

CALLAHAN COUNTY, in Central West Texas, organized 1877; area 882 square miles, pop. 11,600. Rolling prairies, and wooded areas of mesquite, post oak, live oak. Soil sandy to chocolate loam. Elevation 1800 feet. Annual rainfall about 24 inches.

# The Baird Star

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MARVIN HUNTER, Jr., Editor

## Museum Is Open To Public Today

Callahan County people who are interested in the growth of the museum and library will flock to the courthouse basement today and tomorrow for the open house affair that is in full swing there. Visitors will be receiving between the hours of 1 p. m. and 6 p. m. each day. The open house is sponsored by the Wednesday Club, and members of that club will act as hostesses.

Among the interesting features of the open house will be spinning demonstrations given by Mrs. Fannie Price and Mrs. V. H. Cowan.

A hand made stool of Pecan wood, made in the early 1880's by the late Thomas Floyd, surveyor, here for 40 years, has been recently presented to the museum by Mrs. Floyd.

Another relic of pioneer days to be brought to the museum recently is a muzzle loading gun which was brought to this county in 1881 by the father of George Biggerstaff of Putnam who presented it.

A stone jar that was made in Weatherford has been given to the museum by Mrs. Rosa Green.

Many articles used by the pioneers of Callahan county will be displayed, and the open house promises to be interesting and well attended.

## CHURCH GROUP MEETS

Mrs. James Asbury was elected president of the Federated Churches of Baird when the W. S. C. S. of the Methodist Church was hostess to the federation April 30. Mrs. C. B. Snyder was elected vice-president; Mrs. R. H. Campbell, secretary - treasurer. The next meeting will be at the Presbyterian Church October 29.

The following program was given: song, "America the Beautiful"; prayer, Mrs. Reynolds; devotional, Mrs. Hill; accordian music, Jackie Gilliland; violin solo, Jimmy Mobley; After Victory What? Mrs. Campbell; song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer"; and prayer by Mrs. Green.

Refreshments were served to approximately fifty guests.

## AWARDED CERTIFICATE

Mr. U. C. Hamilton, member of the Ralph B. Coats Agency of Abilene for Republic National Company of Dallas, has been awarded a certificate recognized nationally for professional attainments in the study and practice of life underwriting.

Mr. Hamilton received his certificate from Theo P. Beasley, President of the Company, showing he has successfully passed the examination in six comprehensive textbooks covering courses in the economics, science and selling of life insurance prepared by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau, a national non-profit association supported by the legal reserve companies of America which has high recognition in both insurance and educational fields.

## AIR MEDAL AWARD

15th Army Air Force in Italy—Sgt. Ernest Nettles, 20, of Baird, Texas, Radio-Operator Gunner on a B-24 Liberator Bomber, has been awarded the Air Medal, it has been announced by the 15th Air Force.

In the words of the citation, the award was made, "For Meritorious Achievement in Aerial Flight While participating in Sustained Operational Activities Against the Enemy."

Sgt. Nettles, a former resident of Putnam, Texas, entered service May 20, 1943. He won his gunner's wings at Yuma, Ariz. The gunner is a member of a veteran heavy bomber group commanded by Col. Thomas W. Steed, of Etowah, Tenn.

His wife, Eva, resides at Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Swindell moved to Abilene this week.

Bill McCoy of Fort Worth came Sunday for a few days visit with his mother, Mrs. Will McCoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Johnson of Oplin were shoppers here Thursday.

## We Invite—

S. L. PRICE

And his guest to see the popular Paramount Picture, DOUBLE EXPOSURE with Chester Morris and Nancy Kelly, showing at The Plaza Theatre Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9.

THE PLAZA THEATRE  
THE BAIRD STAR

## Hensley Is Released From German Prison

James C. (Carlisle) Hensley has been liberated from a German prison camp and is expected to be home soon, according to a cable received Wednesday by his wife in Fort Worth. He has been in the same prison camp with Buddy Hart and Dan South of Clyde until recently, it is believed. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Hensley, reside at Fort Worth and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hensley, are residents of Baird.

## FACTS OF TOMATO POSTOFFICE RECEIVED

A four-line item that appeared in The Star November 17, 1944, asking for information in regard to a postoffice in Callahan county called Tomato has brought letters from everywhere, and many visitors to our office who knew about the historic postoffice.

The most interesting of all letters received, we think was written by John R. Dawkins, 685 E. 7 St., Norco, Calif., in which he enclosed data from the U. S. Postoffice Department, two envelopes that passed through TOMATO, and a number of clippings on the subject. We prize the enclosures very highly, and Mr. Dawkins has our thanks for this favor. One of these bright days we are going to publish a story about "A Stained Window In A Country Church" that we believe Mr. Dawkins, as well as many other Star readers, will enjoy. His letter in part follows:

TOMATO, postoffice, Callahan County, Texas—Record of happenings 50 years ago trusted to memory is often not clear, so I wrote to the U. S. Post Office Department, at Washington, D. C., for the record on the TOMATO post office, which data is hereto attached for your permanent record, and from which you will note the post office at TOMATO was established January 13, 1893, and discontinued March 11, 1898—operating about 5 years—Charles French, Postmaster.

ADMIRAL Post office, you will note was established August 21, 1897, and discontinued about 32 years later, on August 31, 1929. Henry L. Bucken was postmaster just one year, when he died, and Robert J. (Uncle Bob) Harris was appointed postmaster, August 20, 1898;—other postmasters followed.

SO; in a new and thinly settled rural west Texas region we had TWO post offices at the same time, only about two and half miles apart. Well do I remember the only equipment the TOMATO post-office had was a wooden box 2 ft. long, with ends 12 inches sq. a hinged lid with padlock. Many of my school books, other books and data of that time carries the address of TOMATO—I also have many letters with the TOMATO address or postmark;—and I am sure the oldtimers will be interested in seeing the two attached envelopes; one bearing the TOMATO address, postmarked Dec. 25, 1897; and the other the TOMATO cancellation postmark, dated March 19, 1894; 51 years ago, and green printed in U. S. 2 cent stamps, and a printed TOMATO return address.

Another 100 or 500 years from now these facts may still be interesting to the folks of Admiral Valley.

John R. Dawkins, 685 E. 7th St., Norco, California

## WARNING

Military authorities at Camp Bowie today warned high school students and other civilians that marking the Prisoner of War identification "PW" on their clothing as a prank is extremely dangerous and may lead to serious consequences for them.

Although no cases have been reported in this area, there have been numerous incidents elsewhere. Markings of "PW" on civilian clothing could have caused death to the wearer.

"This is an extremely dangerous practice," said the Army spokesman at Bowie, "since military personnel believing them to be prisoners, may shoot them if they do not halt when ordered to do so."

The Army also pointed out that such practice hampers apprehension of escaped prisoners of war.

S-SGT. ALEXANDER VISITS RELATIVES HERE

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Harold Alexander arrived in Baird April 26 to spend ten day furlough with Sgt. Alexander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Alexander, and Mrs. Alexander's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones.

The Order of the Eastern Star will meet the second Tuesday in May in the hall at eight o'clock. Election of officers will be held at this meeting.

## Mrs. Pass Made Hospital Head

Mrs. C. O. Pass of Cisco was appointed by the Callahan County Hospital board of directors at the regular meeting Tuesday to be superintendent of the local hospital. This appointment was brought about by the resignation some time ago of Mrs. Stella Smith, who has served in that capacity since the hospital opened in 1939. Mrs. Lorena B. Shelton, who served as temporary superintendent, had withdrawn her application before the appointment was made.

Mrs. Pass will assume duties at the hospital as soon as she can move to Baird. She comes here highly recommended as a capable, experienced person for this position.

## FUNERAL FOR CLYDE RESIDENT TUESDAY

Funeral for Mrs. W. J. Christian 66, resident of Clyde since 1922 who died at 2:35 a. m. Monday at the home of a son, Pearson Morgan, who lives near Lytle Lake, was held at 10:00 a. m. today at the Baptist church in Clyde.

The Rev. Jessie G. Lovett conducted the service. Burial was in the Clyde cemetery.

Mrs. Christian, who had been in ill health for several months, was born September 3, 1878 near Greenville in Hunt County.

Palbearers were R. L. Johnson, Mike Pyeatt, M. Y. Anderson, Mel Green, Hardy Tyler and J. M. Cody.

## POPPY DAY AIDS VICTIMS OF WARS

Mrs. O. Stiffler, treasurer Eugene Bell Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary explained in a statement today how the sale of the memorial poppies on Poppy Day, May 26th, brings aid to the living victims of both World Wars as well as honoring the dead.

Mrs. Stiffler who is one of the many volunteers who will distribute the poppies here on Saturday, said:

"Everyone who buys a poppy from an Auxiliary worker should know what becomes of the money he contributes and everyone should realize the ever-increasing need for these contributions as this second World War goes grimly on, taking its toll of lives and limbs."

"The sale is carried out entirely by volunteers, so that every penny that is received goes directly to the relief of disabled veterans and the families of the dead and disabled."

"These men and their families are the chief concern of the Legion and Auxiliary. It is for their sake that the volunteers are so eager to sell their poppies, with the hope that the dimes and dollars contributed will help to make their lot in life somewhat easier."

"The government spends billions of dollars to try to bring adequate aid to the disabled veterans and their families, but the Legion and Auxiliary are able to bring their personal attention and understanding to the many cases to which they bring relief. This is a big factor in rehabilitation and in keeping families together until the veteran is able to return home and help in their support."

"When you wear a poppy, you show the world that you are saluting the war's dead and doing your bit for the war's living victims."

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night, May 14, in the Little Onion Luncheon room. All members are urged to be present. Time is 8:30.

## TAKES INSURANCE COURSE

Mrs. T. Ashby White, who recently became local representative for Amicable Life Insurance Company in Baird, is attending a course of study in Abilene. The course is being conducted by Ted Spindle, Amicable educational director from San Antonio. Mrs. White states that her insurance training will be beneficial to Callahan County people who take advantage of various new policy arrangements Amicable Life Insurance offers.

## REGISTER FOR SUGAR

The Auxiliary Fire Girls will have charge of the registration for canning sugar Saturday afternoon from 1:30 until 5 o'clock at the City Hall.

## JAMES W. EARP IN MARIANNAS

Cpl. James W. Earp is still serving in the Marianas. He sent pictures home of the islands.

S-Sgt. J. C. Earp is hoping to be home before this Christmas. He is still serving in Inda-China division of the A. A. F.

## Star Readers Given Free Theatre Tickets

Once each week a name will be chosen at random from The Baird Star's mailing list, and that lucky person with one other will be invited to be guests of The Plaza Theatre and The Star to see a picture showing at the Plaza during the following week. If your name should appear in the box on the front page of this newspaper, we want you to be our guests and enjoy a picture at the popular Plaza Theatre. Just bring your guest and let your name be known at the theatre box office, and both of you will be admitted free of charge. If you enjoy the picture, tell us about it and we will be happy too.

## CECIL C. WINDHAM VISITS MOTHER

When Mrs. Olivena Loven and Mrs. Callie Windham of Oplin visited the editor, Tuesday they told about Mrs. Windham's two sons in the service. W. T. Cecil C. (Todd) Windham left April 27 after spending a twenty-five day leave here, to return to his ship.

While here Todd married Miss Sue Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Allen of Denton Valley community, Saturday, April 14, at the Lutheran Service Club in Abilene. She will remain at the home of her parents until he returns.

Another son, S-Sgt. Hollis Windham, a paratrooper who was wounded in Germany, wrote his mother April 15, from a hospital in England. He was accidentally shot in the right thigh by one of his own men, sustaining an injured nerve. For several months he could not gain control of his leg. Hollis wrote Mrs. Windham that he has had excellent medical care in England.

He has served overseas forty months; twenty-six months service was in the Pacific from Aleutians to New Zealand. Battles he was in included Tarrawa and Marshalls.

## LT. DANIELS RETURNS FROM CAIRO, EGYPT

First Lt. Neil J. Daniels arrived in Dallas April 30, to visit his wife, after almost three years spent in Cairo, Egypt. Lt. and Mrs. Daniels are expected to arrive in Baird during the weekend to visit his sister, Mrs. J. A. Brashers, and Hugh Ross, Jr., who are also visit Lt. Daniels' parents in Clyde.

## Medal For Heroism To Lt. McGowen

Lt. M. Carroll McGowen is among those receiving the Navy Unit Commendation Medal for outstanding heroism during the invasion of Guam. The award was given to the First Provisional Marine Brigade, which Dr. McGowen was serving with at the time. It is the first U. S. Marine Corps unit to receive this award. It was under command of Major General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr. USMC, at the time of the cited action.

The official commendation reads: "For outstanding heroism in action against enemy Japanese forces during the invasion of Guam, Marianas Islands, from July 21 to August 10, 1944. The 1st Provisional Marine Brigade forced a landing against strong hostile defenses and well camouflaged positions, steadily advancing inland under the relentless fury of the enemy's heavy artillery, mortar and small arms fire to secure a firm beachhead by nightfall. Executing a difficult turning movement to the north, this daring and courageous unit fought its way ahead yard by yard through mangrove swamps, dense jungles and over cliffs and, although terrifically reduced in strength under the enemy's fanatical counter-attacks, hunted the Japanese in caves, pill boxes and foxholes and exterminated them. By their individual acts of gallantry and their indomitable fighting teamwork throughout this bitter and costly struggle, the men of the 1st Provisional Marine Brigade aided immeasurably in the restoration of Guam to our sovereignty."

Dr. McGowen practiced dentistry in Baird nine years before enlisting in the Navy and has closed his office for the duration. Before going into Guam Dr. McGowen was head of a dental clinic in Guadalcanal, with several other dentists serving under him, taking care of 150 to 200 marines a day. He is the son of Mrs. John McGowen of Baird. Since returning from overseas he has had duty at the Marine Corps dental dispensary at San Diego, Calif. His wife, the former Ethelyn Clark, is with him there.

Mrs. W. L. Ray has been in Cross Plains several days with her mother, Mrs. Haley, who has been ill for some time.

## Blood Campaign Is Called Success

The Blood Plasma drive, in Baird, came to a very successful conclusion last Saturday, with fifty-two people donating their blood to the bank. Many came, but for reasons of health their offer was not accepted. A total of \$75.00 has been collected from those physically incapable of donating blood. The Corinne Blackburn Wednesday Club, who sponsored the drive takes this opportunity of thanking every one who gave their blood, money or time toward making this worthy project a success. A traveling Blood Plasma Unit from the Buchanan Center in Dallas supervised the work. The unit brought with it, five already processed Plasma Units which have already been placed in the Callahan County Hospital for free emergency use. Many more units will be sent back as soon as processed.

Those donating blood were:

Edgar Smith, William N. Jackson, D. J. Anderson, Joe Boutwell, Mrs. J. T. Lawrence, Mrs. D. J. Anderson, Mrs. H. C. McFarland, S. N. Dunlap, Mrs. W. A. Pool, Mrs. Glenn Carroll, Adell Pierce, H. S. Parker, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Farris Bennett, F. A. Payne, G. R. Blakley, Oma Partlow, Mrs. C. Z. Anderson, Merle Delmer, Don Gorman.

Clare Mae Hughes, W. L. Bowls, Mary Alice Melon, Mrs. Sam Buchanan, Bonnie Thompson, H. L. Short, Mrs. Virgie Haile, W. W. Lofland, Clark Smith, Jr., Voyde Kemper, J. T. Gibson, Nathan, Waldrop, R. H. Campbell, R. L. Elliott, Jr., Mrs. M. A. Cline, Katharine Hinds, B. O. McPerson, Mrs. W. L. Bowls, B. O. Brame, W. B. Stevenson, Lorene Henry.

Ben Russell, L. C. Duncan, W. C. Edwards, K. V. Louis, U. C. Hamilton, Mrs. G. W. Crutchfield, Mrs. Louise Joy, Mrs. Anne Mae Crawford, Mrs. Lulu Maddux, Mrs. Terrell Williams, Dollie Smith.

Those who donated money:

George Kelly, Elva Smith, W. O. Wylie, Jr., Mrs. Roy Cummins, Rod Kelton, Miss John Gilliland, H. D. Ashabanner, Ace Hickman, Mrs. S. E. Settle, Mrs. Cleora Nichols, Mrs. Neitherrutt, N. R. Dalton, R. F. Mayfield, Mrs. L. B. Lewis, Mrs. M. D. Chatham, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Blackburn, Mrs. Nathan Waldrop, Raymond Young, Terrell Williams.

S. L. McElroy, Mrs. Nellie Mills, Bill Banks, Mrs. O. F. Stiffler, R. L. Dunwoody, A. Friend, Billie Henry, Mrs. Hulien Hughes, Mrs. Clara Nell Buckner, Mrs. R. L. Elliott, Jr., Mrs. Johnny Sparks, Mrs. Fayne Hollingshead, Dick Young, Evan Barton, Mrs. M. D. McElroy, M. D. McElroy, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hart, N. L. Dickey, Dave Witherspoon, Tom West C. W. Price, A. Friend, Margaret Evans, Mrs. Lela Miller, C. C. Reed.

These cash donations will be used to purchase plasma units, that will be available here in the Callahan County Hospital.

## CARY S. MCGOWEN RECEIVES PROMOTION

With the 36th "Texas" Division Of The Seventh Army, France—Staff Sergeant Cary S. McGowen, son of Mrs. Julia E. McGowen, Box 781, Baird, Texas, has been promoted from grade of Sergeant to his present grade.

S-Sgt. McGowen's division was the first to land on the mainland of Europe in World War II. On the morning of September 9, 1943, the 36th Division, commanded at the time by Major General Fred L. Walker of Columbus, Ohio, stormed ashore at Salerno and in 13 day had established a firm foothold that was to lead to the bloody but successful Battle of Italy.

Later they saw action at Migrano, St. Pietra, Mt. Maggore, Mt. Lungo, Mt. Trocchio, Corva, St. Elia and Castellone Ridge, all forerunners to the Battle of Cassino.

The unit's most brilliant chapter was reached at Velletri, Italy. On a surprise maneuver they captured 5,000 prisoners with a minimum of casualties.

On the 15th of August 1944 the Division made its second amphibious assault when they were one of the first units ashore on the French Riviera under the command of Major General J. E. Dahlquist. They participated in the drive up the Rhone Valley and played an important part in the encirclement of the German Nineteenth Army with other units of Lt. General Alexander M. Patch's American Seventh Army.

The Star editor's mother, Mrs. J. Marvin Hunter of Bandera, and cousin, Mrs. Alta Stannard of Pampa, are visiting us this weekend.

## P-T A Sponsors Musical Comedy

"Victory Vanities," the three act musical comedy featuring all local talent, and sponsored by the Baird Parent Teachers Association is now in rehearsal. The play will be presented at Baird High School Auditorium on both Thursday and Friday, May 10th and 11th at 8:30 p. m. Admission prices are 60 cents for adults and 30 cents for children. These prices include federal amusement tax.

The P. T. A. is planning to use the proceeds from the show toward building an auditorium for Baird grammar school.

Alexandra Reynolds, of Chicago, is here to direct the show. Miss Reynolds has produced a number of home talent plays in the past and for several years was active in amateur theatrical groups in Chicago and Michigan.

In connection with the show the P. T. A. plans to run a children's popularity contest. Popularity is stressed, rather than beauty in this contest. Prizes will be awarded the winning boy and girl on Friday night, May 11th, between the first and second acts of the play. All contestants will be introduced from the stage on Thursday night. The children will be between the ages of one and six years.

Mothers wishing to enter their youngsters may contact Mrs. C. B. Snyder, Jr. in Baird for details.

## MRS. FRAZIER GETS SON'S PURPLE HEART

Mrs. Lou Etta Frazier, 854 Chesser Drive, Fort Worth, received the Purple Heart the latter part of March for her son, Pfc. George E. Frazier, who was wounded September 15, 1944, on Peleliu Island. Pfc. Frazier is now on Okinawa and has served overseas twenty-five and one-half months. He is a graduate of the Baird high school.

Another son, A-C James R. Frazier was inducted seven weeks ago and is stationed at Sheppard Field. He is one of the nineteen men in his flight of seventy-three to make the Air Cadet when they took their classification test.

Eula 4-H girls are not forgetting to help the war effort. 4-H'ers turned in 89 pounds of old clothing Relief at their last meeting. The program by the Agent, Dorothy Wilkerson, was on the cleaning, reshaping, and trimming of straw hats. Mrs. Fred Farmer is the Eula 4-H Sponsor.

Miss Wanda Brown spent the weekend in Gorman with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown.

What About Our Water Supply for 1946?

The unusual amount of rainfall during the past month is credited with having held Baird's water consumption down to only 1,595,700 gallons during April. April showers are responsible for cutting the monthly water usage.

If every month's average was no more than the April amount, Baird would have nothing to worry about. This, unfortunately, is not the case, and next month promises to be higher than last. The startling fact is that Baird has been using more water each year, according to the meter readings. Now some folks might think it good that the city water system is enjoying constant growth as the years come and go, but there's a catch in it. The catch is the water supply is LIMITED.

Look at these figures: In 1941 the annual water consumption was 21,222,810 gallons. In 1943 a drought struck this section and 24,276,800 gallons were consumed. To produce this amount of water the wells were pumped to capacity, and much more water was actually needed. Last year was a normal year with plenty of rainfall, and the city used 22,059,100 gallons of water.

Next year's demand will probably be increased as it has in past years. We might have a normal amount of rainfall and run twenty-four million gallons. This will be getting all the water wells will put out, but we will make out just fine. Yeah, that is, if we get plenty of rain. If next year is a dry year, what? What will we do if our city must have 25,000,000 gallons?

The margin is too narrow. Baird people cannot afford to operate like that. Would it not be better to build our water supply to run us through the dry years, and let the wet years take care of themselves?

There is no truer saying than this: "The possible growth of a city in West Texas is measured in direct proportion to its water supply."

## Victory Program Planned In Baird

When the Callahan County Club met at the Presbyterian church Wednesday in regular session, members voted to hold a thanksgiving program in Baird when victory is proclaimed in Europe. The American Legion has been asked to take charge of this program when the time comes.

Mayor Hugh W. Ross, Jr. stated that the fire siren would blow two long blasts upon word that victory had been proclaimed in Europe. One hour after the siren blows, whether day or night, all Baird people are requested to assemble at the Methodist church where the program of thanksgiving will take place. All Baird people are urged to attend this program.

Other business attended to at the club meeting was to appoint a committee, composed of B. H. Freeland, Ace Hickman and D. J. Anderson, to meet with the Ross Motor Coaches' representatives and request that company to establish bus service from Baird to Cross Plains and other points south. At the present time no bus service exists over this route. This would give Baird and Cross Plains, the two largest cities in this county, closer contact.

## JERRY DON WOOD, PUTNAM BOY, DIES

Jerry Don Wood, small son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wood of near Putnam, died Saturday at Ranger of Pneumonia.

Funeral was Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the Baptist church in Putnam with the Rev. Pete Gentry officiating. Burial was in Ciseo cemetery and was directed by Wylie Funeral Home of Baird. The child was born Dec. 19, 1943.

Besides his parents he is survived by seven brothers and sisters: Elvin Wood, serving with the army in Germany; Mrs. Wanda Huntington, San Diego, Calif.; Mrs. Betty Jean Wyatt, Brownwood; Billy Mack Wood, Homer Wood, Mary Dell Wood, and Treva Carol Wood, all of Putnam; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ramsey of Putnam; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Addie Wood of Corpus Christi.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS FIRMS

**MAKE THE NEWSPAPER**  
If every business concern in Baird should be represented in The Baird Star each week by a small ad, the old home paper would be compelled to run an 8 page edition regularly and sometimes twelve pages would be necessary to handle the run of advertisements and news matter. The size of The Star is always in proportion to the advertising patronage. Therefore, the quality of Baird's newspaper is directly in proportion to the desire of local business firms. If that desire is for the best, The Star will be bigger and better; if the desire is otherwise, The Star will be as good as we can make it under the circumstances.

## A LETTER FROM DALLAS

The Star editor received a nice letter recently from Mrs. W. B. Chittum of Dallas. Her parents were early settlers of this county, moving to Belle Plain from Lamar County in 1876. Her father bought two or three lots and built a log hut, adding another house to the few homes at that time. Mr. Polk had a grocery and dry-goods store one block from their house, and she clerked in the store. Later Mr. Polk went into the saloon business. More people began moving in and pretty soon there was a nice size little town. In a few months everyone was acquainted with everyone else and they enjoyed big parties at Clabe and John Merchant's ranch. She married W. B. Chittum in 1887. Rev. Austin performing the ceremony, and later moved to Baird, where they lived three years. Mr. and Mrs. Chittum and their four sons moved to Burnett, soon after which her father passed away. Mrs. Chittum writes that she is now eighty-four years young and remembers all about the early days at Belle Plain, Baird, and Callahan County.

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## JONES BOYS IN SERVICE

Beryle Jones, Chief Mechanist Mate, arrived in Los Angeles, Calif. April 22, to spend six weeks with his wife and daughter, Dean, after thirteen months overseas. He has seen action in Saipan, Guam, Leyte, Iwo Jima, and on to Japan as far as they went. Beryle has been in the navy over five years, and has made several trips across. He attended Baird high school and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jones of Midway. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have two other sons in the service: M-Sgt. Robert L., who has spent eighteen months with the Ordnance Depot in Italy, has been in the army over four years; and Sgt. Lloyd K., who returned to the states November 1, after thirty months spent in England, North Africa, and Italy. He has been stationed at Abilene Army Base since January. A fourth son, Billy Frank, was recently sworn into the navy and is awaiting his call.

## BAPTIST CHURCH REPORT

We are very grateful to the Lord for the fine crowds and great spirit which have marked our services recently. Though we were away from home in two meetings during March, we had 14 additions to the church and in that group, were four for Baptism. Next Sunday May 6th is Senior Day with us, the Senior Class and Faculty of the Baird High School have been invited to attend our service as special guest. We are happy that they as always heretofore have accepted our invitation and will attend the services. This has become an annual day with us, which we designate as Senior Day. We invite the general public one and all to attend the service of the day. Make your plans now to attend that senior day service Sunday morning and then come back for the night service.

## FIRST BABY GIRL BORN IN COUNTY

Mrs. C. A. Conlee, who holds the honor of being the first baby girl to be born in Callahan County, was a visitor at The Star office Monday morning accompanied by Mrs. G. M. King. Mrs. Conlee was here from Winters to visit her daughter, Mrs. P. H. King, and to meet old acquaintances. She is a familiar figure around the Callahan County Old Settlers' Reunions. Mrs. Conlee was born January 1, 1878, and lived here for 59 years. She has resided in Winters for the past five years. She is looking forward to the next Old Settlers' get-together in Baird when she can see all her old friends who always come here for that occasion.

Miss Lillie Frances Bains, Mrs. Lorena B. Shelton and daughter, Laquita Joy, and J. A. Stover visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bains and daughters, Miss Nellie May Bains and Mrs. W. C. Huff and family in Eastland during the weekend. Mrs. J. T. Wright of Eastland was also a guest of the Bains. Alfred Holt of Colorado City and Fred Holt of Amarillo have been visiting their mother, Mrs. Cora Holt, who has been a patient in the Callahan County Hospital with pneumonia. Mrs. Holt was able to go to her home in Clyde Thursday.

Bill Hatchett and W. D. Boyd-stun spent the weekend in Corpus Christi. Mr. Hatchett visited his son, Billy G., a Cadet at the Naval Air Station, and Mr. Boyd-stun visited his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Sam L. Stokes. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher of Cotton Valley, La., left today after a two weeks visit with Mrs. Fisher's sister, Mrs. E. B. Brown, Jr., and family and Mr. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Roy Denny, and family and his father, John Fisher, at Putnam.

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## SCHOOL BOARD, FACULTY HONORED

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. South honored members of the School Board and wives and members of the faculty last Friday night. Mrs. Lee Alexander delightfully entertained the group by reviewing the currently popular novel "Papa Was A Preacher." Refreshments were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Yarbrough, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Russell, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Tankersley, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ashlock, Mr. and Mrs. Temple Brashear, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Corn, Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Dunwoody, Mr. and Mrs. John Shrader, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. McElroy, Mrs. Bill Banks, Mrs. Archie Nichols, Mrs. Clyde White, Jo Ruth Arvin, Mrs. Bales, Miss Grimes Mrs. Lee Ivey, Mrs. Bessie Short, Mrs. R. A. Webster, Mrs. Lucile Hall, Mrs. Garner, Misses Sibyle Myers and Ellen Marie Hill, Mr. and Mrs. South and Charles Eddie.

## BILLY BOB KELLEY WRITES FROM PACIFIC

Billy Bob Kelley, S 2-c somewhere in the Pacific, wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Kelley, recently that he would like to see a good old Baird Star right now. He also wrote that he had only received two letters in three months, one from his wife in Arizona and the other from his mother. Kelley is the father of a baby girl born April 24. He doesn't know about his little daughter. The daughter, Billie Ruth, is named after her mother and her father.

## Kelley, who has been in the U. S. Navy since August 8, 1944, wrote that he was "knocking on Japan's back door."

## FLIGHT ENGINEER TRAINING

Mrs. R. W. Grounds has received word that her son, A-S Aubrey A. Ground has begun training at San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center, for flight Engineer on the B-29 Superfortress. Prior to entering training for B-29's he completed almost one thousand hours on a B-26 Marauder at Del Rio, Texas. This course will last approximately 49 weeks. Mrs. R. W. Ground and Doris visited Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Shannon and Clifford Earl and Cecil Ground of Dublin the past weekend. They attended the World's Championship Rodio while there.

## Mrs. Thompson, Jr., of Clinton, Okla. and little son, Victor, have returned home after a weeks visit with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Mitchell and other relatives here.

Mrs. B. F. Russell of Dallas has returned home after a visit of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Jess Gibbs of Rowden and with friends and relatives in Baird. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren of Baird and Lucien Warren of Oplin visited their brother, Mat Warren, at Glen Rose recently. Mat Warren is receiving medical treatment there. Mrs. Roy Denny received a letter from her son, Pfc. Jim Bob Denny in France. This is the first mail she has had in six weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Windham and Mrs. John Jordan of Oplin were business visitors here Thursday. Mrs. Elva Smith and her mother, Mrs. A. D. Purvis, visited relatives in Atwell and Cottonwood Sunday. Miss Evelyn Frazier visited her mother, Mrs. Lou Etta Frazier, in Fort Worth during the weekend.

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## Cottonwood

By Mrs. S. B. Strahan  
Mrs. Will Brock returned to Brown's Sanatorium to recuperate. Mrs. Brock has been in failing health for months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Gafford returned home last Wednesday from Houston where they spent several weeks visiting relatives. Pfc. Elvin Jones of Camp Keras, Utah, is spending a ten-day leave with his folks.

First Lt. Gloster Thompson of Bearfield, Ind. has brought his wife and baby boy to live at Cross Plains while he is overseas. Mrs. T. A. Coppinger is visiting in Odessa at the present.

Blanton Freeland, who has a medical discharge from the navy, with his father, Bstah Freeland visited here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Yearnton with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Joy and Mrs. G. N. Borden of Cross Plains were Sunday visitors here.

Mrs. Lloyd Bryan and youngest daughter returned home Friday from a visit with her husband, Pvt. Bryan who is being shipped out. Those visiting Mrs. W. O. Peevy Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Willie Johnson and their daughter, Mrs. McIntire, all of Oplin; Mr. and Mrs. Grady Johnson and son of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Luther Phillips, with Mr. Phillips, all of Abilene; Mrs. Will Ray and Mrs. Vought with Mrs. Vought's daughter, Mrs. Linkston, all of Baird; Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tyson and children of Baird; and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Moore with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of Cottonwood.

## PLACE YOUR ORDER FOR PINEAPPLES

Here is your opportunity to get pineapples direct from the importer. The Marketing Committee of Home Dem. Council, is sending a truck to Laredo for all in Callahan County who want to order pineapples cooperatively. The pineapple will be unloaded in Baird and Cross Plains, near the middle or last of May. They will range from 4 to 5 pounds per pineapple and will sell for \$4.25 a dozen. If you are interested in buying this cooperative plan, send your name and money to your Community Chairman by May 10th. Community Chairman to send money for pineapples and amount wanted are: Baird, Mrs. Justin Anderson; Clyde, Mrs. Frank Monroe; North Clyde, Mrs. Earl Hays; Enterprise, Mrs. C. M. Dunn; Eula, Mrs. N. H. Stephen; Denton, Mrs. Lewis Johnson; Dudley, Mrs. H. E. Baldrige, Jr.; Oplin, Mrs. Robert Poindexter; Cross Plains, Mrs. Jim Barr Bayou, Mrs. J. A. Sikes; Cottonwood, Mrs. S. B. Strahan; Putnam, Mrs. Earl Rutherford; Union, Mrs. Wesley Wagley; Midway, Mrs. Carl Cook; Deep Creek, Mrs. L. C. Duncan; Admiral, Miss Maurine Eubanks; Dorothy Wilkerson Co. Home Dem. Agt.

## MRS. STAATS WRITES FROM CALIFORNIA

Mrs. George V. Staats, the former Dorothy Hunt Collins, wrote from Long Beach, Calif., that she received her first issue of The Star and enjoyed reading it very much. Her husband, 1st Lt. George V. Staats, first pilot on a bomber (B-24) left the states April, 1945, for overseas duty and is now stationed in Brazil, South America. Lt. and Mrs. Staats have two children, Sandra Sue and Jimmie Lee. Her mother, Mrs. E. O. Hunt, and family live at National City, California.

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## Putnam Items

By Miss La Verne Rutherford  
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Overton of Sweetwater spent the weekend with Mrs. Overton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Butler.

Misses Annie Jo and Jessie Lea McIntosh of Novice were visiting friends here the past week. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Clark of Fort Worth spent Friday night with Mr. Clark's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Rutherford.

Miss Nalda Lowry and Mrs. Clinton Jr. spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Lowry.

Pvt. Albert Weed is home on a furlough for a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Weed.



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Bouquets  
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Mrs. Rosa Bentley, secretary of the Amicable Life Insurance Company in Abilene, visited her sister, Mrs. Ashby White, during the weekend. Mrs. J. C. Williams and daughter, Judy, arrived Saturday for a weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Stiffler. Mac Bishop spent the weekend in Los Angeles, California.

Mrs. C. M. Morse of Oplin visited The Star Monday and ordered the paper sent to Pvt. James M. Morse at Ft. Bliss, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Johnson of Fort Worth are visiting his sisters, Mrs. W. J. Ray and Mrs. R. C. Vought, this week. Mrs. H. Schwartz and Mrs. E. C. Fulton spent last week in Fort Worth and Dallas.

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# Bear Facts

The Baird High School Paper

**"THE GOOD LIFE"**  
By RAYNELLE MILLER  
Years of tinkling, joy filled laughter would be only the beginning! Perhaps tears would sometimes come to wash and cleanse the windows of our soul, leaving the inside pure and whole. Friends who would be always joyful and understanding. A definition of a friend—One who loves you even though the last shred of desirability has been torn away and only the true personality remains with its many splashes. A good life is really what we make it. If we strive to scatter blossoms of friendship along the way, not all of them will blow away. Some will stay to fertilize and grow in the heart of a human being. Thus, we have friends. Friends make our life either good or bad, pick yours so that your life will be full of happiness and joy.

**"SONGS"**  
Nettie—"My Beloved Is Ragged"; Ruth Campbell—"As Time Goes By"; Anne Merdith—"I Dream of You"; Tom and Gaye—"In Apple Blossom Time"; Nell Higgins—"Saturday Night"; Beck—"My Dreams are Getting Better All The Time"; Rosa Lee—"I'm a Little on the Lonely Side"; Jo Bess—"Why Don't We Do This More Often"; Buff—"Josephine"; Benny—"Meet Me in St. Louis"; T. A.—"I'll Walk Along"; C. B. Shelton—"Red River Valley"; Ruby Joyce—"Is You Or Is You Ain't My Baby"; Shirley—"Shame on You"; Gwen—"Nobody's Baby"; Jimmy and Bobby—"Al-ways"; Bob Shoemaker—"Let's Take The Long Way Home"; Fuzzy—"I'm Sorry for Myself"; Raynelle—"Take It Easy"; Oscar-

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Two Boys to mow lawn once a week. 50c per hour. Must furnish own tools.  
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**SPORTS**  
The Baird team for next year played a scrimmage game with the Moran Bulldogs. Each team carried the ball 15 minutes. During the game Baird scored 2 touchdowns and Moran failed to score.  
Corky Cook was the far outstanding player of either team. The team hopes to play the seniors Thursday night. The Freshman baseball team went to grammar school and won a fast game by the score of 6-4. C. J. Sampson was coach of the team.

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## Classified Ads

**STRAYED** from Clyde, Texas, black and tall bay mule. Finder notify O. P. Griffin, Rt. 1, Clyde, Texas. 1tc.

Your old mattress fitted in layers and guaranteed. A card to Western Mattress Co. will bring truck to your door. San Angelo, Texas. 2tc.

**FOR SALE**—10 by 16 slightly used linoleum rug. Mrs. J. N. Morgan at the old Holmes place. 2tc.

I am now living in last tourist camp west of Baird. Would appreciate doing your ironing. Mrs. M. C. Hughes. 2tc.

**FOR SALE**—Electric stove, air conditioner fan blades, two ice boxes.—Parson's Electric and Refrigeration Shop.

**BLACK HORSE** with circle branded on right hip and 7 on right shoulder on my place ten miles south of Baird. Owner claim horse and pay ad. B. C. Chrisman. 1tc.

**NICE** clean 34 Chevrolet for sale below ceiling.—C. W. Sutphen. 2tc.

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Certified Porto Rico potato plants, \$2.50 per 1000. Post Paid Box 304 Clyde, Texas. 4tc.

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**WANT** to do your laundry and finish work at my home at Mrs. Terrell's house. Mrs. Vernon Shelton. 4tp.

**OAK LEAF CLUSTER AWARD**  
In a recent letter from her husband, Mrs. Jack Fitzwater learned that Pfc. Fitzwater, who is with Patton's Third Army in Germany had been awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster to his Silver Star.

Pfc. Fitzwater has been over sea's since March 1944.

Mrs. Fitzwater and baby reside with her mother, Mrs. Aubrey Connel, 1674 Simmon's Ave., Abilene, Texas.

Pfc. Jack Fitzwater has never seen his fourteen month old daughter.

"Don't Fence Me In"; Wyndell Rouse—"Touch-Me-Not"; Wanda Windham—"Someone To Love"; Guess who?—"I'm Beginning To See The Light"; Jone Swinson—"You Aint Got Nothing That I Want."

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## POSSUM FLATS... MOTHER'S DAY



## Oplin Items

By Georgia Dean McBride  
Dave O'shield who has been very ill for sometime is still in the hospital at Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Slaughter and Corkey and Mrs. J. T. Slaughter, Jr. visited the weekend with Pvt. J. T. Slaughter of Camp Hood, Texas.

Terry Irby, Jr. who has been called to the service lately is also stationed at Camp Hood.

Pvt. Charley Tom Straley of Camp Fannin, Texas is visiting fifteen days with his folks and friends. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Straley.

Mrs. Edd Shelburn, Mrs. Jess Shelburn and Delbert of Midland, Texas are visiting folks in Oplin. And are with their sick father.

Mrs. Melton Poindexter of Casa Grande, Ariz. returned home last week after spending several days with her mother who has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pierce and children, Mr. and Mrs. Red Pierce and daughter of Melrose, N. M. also have been visiting folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Straley heard from their son, Leland who is stationed somewhere with the 36th, Division, and he was doing fine.

Mrs. Will Poindexter had a letter from her son, Pfc. W. J. (Mutt) Poindexter and he has landed safely in England.

Buddy Breeding who is with the U. S. Navy in the Philippines is doing fine. He is the son of Mrs. Tom Breeding.

Mrs. Hicks Bryson has opened up a new Cafe in Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Dutch Pierce and children of Dumas, Texas visited two weeks with their folks and friends in Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Harris and Clotel Mullins are planning on moving to Abilene soon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roberson of Abilene visited a few days in Oplin. They have moved to San Antonio, Texas where Mrs. Roberson will be employed with the Brooks General Hospital.

Mrs. Glen Betcher and son of Baird visited a few days with Mrs. Buster Preston and Henry Frank.

Sgt. and Mrs. Don Christie visited with Mrs. Christie's folks over the weekend. They will make there home at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Mrs. Christie is the daughter of Mrs. Dee Peavy.

Mr. and Mrs. Euclid Gwin and children and Lucius Warrdn visited Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gwin.

Al Irvin left a week or two ago for the hospital at Marlin Wells, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Shields and Mr. John Hodge of Melrose, N. M. are visiting folks and friends of Oplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Windham heard from their son, Robert who is with the U. S. Navy somewhere in Hawaii. He is doing fine. Oplin High School will present the High School play on May 4th. Title "Tumblin Creek." Everyone please come.  
Everyone will work the cemetery Saturday May 4th.

## Midway News

MRS. W. B. TARVER  
Bro. J. W. Griffin of Clyde preached for us Sunday. Mrs. Griffin and small daughter were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Griffin have had several of their children visiting them this week. Mrs. Virgil Smedley and baby daughter, Martha Jane, of Abilene; Mrs. Kendrix of Orange; Neil and Mrs. Foy, both of Brownwood and Mrs. Rex Jones and children of Abilene.

The Seniors enjoyed a candy breaking at Midway social Center Wednesday night. At the same time Mrs. Sam Black and daughter, Joy Fay, entertained the Juniors.

Baby Martha Jane Smedley received a lengthy letter from her daddy, who is in European service, Saturday. Martha Jane lacked one day being a month old, but seemed quiet happy to hear from dad.

Sid Payne of Teelia called on his sister, Mrs. Otto Rogers, and family Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson visited their daughter, Mrs. Charlie Mosley, and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lee have recently sold out and moved to Wichita Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie South, near Clyde, visited in the Joel Griffin home Tuesday. Mrs. Griffin is Mr. South's daughter.

Sorry Mr. Schaffrina isn't so well. And Amy Fay Webb is on the sick list.

Visiting in the James Faircloth home Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Faircloth, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Faircloth, Sr. of this community and the Ode Faircloth family of Bradshaw.

Sgt. John Schaffrina has gone back to camp.

Betty Gay Webb spent Sunday night with Glyna and Elise Maye Tarver.

## Deep Creek News

By Mrs. H. L. Turner  
Mrs. Roy Brooks from Breckenridge visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jacobs Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis and Tommy, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Turner, Ruth and Donald visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Esman and children Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jacobs and Billy visited in Breckenridge Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Spence visited with Mr. and Mrs. N. M. George Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Davis and Tommy were dinner guests in the Turner home Saturday night.

Mrs. L. C. Duncan and Duane were visiting in Baird Saturday. Mrs. H. L. Turner visited with Mrs. Everett Hughes Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hughes and Gloria Gene attend the funeral at Putnam Sunday, for the little Woods' Baby.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Esman and children, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Turner and children were dinner guests in the Davis home Sunday night.

Mrs. Everett Hughes visited with Mrs. H. L. Turner Wednesday afternoon.

## VISITING HOURS

9:30 to 11:30 A. M.  
2:30 to 5:00 P. M.  
And  
7:00 to 9:00 P. M.

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"Maybe it will look right if I stand on my head," said Alice

Alice couldn't seem to understand. The Mock Turtle sighed deeply, drew one flipper across his eyes, and began again.

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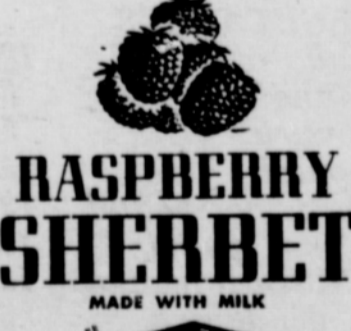
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<p>Saturday, May 5</p> <p>Bill Elliott Bobby Blake</p> <p>In</p> <p><b>Cheyenne Wildcat</b></p>	<p>OWL SHOW SATURDAY NIGHT</p> <p><b>She's A Sweetheart</b></p> <p>With JANE DARWELL JANE FRAZEE</p>	<p>SUNDAY AND MONDAY May 6-7 VAN JOHNSON <b>Between Two Women</b></p> <p>With Lionel Barrymore Gloria DeHaven Marilyn Maxwell Plus <b>Monkey Business</b></p> <p>And PARAMOUNT NEWS Truman's first week in the White House; First pictures of Ernie Pyle landing at Okinawa where he was killed</p>	<p><b>PLAZA THEATRE</b></p> <p>After a hard day's work, relax at the movies. The cost is small and THIS Theatre is convenient. You don't have to go to the bother of dressing. Just get the family together and visit this theatre. You'll find your favorite stars and finest attractions always showing here.</p>	<p>TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY May 8-9</p> <p><b>Double Exposure</b> CHESTER MORRIS, NANCY KELLY Plus <b>March of Time</b> 5-Star Bowlers And PARAMOUNT NEWS Princess Elizabeth works on car as member of ATS; Delegates arrive for San Francisco conference; Last days of the Reich; Nazi horrors shock world.</p>	<p>THURSDAY - FRIDAY May 10-11</p> <p><b>Woman In The Window</b></p> <p>EDWARD G. ROBINSON JOAN BENNETT</p> <p>Plus <b>Magazine Model</b></p>
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**"WOMAN IN THE WINDOW" PROVES IT MIGHT HAPPEN TO ANYONE**

It might happen to you!

•Around the interesting theme that anyone may suddenly face the unexpected. International Pictures has woven the gripping plot of their newest RKO Radio release, "The Woman in the Window," with Edward G. Robinson and Joan Bennett co-starred.

Robinson enacts the role of Professor Wanley, a psychologist whose wife and children are vacationing when he meets a beautiful woman (Miss Bennett), the original of a widely-discussed painting on display in a Fifth Avenue art gallery. Wanley accepts her invitation to visit her apartment and inspect some of the artist's other work, and while innocently talking with her, her jealous "boy friend" bursts in and savagely attacks Wanley.

In self-defense Wanley is compelled to strike the intruder with the only weapon available, and finds he has killed the man. Realizing that the police are apt to doubt his version of the affair, and that in any event the notoriety will ruin his career, Wanley decides to leave the body in a lonely field, with the hope that both he and the woman can avoid any connection with the man's death.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Z. Anderson have had as their guests this week their son and daughter-in-law, Major and Mrs. L. D. Anderson, and their baby, Judy. Major Anderson has been transferred from Thomasville, Ga. to Fayette Field and they were enroute to their new home.

Other guests in the Anderson home were Mr. Anderson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Murry Hudson of Anson.

**"DOUBLE EXPOSURE" PROMISES FILM FUN**

Scheduled to open Tuesday and Wednesday May 8 and 9 at the Plaza Theatre is the newest, and gayest, so we are told, of Paramount's Pine-Thomas thrillers, "Double Exposure," starring Nancy Kelly and Chester Morris.

Based on the hilarious situations into which a girl news photographer may find herself when trying to outsmart competition, "Double Exposure," develops a theme which, reports have it, misses nothing in action, comedy and a tense, well-rounded plot.

Giving what is considered her finest performance to date, Nancy proves her ability not only at handling a camera, but handling more than one man at a time. Chester Morris, editor of the pictorial for which she works, is so keenly against competition where Nancy is concerned that he has her home-town sweetheart, Phillip Terry, shanghaied on board a ship bound for Russia.

**FAMILY REUNION**

A family reunion was observed at the home of Mrs. Sam Smith Saturday with the following persons enjoying a sumptuous dinner and a good time together: Mrs. Smith's mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McIntosh, Mr. and Mrs. Evan Barton, Mrs. Anna Mae Crawford, of Clyde, Sgt. and Mrs. J. Parker Coppinger of Junction City, Kansas, Mrs. Minnie Coppinger of Cottonwood, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McIntosh and daughter, Annie Jo McIntosh of Novice, Mr. and Mrs. Preston McIntosh of Baird.

Mrs. Rufus Whitehorn of Cottonwood was a visitor here Monday.

**GODS WORD**

**MAKE YOUR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP SURE**

In New Testament times the People made their salvation very sure. They obeyed the Lord by taking him at his word. They did not begin trying to figure out which church they should be a member of, because there was only one (Eph. 4:4; 1:22, 23). They obeyed the Lord and then let Him add them to the Church (Acts 2:47). If one will do that today he can be as sure of his church membership as were the early christians. The Lord is going to make no mistakes, so when you obey Him and let Him add you to the Church, He will add you to the correct one. Such a statement as, "joining the church of your choice," can not be found in the Bible from beginning to end. This leads to this question. Can a person be saved and not be a member of the New Testament Church? The answer is no, for the Lord adds all saved people to His Church (Acts 2:47). Hence, if one is in a saved condition the Lord has added Him to the Church. But someone is ready to ask, How can you know that the Lord has added you to His Church? That is easy when we let the Bible speak. On the day of Pentecost the people were told to "repent and be baptized for the remission of sins." This they did and the record says the Lord added them to the Church. Will he not do the same for us? We notice

that the saved are the ones that the Lord adds to the Church. Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The man who does this is in a saved condition and thereby has the promise that the Lord has added Him to the Church. It comes to a matter of faith. The Lord said He would add you to the Church when you believed and were baptized. Do you believe Him? Some show their unbelief in Christ by letting others vote them into a certain church. I would rather let the Lord do it His own way. The Lord makes no mistakes, but men do. "O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps (Jeremiah 10:23). Seeing that man cannot direct his own steps it is follie to let men have the deciding votes in putting you into a church. If you have let men vote you into a church you must know that it is not the Lord's, for the Lord casts the only, final and deciding vote to put you into the Church "which he purchased with His own Blood" (Acts 20:28). Do you Believe the Bible? Lloyd Connel, minister, Church of Christ, Baird. Comments and questions appreciated.

(Paid Adv.)

Mrs. Emma Hamlin of Putnam visited relatives here Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Mallie Johnson of Oplin was a business shopper here Thursday.

Mrs. Mickey Shelton of San Antonio visited Mr. and Mrs. Buford Tyson over the weekend.

Mrs. Stockton and children went with him as far as Wichita Falls.

Barney D. Stockton A. M. M. 3-c aboard the U. S. S. Lexington has just returned to his ship after a short leave at his home in Eastland. He spent fourteen months of active combat duty in the Pacific ribbons and stars for service ifie ribbons and stars for service on Palau, Yap, Ulithi, Woleat, New Guinea, China Sea and Tokyo.

Mrs. Cecil West and children, Norman, Bowlus and Sarann, Mrs. W. G. Bowlus, Edith and John, went to Camp Wolters last Sunday to see Mrs. West's son, Pvt. Cecil West, Jr.

Mrs. Ella Elkins of Austin come Thursday for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Idella Haley.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne and children visited relatives in Wichita Falls Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Alexander arrived Sunday from Houston for a few days visit with Mr. Alexander's mother, Mrs. J. E. Alexander and his brother, Sgt. L. H. Alexander, home on furlough from Harvard, Neb.

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