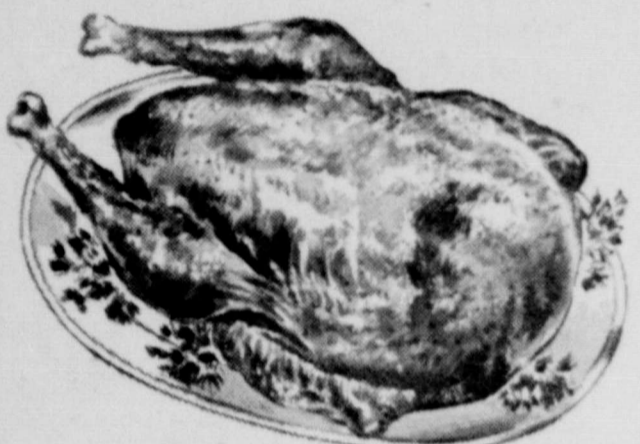
WEEKLY LIVESTOCK SALE HELD MONDAY

There was a large run of cattle and sheep at the sale Monday at the Burnett County livestock barn. The sales were weak due to the Christmas rush being on and buyers were scarce. Fat calves brought 17 cents and fat cows 9 1/2 cents. Stocker lambs sold for 15 1/2 cents during the afternoon.

The Palace of the League of Nations in Geneva was completed in 1936.

FOODS FOR FINE Christmas FEASTING

WALNUTS, Medium Size	Lb.	49c
BRAZIL NUTS	Lb.	49c
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SHELLED BRAZIL NUTS	Lb.	85c
SHELLED CASHEWS	Lb.	79c
SHELLED ALMONDS	Lb.	\$1.15
CANDIED MIXED FRUIT	Lb.	49c



Turkey Hens

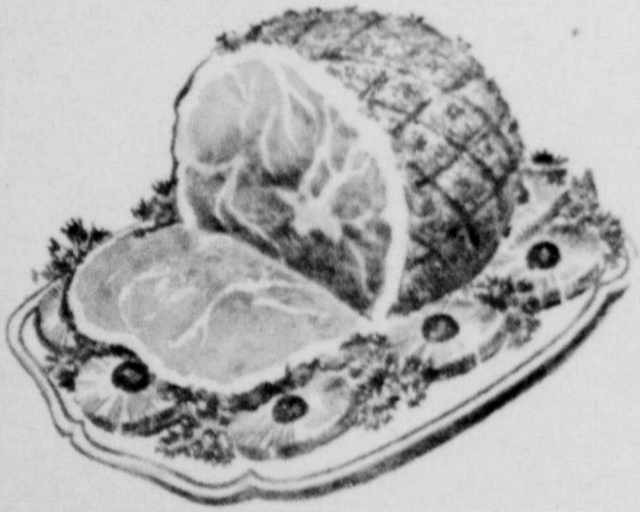
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King Size Plus 6-Bottle Carton Deposit **25c**

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Fresh Pork Hams HALF OR WHOLE Lb. **49c**

Pork Sausage MARKET MADE Lb. **25c**

Longhorn Cheese WISCONSIN Lb. **49c**

Beef Ribs GOOD MEAT Lb. **19c**

Chuck Roast CHOICE CUTS Lb. **39c**

Rump Roast WELL TRIMMED Lb. **39c**

Hey Kiddies---Santa Claus Will Be At Our Store Saturday

Grapefruit Juice	HOLLY HILL	46-Oz. Can	4 for \$1
Apricots	HUNT'S—Whole	No. 2 1/2 Can	4 for \$1
Pears	CALIBROSE	No. 2 1/2 Can	3 for 99c
Pineapple Juice	WAPCO	46-Oz. Can	29c
Cranberry Sauce	KIMBELL	Can	49c
Marshmallow Cream	CAMPFIRE	Pint	19c
Flour	LIGHT CRUST	25-Lb. Pillow Case Bag	\$1.89
Cleansing Tissue	CHARMIN	400 Count	23c
Peas	MISSION	No. 303 Can	2 for 29c
Sweet Potatoes	STEEL'S	No. 3 Squat Can	23c
Dog Food	BIG MIKE	Can	4 for 25c
Chocolate Covered Cherries	ELITE CANDY	Box	49c
Cake Mix	GLADIOLA ALL FLAVORS	Box	4 for \$1
Crisco		3-Lb. Can	89c
Salad Bowl Salad Dressing		Quart Jar	39c
X-mas Mix Candy		10-Oz. Bag	19c
Kaiser Quilted Foil		Roll	43c
Jello	ALL FLAVORS	Pkg.	2 for 15c
Whipping Cream	ALL BRANDS	1/2-Pint Ctn.	33c
Frozen Sliced Strawberries		10-Oz. Box	2 for 39c
Frozen Orange Juice	LIBBY'S	6-Oz. Can	2 for 33c
Frozen Lemonade	KEITH'S	6-Oz. Can	2 for 25c



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Lb. 15c

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Bananas CENTRAL AMERICAN—Large Fruit 2 Lbs. **25c**

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17 Dresses Reg.	14.98	Sale Price \$12
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FUNERAL SERVICES FOR THURMAN HELD
Ira L. Thurman, 64, died at Big Spring Sunday after an illness of several months and in critical condition for the past two weeks.

Decedent was a former citizen of Ballinger, being associated with a local drug firm and later with the First National Bank. He left Ballinger to enter the service during World War I and after his discharge was in California for a short time before going to Big Spring to enter the banking business. He was vice-president of the First National Bank of Big Spring at the time of his death.

Thurman was a civic leader and held many responsible positions at Big Spring, being president of the chamber of commerce at the time of his death.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters.

Card of Thanks
We wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation the many expressions of sympathy shown us during the illness and passing of our loved one, R. W. Bruce. We especially thank the doctors and nurses at the Ballinger Clinic Hospital for their kind attention to him.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Bruce
Robert S. Bruce
Dorothy Bruce

20-11
Gelatin is obtained from the skin bone of beef cattle.
A sphygmometer is a blood pressure recording instrument.

HOSPITAL NOTES

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

Mrs. Raymond Hill, Eden, medical, Friday
Carrie Poe, Winters, medical, Saturday

Mrs. J. E. Golden, accident, Saturday
Mrs. Jack Ashton, medical, Saturday
Mrs. S. A. Stanley, medical, Sunday

Altus Stokes, medical, Thursday
Mrs. W. W. Hardy, Maverick, medical, Monday

Mrs. W. C. McDuffee, medical, Thursday
Births reported at the Ballinger Clinic-Hospital the past week were:

Mr. and Mrs. James Everett, a daughter, born December 13
Mr. and Mrs. Simon Rodriguez, a son, born December 18
Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Schniers, Miles, a son, born December 20

Patients in the hospital at this time are:
Cecil James, Comanche, accident

Mr. O. H. Dean, accident
Geo. T. Reed, surgical
Cliver Neff, surgical
Joe Hoeschke, Paint Rock, surgical

Austin Williams, medical
Geo. Alvarado, Rowena, medical
J. W. Barr, medical
Luther Walden, medical
Troy Lowley, medical

R. H. S. CLASS OF '49 TO MEET DECEMBER 27
Announcement has been made that the Ballinger High School class of 1949 will hold an informal get-together at 7 p. m. December 27 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Smith, 1001 Fifth Street.

All members of that group are urged to attend.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT ROTARY TUESDAY

The Ballinger Rotary Club members enjoyed their annual Christmas meeting and program Tuesday noon. Gifts were exchanged from the tree and Christmas songs sung by the members.

Mrs. Charles F. Bailey brought the Christmas story and inspired and brought comfort and assurance to all within her hearing. It was one of the best programs for the club in several months.

Announcement was made that the club would recess for two weeks, skipping the meetings that would regularly come on Christmas and New Year's days. They will resume their meetings on January 8, 1957.

CORONATION TONIGHT PUBLIC WILL ATTEND

The public may attend the coronation program at the high school auditorium tonight. Admission will be 25 cents for students and 50 cents for adults.

The high school chorus club will present a 30 minute musical program starting at 7:30 and the coronation will get underway at 8 o'clock.

All class favorites and those selected for Who's Who will be presented.

DANCE AT OFFEN

There will be a Christmas Dance, sponsored by the Offen Children of Mary, at the Offen Hall on December 26. The program will start at 8 p. m. and music will be furnished by the Rocking M Boys of Menard.

Admission will be \$1 at the door and 75 cents if bought in advance.

DENTISTS

Miss Charity Ann Caswell
Miss Charity Ann Caswell, 71, died at her home at 12:30 p. m. Monday after suffering a heart attack.

Decedent had been a resident of Runnels County for more than a half century and most of that time had made her home in the Norton community. She was born February 16, 1885 in Georgia and came with her parents to Runnels County in 1901.

Funeral services were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday at the Newby-Davis Funeral Chapel with Rev. R. L. Denton of San Angelo officiating. Burial was in the Norton Cemetery.

She is survived by five brothers, S. M. Caswell, Seagraves; C. Z. and Grady Caswell, San Angelo; M. D. Caswell, Odessa; Russell Caswell, Norton; three sisters, Mrs. W. T. Forbus and Mrs. Arthur Condra, Ballinger and Mrs. Milton Henry, Sinton.

Otis Virgil West

Otis Virgil West, 55, died at his home in Paint Rock at 3:15 a. m. Wednesday after an illness of three weeks.

Decedent was born December 15, 1901 in Stephens County and moved to Concho in 1919 where he engaged in the ranching business. He continued in that occupation until his final illness.

Survivors are the wife, one daughter, Mrs. H. H. Stephenson of Paint Rock, one brother, J. C. West of Albuquerque, New Mexico, three sisters, Mrs. H. M. Lankford, Olton; Mrs. Sam Taylor, Breckenridge; Mrs. H. G. Fanbrough, Clifton and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m. today at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Chester Sylvester in charge and assisted by Rev. Tom Mitchell. Burial was in the Paint Rock Cemetery.

Mrs. Emilie Prodhom
Mrs. Emilie Prodhom, 99 years, 4 months and 15 days of age, died at the home of a great-granddaughter, Mrs. L. H. Bounds at 6:50 a. m. Tuesday. She had been ill for several years.

Decedent was born August 4, 1857 in Aben, Switzerland and was married there to Louis Courvisier and the couple came to America in December 1881. Her husband was killed accidentally in 1892 and she later married Charles Prodhom. They moved to Runnels County in 1905 but later went to Oklahoma to make their home. She returned here in 1949 and has made her home with relatives since that time, most of the time living with a son, Anton Courvisier. She was a member of the Church of God.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a. m. Friday at the Church of God with Rev. Thomas Purcell of Abilene officiating. Interment will be in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emma Courvisier, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great grandchildren.

LANDOWNERS URGED TO STUDY SOIL BANK

The Supervisors of the Runnels Soil Conservation District suggest that every landowner and operator study carefully the provisions of the Soil Bank program as to how it might be used on their farm. Full details of the Acreage Reserve and the Conservation Reserve portions of this program can be obtained at the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office. For many farms, this program presents a real opportunity to get the type of conservation job done on some land that has been dreamed of but not achieved. Getting a good cover of grass on steep, poor, or badly eroded cropland and the inclusion of a definite soil improvement rotation, are two of the practices that should not be overlooked in making the study. It is suggested that interested farmers get the details from the county ASC office and then see the local Soil Conservation Service technicians for help on selecting the land to be put in the program and the practices which will be best suited to the land.

TIGER BACK HOME FOLLOWING SURGERY

L. R. Tigner returned home last week-end after undergoing surgery in a San Angelo hospital. He is improving and was able to be back at his work this week for limited activity.

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County officials and employees will hold their annual Christmas party and gift exchange at 2 p. m. Friday. A committee has been named to look after arrangements and the affair will be held in the conference room on the third floor.

The court house will close Friday evening and will not reopen for business until December 26. They will take December 22, 23, 24 and 25 for the Christmas holidays this year. A number of other counties in this area have announced similar dates for Christmas.

Law enforcement officers will remain on the job full time and other officials will be in town to look after necessary business.

LIONS HEAR WHITE; SEE GAME PICTURE

The Ballinger Lions heard Jim White of San Angelo, game warden for this area, at their noon luncheon Friday. Mr. White related how some areas have been opened up for special hunting this year and others will be included next year. He explained the method for getting permission to hunt in these areas and how the deal is handled.

At the close of his talk he showed a sound picture on hunting white-winged doves.

Announcement was made that the club would have their annual Christmas party next week.

A committee was appointed to look after the adopting of a needy family for Christmas. A meeting will be held on December 28 and all members will pay the price of that meal toward the needs of the family selected by the committee.

STITCH IN TIME CLUB ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS

Members of Stitch in Time Club included their husbands for a Christmas dinner party Monday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Smith, which

was decorated in the Yuletide theme.

Following the dinner, gifts were exchanged from the lighted Christmas tree and games were played.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lindemann Observe 60th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Lindemann, residents of Runnels County since 1902, observed their 60th wedding anniversary with open house Sunday afternoon between 2 and 5 p. m. in their Fourth Street home. Their two daughters and son were hosts.

Their son, E. C. Lindemann, greeted guests and presented his sister, Mrs. John Byers, and the honored couple and another daughter, Mrs. Edwin Glass. Others in the receiving line were Mr. Lindemann's brother and two sisters, E. D. Lindemann, Mrs. E. O. Lange and Mrs. Gus Gerhardt of Winters.

Reception rooms were decorated in a silver and white theme. The registry was centered with a large silver bell where a bouquet of white carnations was enclosed and gold, silver and white satin ribbons streamers cascaded from the arrangement. Misses Joyce and Julia Lee Spreen registered guests. The mantel was centered with an oblong white styrofoam base holding an arrangement of white mums, commodore palms and silver leaves and a silver "60" tied with a bow of silver ribbon and filigree wedding bells. Silver and gold Christmas balls and red berries completed the mantel arrangement.

The dining table was laid with a white linen and filet lace cloth which Mrs. Lindemann had made. The white tiered oblong wedding cake with the couple's names, the wedding and anniversary date embossed in silver was placed diagonally. Silver crystal wedding bells were featured on the cake which centered the table.

Alternating at the punch and cake service were Mrs. R. T. Lee, Mrs. E. C. Lindemann, and Mrs. Edward Gottschalk of Winters and Mrs. Toppe Beavers, the latter two are grand-

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daughters of the honored couple.

Others in the house party were Mrs. B. J. Condra, Mrs. W. F. Harrell, Mrs. Aubrey Ashton, Misses Olga and Clara Werner. Elgin Glass said the goodbyes.

Mrs. Lindemann was born in Bell County on January 11, 1877. Mr. Lindemann was born in Austin County on July 3, 1874. They were married at Bartlett on December 17, 1896 and moved to Runnels County in 1902. They settled near Benoit, seven miles east of Ballinger and was engaged in farming and ranching. They lived in the same house for more than 46 years before moving to Ballinger in 1948.

Their eldest child, E. C. Lindemann was born in Bell County, and the two daughters were born at Benoit.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindemann are both very active, they enjoy working in their vegetable and flower gardens. They were radio fans up to a few years ago, and now they are TV fans.

Esther Class Has Christmas Party in Grindstaff Home
Members of Esther Class of the First Baptist Church held their annual Christmas party

in the home of Mrs. Everett James Grindstaff Tuesday evening.

Christmas colors gave festive accent in party rooms which were decorated with the spiral Christmas tree of silver dotted with pink Christmas balls. At the refreshment hour the hostess served Santa ice cream molds and cake squares by candlelight. Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Mrs. Alvin Spreen, president, conducted the business and heard reports. Mrs. Ralph Spreen was elected secretary for the remaining year. Mrs. West Talbot reviewed the Christmas story, "The Boy on the Road."

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Methodist Church Special Services; Yule Programs

The First Methodist Church began the observance of Christmas last Sunday when the choir, under the direction of Kenneth Mills, sang a Christmas Cantata, "On Wings of Angels Songs," by Ira B. Wilson. The program was presented in the church sanctuary at 3:30 Sunday afternoon to a fair crowd. The time made possible the attendance of friends from other churches of the town.

Wednesday night the all-church Christmas tree and program was held in the fellowship hall of the church. This program is for the youngsters of the church but attended by a large number of adults. The children presented the program with various departments having numbers. Santa Claus was the climax of the program and he distributed gifts from the tree.

two special messages at the services Sunday. At the morning worship hour his subject will be "Why Jesus Was Born as He Was." At the evening service he will speak on "We Have Seen His Star."

At this Christmas season the members of the Methodist churches of the state take special offerings for the Methodist Home at Waco. This was started at the local church last Sunday and will be continued through next Sunday before it is closed. All those who did not have a part last Sunday are asked to bring their checks to the services Sunday.

Announcement has been made of a special service on December 30 honoring students. College students who are at home will have charge of this service and it will be followed by a reception for all students in the fellowship hall.

Classes and departments have been engaged during the week with their annual Christmas parties and most of the groups have participated in the city-wide program of caring for the needy families.

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Baptist Church Choir Presents Cantata Sunday

The choir of the First Baptist Church sang to a full house Sunday evening when they presented their annual Cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem," by Fred Holton. The large chorus was well rehearsed and the music pleased the large audience which heard it. There will be a re-broadcast of this Cantata at 2:00 p. m. Sunday.

Numbers from the Cantata will be repeated for special music at the service Sunday morning and again Sunday evening.

Sunday at the morning worship hour, Dr. LeRay Fowler will bring his Christmas sermon, "Finding Christ in Christmas."

Many activities have been reported from the various Sunday school classes and departments the past week. These have included the Christmas parties for the church school groups and Christmas trees for the youngsters.

A special program has been announced for the night of December 30 when all students will be honored. The church program for the evening will be conducted by student groups and all high school and college students are invited to attend.

A large number of classes have included in their Christmas activities the caring for a needy family. Gifts and other essentials were provided for the families to make Christmas happier.

The annual Christmas family night was held by the Baptist Brotherhood Tuesday night with approximately 150 people attending. The program opened with a covered dish dinner after which the group heard musical numbers by Kay Mansell.

Dr. W. S. McBernie of San Antonio was guest speaker.

ORAHOODS TO FUNERAL

AT AURORA, MISSOURI

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Orahood left last Wednesday for Aurora, Missouri to attend a funeral. They also planned to visit Mr. Orahood's mother in Aurora and Mrs. Orahood's father in Harrison, Arkansas, 86 and 90 years of age respectively. They will return here today and be with their church for the Christmas season.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christmas at the First Christian Church will be concentrated on Christmas Sunday, December 23.

Bible school at 9:45 a. m. will emphasize the highest spiritual and social values of Christ's mission among the people of the earth.

At the morning worship service, the Christmas choir will sing, with Miss Lois Orahood of Dallas as soloist. The pastor, C. B. Orahood will bring the Christmas message using as his theme, "Christmas is Good or Evil, as We Feel it in Our Souls."

Evening fellowship of Christmas will be at the church with Christmas tree, Santa Claus, carol singing, Christmas music of the church and a very brief message from the pastor on "Christ is in Christmas."

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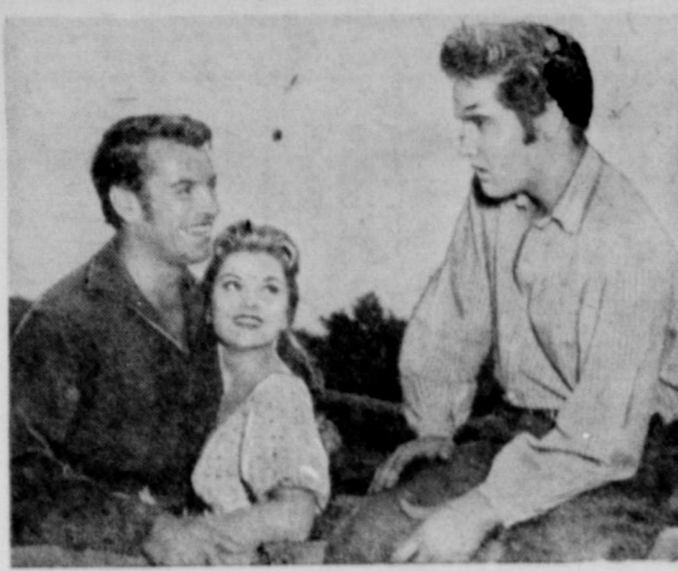
Methodist Young Adult Class Has Holiday Dinner

Members of the Young Adult Class of the First Methodist Church, which Mrs. Joe Forman teaches, held its annual no-host Christmas dinner Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman on Seventh Street. The traditional green, red and white were featured in room decorations. The dining table centerpiece was a mass ar-

rangment of greenery combined with red berries flanked by white candles. Darrell Howell, class president, made the table arrangement.

Rev. E. R. Gordon gave the invocation. Following the dinner, gifts were presented to the children of members. The class projects will include a donation to Hungarian relief, a donation to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco, and the local project will

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to remember a needy couple. Games of forty-two were played.

Those present were Rev. and Mrs. E. R. Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Boggs and son, Mike, Mrs. Harold Jones and David, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Buxkemper, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy McAden and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Edwards, David and Cindy, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mills, Mrs. Sue Crews, Mrs. Bob Bartlett, Miss Evaljo Payne and Darrell Howell.

Ballinger Firemen's Auxiliary Sponsor Kiddy Party

Approximately thirty children and their parents attended the annual Christmas party Thursday night in the City Hall auditorium sponsored by the Ballinger Volunteer Firemen's Auxiliary. A committee composed of Mrs. Tom McEntire, Mrs. Jack Fry and Mrs. B. B. Unsell, was in charge of making arrangements for the holiday party.

A traditional green tree with multi-colored lights decorated the hall where Santa made his annual visit and gave each child a gift and a box of candy. Mrs. Charles Webb, program chairman, presented the children who gave readings, songs and piano numbers. Rev. Felix Keys, chaplain for the Firemen's Department, gave the Christmas devotional.

Cookies were served with coffee and punch.

Current Book Club Hosts Annual Dinner-Party

The annual traditional Christmas dinner-party of the Current Book Club was held Saturday evening at the Acapulco Cafe followed by a game party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barr on Seventh Street.

Pyraacantha berry arrangements centered the dinner tables. Mrs. Chester Cherry, club president, presided as chairman and welcomed husbands of members and added guests. Mr. Cherry introduced Gilbert Armerdiaz, manager of the Acapulco, and gave an appreciation talk on behalf of the club for service rendered by the establishment.

The Barr home was decorated with the traditional green tree with all colors of lights, ornaments and tinsel. Greenery, candle decorations and snow scenes were about and the dining table was laid with a red felt cloth which glittered with iridescent sequin Christmas motifs. A large white candle encircled with white leaves and pine cones formed the centerpiece.

Following games of "42", K. V. Northington and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett presented gifts from Santa. Homemade candles were served throughout the game period.

Those present were: Messrs. and Mrs. Chester Cherry, J. W. Barr, O. R. O'Neill, Jack Nixon, Sam Behringer, James A. Wear, Tom Caudie, A. B. Stobaugh, Horace Murphy, A. O. Bartlett, E. P. Talbott, K. V. Northington; Mrs. Gertrude Woods, O. C. Sykes, O. R. Laxson and R. E. Truly.

Martin-Erickson Vows at Lake Lillian, Minn.

Miss Joyce Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl C. Erickson of Lake Lillian, Minnesota, became the bride of Charles P. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pryor Martin of Brownwood in a ceremony on November 30. The rites were performed at the Lake Lillian Methodist Church at 8 p. m.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore a street length dress of ice blue satin with matching hat and carried a bouquet of yellow roses centered with a white orchid. She wore a pearl necklace and earrings, a gift of the groom.

Her two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Dale Erickson was matron of honor and wore a gold street length dress and Mrs. James Erickson was bridesmaid and wore a dress of ice green. The organist was an aunt, Mrs. Clarence Peterson and the soloist was a cousin, Mary Ann Erickson. Miss Erickson sang "God Gave Me You," and as the couple knelt at the altar, she used the "Lord's Prayer."

A reception was held in the

church parlor where the table was centered with a five-layer cake iced in blue and decorated with white roses.

The bridegroom is a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Gibson of Ballinger.

After a wedding trip to Brownwood the couple will be based at the Wimar Air Force Base, Minnesota.

First Baptist W. M. U. Completes Week of Prayer

The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church has completed a Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. The program theme, "Hallowed Be Thy Name," was arranged by Mrs. Kelly Chapman, W. M. U. president, and Mrs. M. A. Davidson, general program chairman. Mrs. Bob Allford and Mrs. Charles Hambrick furnished the musical selections.

Mrs. James A. Wear was program leader on Monday for the topic, "Wonderful Counselor" and "Mighty God." Mrs. Don Atkins gave the prayer and Mrs. Hambrick introduced the programs for the week. Those assisting on the program were Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, Mrs. Jack Jackson, Mrs. E. P. Talbott, Mrs. R. E. Ruble, and Mrs. W. D. Duke.

"Everlasting Father" was the topic for Tuesday and was directed by Mrs. Max McCrary. Mrs. C. J. Lynn gave the devotional and prayer. Missions and missionaries were discussed by Mrs. E. Shepperd, Mrs. West Talbott, Mrs. Worley Early and Mrs. W. LeRay Fowler.

On Wednesday evening, Dr. C. W. McCullough, former missionary to Jamaica, was the visiting speaker.

"Day of Prayer Around the World" was the concluding program topic with Mrs. Charles Lowry as leader. Mrs. H. G. Burkhardt gave the devotional and prayer. Mrs. Buck Coleman, Mrs. L. O. Hargrove, Mrs. B. C. Kirk and Mrs. Clayton Jay discussed various program topics.

Mrs. Pannell Legg Jr. discussed "The Holy Spirit and World Missions," and Mrs. Elliott Kemp's topic was "I Saw the World in Our Christmas Tree."

Mrs. Joe Brozig, District 16 president, was a guest speaker. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering goal is \$3,750,000 for Southern Baptists, and the local goal is \$2,300.

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Baptist Adult Department Have Yuletide Program

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Kay Mansell, Martha Grant, Donna Atkins and Carol Kay Jobe gave a Sleighing Skit and sang "Jingle Bells" and "Silent Night." A varied Christmas program of songs and recita-

tions was given by the following children after the welcome was given by Barbara Beddo: Sherry Brunlow, Annette Kemp, Mark and Stevie Fowler, Lewis Brooks, Debbie Chapman, Susan Coleman, Gale Terry, Debbie Legg, Marilyn and Sherry Holloway. The entire group of boys and girls sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Mrs. E. D. Lovelady led the group in singing Christmas carols. Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap played all the accompaniments.

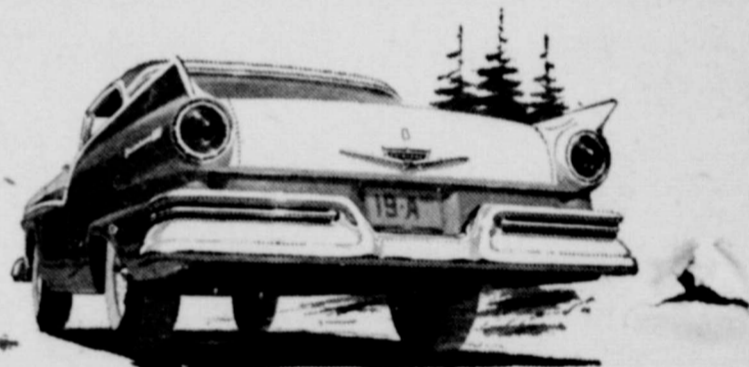
Santa arrived with his sack of toys and presented each child with a gift and a sack of candy. Cookies, hot chocolate and coffee were served to approximately 60. Decorations included the lighted tree and other yuletide motifs for the party room. A "hope-chest" and is known as a "bottom."

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A refreshment plate was served to those previously mentioned and to: Mmes. R. L. Bell, Sam Behringer, J. L. Davis, O. R. O'Neill, Archie Smith, C. R. Stone, Raymond Smith, George Beard, Robert Bruce, J. E. Smith, R. W. Earnshaw; and a visitor, Mrs. E. R. Gordon.

Lt. and Mrs. Zane H. Robinson Parents of Baby Girl

Lt. and Mrs. Zane H. Robinson are parents of a daughter born on Dec. 9. She arrived at the Ashiya Air Force Base Hospital, Ashiya, Japan, and has been named Lisa Suzanne. Her weight at birth was 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley F. Price, San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robinson of Meridian are grandparents. Mrs. Robinson is the former LaRita Price, who made home in Ballinger for a number of years.

BALLINGER STUDENT ON CHURCH PROGRAM

Claudean Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Berry of Talpa, was among a group of Tarleton State College students to conduct a fellowship meeting in the First Methodist Church in Moody.

Under the direction of the Rev. E. Frank Leach, director of the Wesley Foundation Student Union, the group spoke on "Witnessing Through Stewardship, Churchmanship, and Vocations."

Other Methodist youths taking part on the program were Bobby Coleman of San Saba, Milton Draper of Tahoka, Annetta Coley of DeLeon, Nina Holdridge of De Leon, and David Morgan of Ft. Worth.

Notice of Application of Administratrix for Authority to Make an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF CHRIS A. DOOSE, DECEASED, ALSO KNOWN AS CHELSTOPHER ALFRED DOOSE, JR., DECEASED:

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The time and place for such hearing as stated in the first sentence of this notice, were designated by the County Judge of Runnels County, Texas.

Issued and given under my hand and dated this the 13th day of December, 1956. Marguerite Doose, as Administratrix of the Estate of Chris A. Doose, Deceased.

SOCIETY

Club Has Christmas Party In Herring Home
Mrs. and Lynn Herring were hosts to members of G. G. Monday evening, entering in the Lloyd Herring on Eighth Street where a tree-flocked Christmas tree with blue lights was set in the living room with greenery on the and red felt stockings hung at the chimney. Arrangements were in room.

Sgt. and Mrs. Maurice Walters Honored Tuesday Evening
M. Sgt. and Mrs. Maurice Walters and son and two daughters were honored Tuesday night at an informal party at which Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen were hosts in their third Street home. Around 40 friends of the honored couple were present.

Sgt. Walters has been stationed the past year at Kelly

AFB, and before that was stationed at Barksdale AFB in Louisiana. The Walters are awaiting sailing orders and expect to sail before Christmas. They will be stationed at Burtonwood AFB, near Warrington, England.

Mrs. Walters is the former Miss Mamie Jean Boothe. The family has been visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boothe. Cookies and punch were served.

Methodist Philathea Class Has Holiday Party
Mmes. Augusta Bethany, Blair Hays, Sid Caskey, Tom Caudle and M. O. Smith were hostesses to members of Philathea Class of the First Methodist Church Monday evening at their annual holiday party held in the

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church parlors which were decorated with Christmas greenery and seasonal motifs. Mrs. Vernon Webb conducted the business and heard reports. Class members brought food and gifts for two families which the class has adopted. The class repeated the Lord's

Prayer, and Mrs. Troy Simpson gave a review on the book, "The Birds Christmas Carol." Members exchanged gifts. Birthday celebrants were Mrs. Ralph Vancil, Mrs. C. B. Armstrong, Mrs. Vera Payne, Mrs. L. T. Allen and Mrs. Mack Setser.

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Cheez Whiz KRAFT 8-Oz. Glass		29c
Cut-Rite	Roll	28c
Sweet Potatoes KIMBELL	Can	25c
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Members of the South Ballinger home demonstration club entertained their families and added guests at their annual Christmas dinner held last Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas in South Ballinger.

Evergreen boughs, red berries, red candles, and the traditional green tree glittering with multi-colored lights were the decorations in party rooms where the turkey menu was served.

Shadow names were revealed by members, and husbands and children exchanged gifts from the tree. Those present were: Messrs. and Mrs. Austin Williams, J. P. Boothe, V. L. McShan, B. M. Batts, Neuman

Smith, Andrew Flint, R. R. Holstead, Mack Setzer, Ed Farley, M. S. Walters and three children: Miss Ann Midgley, Mrs. C. H. Midgley, Mrs. C. D. Harris, Mrs. J. C. Reese, Mrs. T. A. Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wallace and children, Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Ohlhausen and Norma Jean, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Holstead and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fry and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Farley and children of Big Lake.

The next regular club meeting will be held Jan. 3 in the home of Mrs. Andrew Flint.

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OLD-AGE BENEFITS DUE SOME FOR 1956

Persons past retirement age (65 for men—62 for women) who have sufficient coverage to be eligible for old-age insurance benefits, but have not filed application for benefits because they are still working, were reminded today by Floyd B. Ellington, manager of the Social Security Office at San Angelo, that if their earnings in 1956 are sufficiently low they may receive full or partial benefits for the year.

Ellington stated there are people who could receive benefits for 1956 who have so far not taken advantage of their rights, because of misunder-

standing or confusion as to the retirement test in the law.

"In brief, an individual who was past retirement age the entire year of 1956 and who has had sufficient covered employment or self-employment to be eligible for benefits can receive benefits for the entire year 1956 if his total earnings for the year do not exceed \$1200. He can receive partial benefits if his total earnings do not exceed \$2080, even though he works throughout the entire year."

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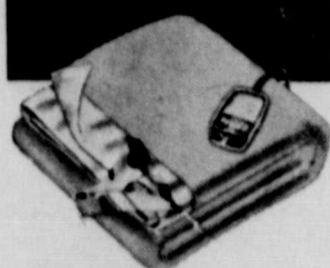
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SOCIETY

Miss Linda Darby Weds William Harvey Flynt

A candlelight evening ceremony united in marriage Miss Linda Darby and William Harvey Flynt.

Double ring vows were exchanged at 8 o'clock Friday evening in the First Baptist Church with Dr. LeRay Fowler, church pastor, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Darby. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt Jr. are parents of the bridegroom.

Palms of commodore greenery formed the background for the arched candelabra holding white tapers with clusters of white filigree wedding bells tied with blue ribbon bows. Baskets of white gladioli and mums were at either side. Pews were marked by blue satin ribbon bows.

Mrs. Earl Cope, organist, played a program of selections appropriate to the nuptial hour as guests assembled in the church, and accompanied Bob Allford Jr. as he sang "Bless This House," and "The Lord's Prayer" as the benediction.

Candlelighters were Mickey Darby, brother of the bride, and Frances Kay Reese, cousin of the bride. Frances Kay wore a waltz length gown of ice blue net over taffeta and a white carnation corsage.

Mrs. Elvis Fisher of San Angelo, was matron of honor. Mrs. Bill Holloway of Paducah, sister of the bride, and Miss Jimbeth Flynt, sister of the bridegroom, were bridesmaids.

The attendants wore identical gowns of two shades of blue tulle. The long torso bodices were fashioned with Queen Ann collars and short sleeves. The full gathered skirts were taxi length. They wore matching ostrich feather bandeaux and broaded satin shoes. They carried blue feather fans paneled with white split carnations and silver filigree.

Bob Scott, son of Dr. and Mrs. Verne Scott Jr. of Dublin, cousin of the bridegroom, was ringbearer.

Allen James Bryson was best man. Howard Loveloss of Eden and Marlin Morris of Texon were groomsmen. Ushers were

Stan Woolridge and Bob Bartlett.

The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her gown was fashioned of white imported Chantilly lace over candlelight satin designed with lace basque.

The basque featured a Queen Ann collar and long lace sleeves tapered to petal points over the hands. The bouffant skirt of satin was overlaid with a scalloped lace tunic in front extending into an aislewide cathedral train. Her veil of silk illusion which her sister, Mrs. Holloway, wore at her recent wedding, fell in tiers to fingertip length from a shell cap of tulle enhanced with clusters of seed pearls. She carried a colonial bouquet of red rosebuds. For something old, the bride carried a lace and linen handkerchief which was carried by Mrs. Thomas G. Patteson when she married.

A reception was held in the church parlors. Pedestals were ornamented with silver and blue glitter tumbledowns and baskets of white gladioli. The bride's table was laid with a floor length net cloth with bouffant tiers and clusters of white filigree wedding bells caught with blue satin bows at each corner, with a white satin undercloth. In the center was the all white tiered wedding confection topped with a Gothic lattice design and a cluster of filigree bells. At each side of the cake were silver candelabra in which white candles burned.

Miss Doris Queen ladled punch from an antique silver punch bowl and Mrs. Raleigh Reese, aunt of the bridegroom, presided at the silver service. Miss Barbara Reynolds registered guests.

Others in the house party were Meses. Huby Clark, Tony Queen, Verne Scott Jr., of Dublin, Luther Parker, Joe Flynt, Kenneth Kump, Meses Mary Ann Buchanan and Jo Ann Gard.

Following a short wedding trip the couple will be at home at 119 N. Magdalen, San Angelo.

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West Ward Elementary Teachers Annual Holiday Dinner
With Christmas holidays right

around the corner, the West Ward School cafeteria took on a festive look Thursday night when Principal E. B. Blackburn and members of West Ward Elementary School faculty staged their annual Christmas dinner—turkey, etc., and blue nylon miniature trees on styrofoam bases decorated linen laid tables.

Following the dinner, the

group sang carols and played forty-two. Gifts were exchanged from the decorated tree.

Attending the dinner were: Principal and Mrs. E. B. Blackburn, Supt. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey, Meses and Mmes. Billy Cervenka, Alex McGregor, Chester Afflerbach, Dick Owens, Bill Gosney, Eugene Loika, Eldon Boggess, Ray Summers, E. C. Grindstaff, Simon Dorotik, A. L. Dallinger, R. A. Bagwell, W. A. McDonald, W. P. Postlethwaite, Fred Young of Winters, Meses. J. D. Lightfoot, H. H. Wagner, Paul Stewart, O. L. Burks, Paul Richardson, Cordelia Johnson, Bob Bartlett; Meses Ruth Morgan, Helen Williams, Anna Belle Hash, Curtis Gregory, Lola Eubank and Mary Jane Kiechle.

Rehearsal Dinner Compliments Wedding Couple

A buffet dinner Thursday evening in the parlors of the First Baptist Church was a climax of the pre-nuptial parties for Miss Linda Darby and her fiancé, William Harvey Flynt.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Flynt Jr., parents of the bridegroom-elect, and they were assisted by Mrs. Joe Flynt, Mrs. Frank Flynt, Mrs. Harrell Flynt of San Angelo, Mrs. E. P. Talbot and Mrs. Rollin Campbell.

Mrs. K. V. Northington greeted guests in the parlors which were themed in the honoree's chosen colors, ice blue and white. A large white candle encircled with cupids was on the piano. Silvered foilage in white baskets was used at vantage spots, and the table was laid with a white flannel cloth and clusters of blue filigree wedding bells were at each corner. Magnolia and other autumn leaves sprayed with silver, blue and glitter, topped with two blue birds completed the centerpiece. Table appointments were in silver lazy Susan and the silver coffee service.

The couple presented gifts to their attendants. Besides the wedding party and parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil C. Darby, was Mr. and Mrs. M. Z. Morris of Texon.

Christmas Party

The Ballinger Rebekah Lodge met Thursday night in the Odd Fellow Lodge Hall for its annual Christmas party.

Rev. O. D. Carpenter, pastor of the Seventh Street Baptist Church, gave the Christmas devotional and also led the group in singing Christmas carols. Rev. and Mrs. Carpenter sang special Christmas selections with their daughter, Miss Mary Carpenter, playing the accompaniments.

Members of the lodge, instead of buying gifts for exchange, placed gifts of money on the decorated tree which will be given to the Odd Fellow and Rebekah Orphanage at Corsicana. All the children received bags of candy.

Around fifty were in attendance at the party. A sandwich plate was served with cookies and coffee.

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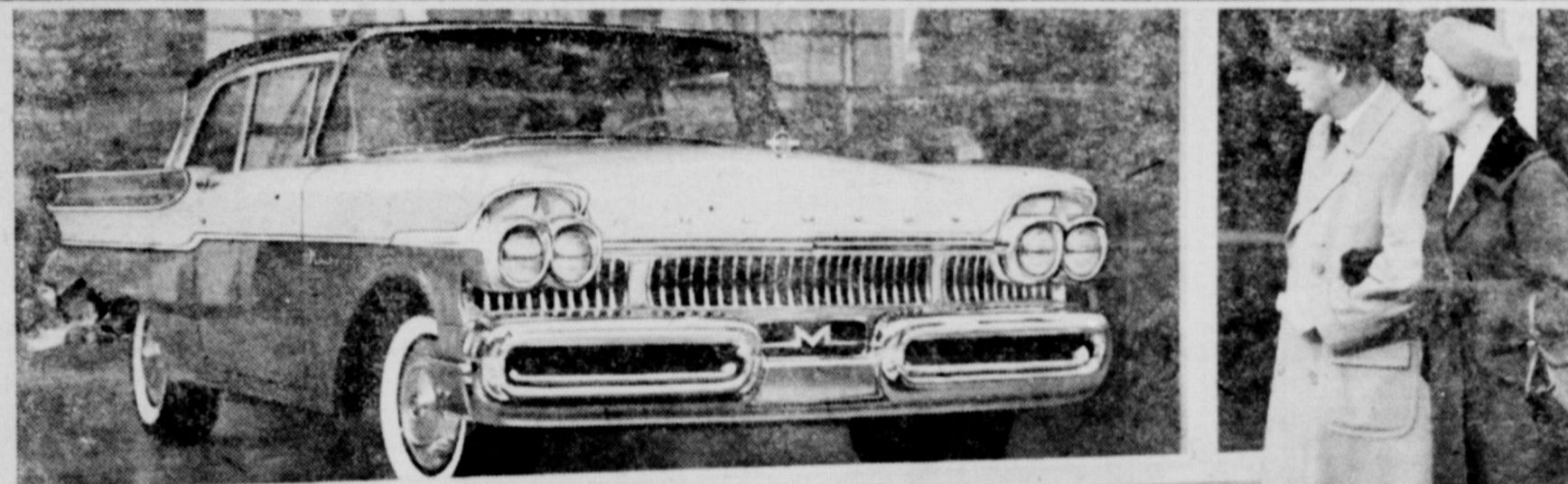
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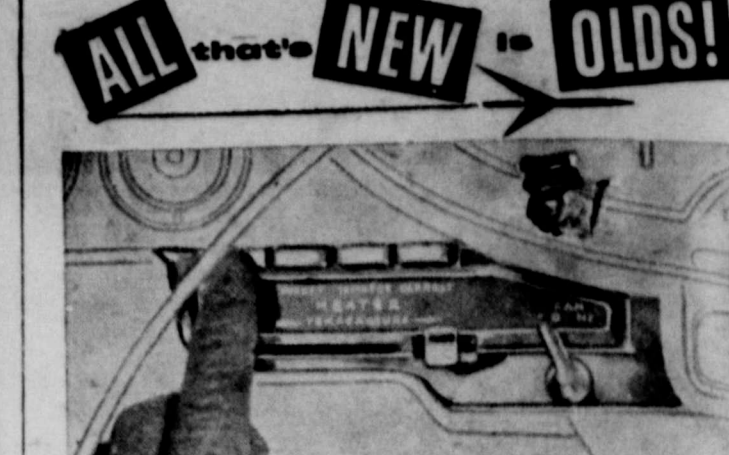
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Wesley Stokes, fullback on the Bearcat team, was selected on the first string. Delbert Wiley made the second team at tackle and Rodney Flanagan received honorable mention among the backs of the area.
In speaking of Stokes, Sanner said: "There was higher scoring fullbacks in the area than Stokes, but the 170 pound junior, the only non-senior on the first team, had no peer at getting the short yardage, the No. 1 task of a fullback. Stokes shifted from end this year, scored 44 points for a weaker than usual Ballinger team." The complete first team named included:
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Miss Wilson is a sophomore student at Texas Technological College where she is majoring in Business Administration. She is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta sorority, and also holds the title of "Miss Top Flight" of the Air Force ROTC on the campus.

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