

# BALLINGER DAILY LEDGER

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## Hun Revolters Entrenched In Royal Palace In Berlin

Berlin, Monday Night—Muttomarine marines, who revolted when ordered to sea, are today entrenched in the Royal Palace.

The marines entrenched in the palace after a battle with the military guards, in which a number were killed and wounded.

Upon receiving orders to go to sea, several regiments of marines revolted and caused a riot. They kidnapped the military commander of the city and are holding him a prisoner in the palace.

There was fierce fighting between the marines and the government soldiers, and it is known that four marines were killed and ten wounded.

## REMINISCENCE OF ANOTHER CHRISTMAS

"Well, I have a slight recollection of what happened thirty-four years ago, on Christmas Eve night," said D. C. Underwood, when a Ledger reporter approached our good friend and shot him with a query, eager to get a tip on something that would make news.

"Times were just a little different thirty-four years ago," said Mr. Underwood, "and it was when we all threw in together and provided a sure enough Christmas tree. The weather was bad on that night thirty-four years ago. In fact it was so bad we had to postpone the Christmas tree entertainment, after the tree had been arranged and everything made ready. A committee was delegated to guard the tree. If I remember correctly Uncle Joe Routh and Stearling Hathaway stood guard, and some time during the night Stearling pulled off a stunt that added to the fun of the occasion. To make a long story short, Stearling, who was a boy at that time—I say he was a boy because I do not want my friends to get him down as an old man, slipped out and "swipped" a ham and some other things from the kitchen of Mrs. Dr. Helms, which Mrs. Helms had prepared for the Christmas feast. Dr. Helms was Mr. Hathaway's brother-in-law, and of course he returned the stolen property after the joke had run its course, and afforded much fun for the early settlers."

"All this happened thirty-four years ago, at the city of Runnels, just about the time Ballinger was to be placed on the map," said Mr. Underwood.

## STATE EDUCATIONAL BOARD CALLED TO MEETING

Judge Jno. I Guion has received notice to appear before the governor at Austin on the 27th of this month. Judge Guion is president of the A. & M. Board of regents, and while he does not know what the call has been made for, he will attend the meeting. The members of the University Board have also been called to meet with the governor.

## TO OUR FRIENDS

We wish to take this means of thanking you for your kindly ministrations and your tender sympathy in our recent bereavement.

May the good God be very kind to you even as you have been kind to us.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Sims,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Sims,  
Emma Kanter,  
O. L. Sims,  
B. V. Sims. 1td.

Miss Olga Schawe came in from Dallas where she is teaching music Tuesday, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Schawe.

Isadore Hadley, was among the soldiers who returned from the army camp Christmas Eve, and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadley for the holidays.

## ROLL CALL TO BE MADE FOR ABSENTEES

Mrs. R. L. Harwell, Red Cross Roll Call Chairman is in receipt of a telegram from Red Cross headquarters, which speaks for itself. The telegram follows:

"On account of influenza and weather conditions, the official time of the campaign has been extended to and including Dec. 31st. If your judgement so directs you are authorized to extend your time further, until January 10th. Have all final reports in this office by January 30th. Continue to make daily reports to state headquarters, but final reports to divisional headquarters on January 30th. It is of the greatest importance to Red Cross cause in Southwestern Division as well as to United States that you continue intensive efforts and enroll as near one hundred per cent of your population as possible. Remember this is the last Red Cross campaign pertaining to the war."

In commenting on the telegram and the extension of time, Mrs. Harwell stated that the local committee had decided to extend the time to December 31st, but no longer. The soliciting committee through the county have been notified to continue pushing the work until December 31st and an effort will be made to get all those who can possible contribute one dollar to come in and renew their membership in this worth organization.

## PREACHES FUNERAL FOUR MINUTE MEN

Estes Lynn was the last man on the firing line for the Four Minute Men. Mr. Lynn appeared at the Queen Theatre Monday night and pronounced the benediction, read the obituary, or preached the funeral, what ever you wish to call it. He made the last four minute talk, and Jack McGregor, chairman, of this branch of the local war activities, announced that there will be no four minutes talks under the direction of the chairman.

Many four minute talks have been made during the past year, and much information imparted to the public through this work. It is probable that from time to time the manager of the movie will be called on by different causes to give few minutes time for making announcements.

## CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT AT PRESBY. CHURCH

A Christmas entertainment will be given at the First Presbyterian church tonight, beginning at seven o'clock. A hearty welcome is extended to the church and Sunday school, and to all the friends.

- PROGRAM
1. Song—No Room in the Inn.
  2. Talk—Mr. Bates.
  3. Prayer.
  4. Recitation—Virginia Holman.
  5. Christmas Song.
  6. Recitation—Jack Lynn.
  7. Play—Mr. St. Nicholas.
  8. Joy to the World.
  9. Benediction.

## LOW TEMPERATURE FOR CHRISTMAS WEATHER

The temperature dropped to 21 degrees Monday night and the forecast for Christmas Eve night says from eighteen to twenty, with a clear sky. The low temperature held the country in its grip throughout Tuesday, and only sun shiny spots, protected from the north wind, thawed up.

Grandpa and Grandma Chapman came down from Winters Tuesday afternoon, and will visit Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Chapman Christmas.

Mrs. T. L. Sailors and little daughter went to San Angelo, Tuesday afternoon, to spend Christmas with her mother.



## There is a Santa Claus

There was once a little girl whose name was Virginia who sought high authority for an answer to the question. She wrote a letter to Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, saying, "Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Please tell me the truth. Is there a Santa Claus? The famous editor was pleased to tell her the truth. This was his reply printed in his paper.

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that you abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would the world be if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginia. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding. No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

## Charity Work Well In Hand

C. R. Crews, treasurer of the local charity board, states that the board has responded to all worthy calls for help, and as far as he knows the work is well in hand with the approach of Christmas. The treasury has been drawn on pretty heavy to take care of all cases coming before the board, and the public should not forget that no canvass for funds has been made and the work so far has this season been maintained on voluntary contributions.

There are several families in the city which are depending largely on the public for their existence until after the winter months and until the bread winning members of the family recover from illness. Medicine, food, clothing and bedding and fuel has been supplied, and through charity suffering has been relieved and probably life saved.

The Eighth Street Sunday school collected a box of articles for charity last Sunday morning, each member of the Sunday school contributing something in the way of food, fruit, potatoes, syrup, etc., made up a large box, and this will be distributed where needed on Christmas day.

Frank Stuart came in from Lubbock, Christmas Eve, and will spend the holidays with his daughter and Ballinger friends.

## Anto Travel Over Frozen Ground

Edgar Jayroe, of the Crews country, was an early visitor to Ballinger Tuesday morning, making the trip in his auto after a load of hog feed while the ground was frozen. He loaded out and expected to return home before the ground began to get too soft for auto travel.

Mr. Jayroe stated that the farmers in the Crews country were almost unanimous in favor of a farm demonstrator, and were sorely disappointed at the action of the commissioners court in failing to maintain the work here.

Farrest Van Landingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Van Landingham came in Tuesday at noon from the U. S. Navy station, and is at home on a furlough with his parents.

J. H. Ashmore and wife of Comanche will spend Christmas with Mrs. Ashmore's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones. Miss Vida Jones who has been attending school at Dallas, came in Sunday and is also with Mr. and Mrs. Jones for the holidays.

Dick Embry, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Embry, returned home Christmas Eve from Kelly field, where he has been in training for several months.

## Bandits Raid Jewelry Store While Throng Looks on

### BOY WHEN HERE DIED IN FRANCE

Lee McNeil, a former Ballinger boy and a nephew of Judge T. T. Crosson, died with pneumonia in France. Lee McNeil spent several years of his boyhood life in Ballinger. His father and mother living in a house which occupied the lot where the Stocks hotel now stands, and later occupied what is now the J. M. Skinner place in West End. His father was a bookkeeper and was superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school during the pastorate of Rev. W. D. Bradfield. At that time Lee was a little fellow wearing knee pants. As he grew to manhood he acquired an education in the medical profession and at the time of enlisting in the service of his country, he was prominent in the medical world, although a young man. In giving an account of the death of the former Ballinger boy, the Houston Chronicle says:

"The death in France of First Lieutenant Herbert Lee McNeil of Houston and Galveston removes a young physician who gave great promise. Lieut. McNeil died Nov. 3rd of pneumonia, in evacuation hospital No. 2, in the midst of his work as lecturer on and instructor in wound bacteriology. Information that he had died was given to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. W. McNeil of 2612 Smith St. Houston.

Lieut. McNeil was on the faculty of the State Medical College, at Galveston when he joined the medical corps in August, 1917, and was in the midst of a scientific book he was writing. From San Antonio he went to Canada, and thence to Southampton, England, where he was placed in charge of an aviators hospital with 4000 patients. He was then transferred to France, went up to the firing line, and later began giving instructions in wound bacteriology. He had been at evacuation hospital No. 2 for six months.

Herbert Lee McNeil was born April 1, 1885, at Shepherd, Texas, at the home of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. John E. Hill. The other grandfather, Dr. Y. L. McNeil of Galveston, was also a physician. His early boyhood was spent at Livingston, where he was a playmate of William P. Hobby, now governor of the state. The family removed to Ballinger and he entered his grandmother's school.

"Before he was able to read, Lee McNeil astonished the family by saying he was going to be a doctor. Day after day he poured over the medical books of his two grandfathers and his uncle, Dr. Herbert Beazley of Shepherd, for whom he was named. The text meant nothing for him, but the pictures were fascinating. At the age of 5 he lectured his parents on dietetics. Pouring equal quantities of water and milk, he consumed them alternately and refused to eat or drink any thing more. "It would not be good for me," he said.

"The family came to Houston when Lee McNeil was a boy of 9. He went through Fannin school and the high school and graduated with high honors from Southwestern University and the University of Texas taking the academic course there. He taught one term in the Houston high school. He spent four years at John Hopkins and Bellevue, New York. He spent a year each in Berlin and the University of Paris.

"It was Doctor McNeil's intention to remove to Houston on his return from France. If he had lived, he would have come home a captain as his promotion had been recommended."

H. I. Armstrong returned from Waco, Tuesday at noon, where he has been working in a tailor shop for several months. "I am back to spend Christmas the rest of my days in Ballinger," said the tailor as he crawled off the train.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 24.—While Christmas shoppers thronged the streets today, four men robbed the American Jewelry Company's store, and escaped with twenty thousands dollars worth of loot.

The men entered the store and held the salesman and customers under control with their guns, while others of the number loaded an auto with the most valuable jewels and money, and made their get a way in the car with the excited throng looking on.

## WAR LABOR PROBLEM EASY TO SOLVE

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—Illinois is going to "kill two birds with one stone" by taking care of its surplus labor resulting from the war's end and at the same time building a \$60,000,000 system of hard roads.

State leaders foresaw that the end of the war would create a labor surplus. At the same time there was an agitation on foot for a statewide system of hard roads.

The two propositions were combined in a hard road bill and passed by the last general assembly. The legislative act immediately was received with favor because it not only was planned to solve Illinois' after the war labor problem but at the same time satisfy the demand of thousands of autoists, farmers and manufacturers.

The proposition was planned before the voters at the November elections and was adopted with but little opposition.

It is planned to construct approximately 4,600 miles of hard roads touching every county in the state. The division of highways now is laying plans for the opening of work probably next spring or as soon thereafter as labor and material conditions warrant.

All Saints Chudch  
Holy communion at 10:30 a. m. Christmas Day.

All demonstrations are cordially invited to commune with us. Service half hour long. No words can express the importance of this day to the world.

W. T. Allen, D. D.  
Priest in Charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sharp are here from Sweetwater to spend the holidays with their parents.

## PEACE MAKER TALKING TO FRENCH HEAD

Paris, Dec. 24.—President Wilson called on Premier Clemenceau this afternoon and was in conference with the French official for some time. The conference between the two officials was apparently to clear up certain matters before Mr. Wilson leaves for London.

## OVERSEAS BOYS EXPECTED HOME

Relatives were at the train Tuesday to meet Bob Currie and Dick Tillery, two Concho county boys, who are enroute home from England where they have been doing duty in an aero squadron. The boys had wired that they were enroute home and would arrive in Ballinger Tuesday, but probably missed connections and will not arrive until Christmas day. Bob Currie is a brother of Mrs. Joe Hardin of this city, and Dick Tillery is a grand son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Tillery.



# GREETINGS

## To All Our Friends



WE WISH to extend to our friends and patrons our sincere thanks for the degree to which they have contributed towards our success and earnestly hope that the good cheer of the season may come abundantly to you all. Each year we try to improve our service, and our business methods and our goods, for we realize that permanent success is based on the solid foundation of satisfied customers.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack

## Merry Christmas

If I had the ordering of your Christmas it would certainly be the happiest you ever enjoyed. If I had the power to secure for you a heaping measure of health and prosperity during 1919 That is what the new Year would bring you.

Sincerely,

The City Drug Store

## To You from Us A Merry Christmas

When the Christmas dawns, may it bring to you three great gifts—

Gladness that you have been able to surprise one into pleasure with an unlooked for gift—gladness that children everywhere may find this the day of golden days.

Courage that in spite of their willfulness and weakness, folks deep down are kindly and good, and that after all it is worth while going on for their sakes and your own.

Peace that on this day grown men and women take the hours from dawn-blush to after glow and fill them with cheer and laughter and love—the things which in the end are all that the year's working has sought for.

Our store is closed on Christmas Day—but next day and all the days there after it will be wide open to express to you in terms of goods and service the heartfelt wishes we here extend to you in print.

E. A. Jeanes and Co.

### CHRISTMAS CREED UNIVERSAL

The festival called Christmas has come to have a creed wider than any ritual. Its magic has influenced the world in a degree more profound and far reaching than that of any other recurring incident marked by the history of mankind. Its sentiment has, indeed, overflowed all boundaries, both of sect and of social condition. Its high clear note of cheer and charity has appealed to an unbounded degree wherever human ideals have had sway. Pessimism halts at its portal.

The creed of kindness adjusts itself to all countries and all places. It seems to be a good working creed, despite the unattractive phases of perfunctory giving and taking. It is a cheerful creed. It strews life with gaiety and color. It is a culmination to sentiments of fair play, to active sympathy to the do it now impulse.

Christmas has no climate. It glows where life is green and where it is white. In city and in country, in the hills and on the desert, among the pines and among the palms it finds a voice. It is holy day and holiday. It drapes the altar and the earth. It has many American versions, and many races add their varying symbols to its tenderness and to its animation.

Above all, the call of Christmas is "Peace on Earth." In the present grievous crisis of the world there is significance in this call beyond that of any crisis mankind ever before was called to read. That war has darkened Christmas for so much of the world may well seem, at the moment, the crushing condemnation of all such conflicts.

Yet it will remain true that the full beauty of the day and the time is due those who may find that beauty. Children of every land seize it for their own. And "except ye become as one of these," life loses its saving luster.

#### For Croup

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort, N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.

#### THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Let the spirit of Christmas time, "Peace on earth, good will to men," come into your heart and be merry and glad. But in the midst of your merrymaking and charitable thoughts, do not forget that there are many to whom Christmas will bring no cheer. These are the hopelessly ill in hospitals, the human driftwood in the reformatories, the tiny inmates of the orphanages. If you are able to bring a bit of cheer—practical cheer—into the dead life of someone confined in one of these institutions. Do not think such an effort is a waste of time or out of date. Indeed, it will be the kindest act you can do at Christmas time—to think of someone who has lost his place, or is not yet able to take his place in the great world.

#### Stomach Trouble

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. J. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.

"How about the New Year's resolutions?"

"I never make any," answered the busy man.

"You don't mean to say you are entirely free from bad habits?"

"No, indeed, but making New Year resolutions I don't intend to keep is not one of them."

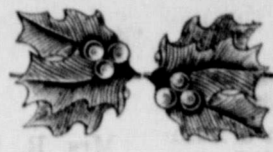
The finest line of Piqueur China we have ever had—Ever piece is finished by an artist of reputation and his name appears on all his work. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Lynn and Mrs. Townsend passed through Ballinger, Monday en route to their home at Winters after a visit to Fort Worth.

Look thought to put New Year's so close to Christmas. If Bill's folks send us a Christmas card, reminding us that we should have sent them one, it's easy enough to retort with a New Year's greeting.

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The least wish we entertain for you and yours is that each and every one may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with all the richest and choicest blessings.

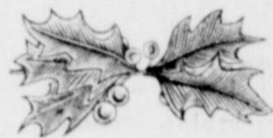


E. Shepperd & Company

INSURANCE

1918-19

The least wish we have is that each and every one may enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, with all the richest and choicest blessings.



Cash Meat Market

Phone 126



The spirit of the season prompted us to express our appreciation of your past favors, and to extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



CITY CAFE

Good Eats, Good Service and Good Coffee is Our 1919 Slogan.

Dr. W. W. Fowler visited patients at Rowena by rail Monday, going up on the noon train and back in the afternoon, as the roads are too bad for auto travel.

#### Mrs. Isley's Letter

In a recent letter Mrs. D. W. Isley of Litchfield, Ill., says "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and as a laxative and have found them a quick and sure relief." If you are troubled with indigestion or constipation these tablets will do you good.

Let us order your Rubber Stamps. The Ballinger Printing

M. F. Treadwell came down from San Angelo, Monday afternoon, and is at home with his family for the holidays.

We carry Parker's "Lucky Curve" Fountain Pens. None better. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d Nunnally's Candies are the leading candies in the South—Any girl will love the man who presents her with a box of candy.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d

Mrs. M. C. Cobb and little daughter came in from San Angelo, Monday afternoon, and will be the guests of Mrs. Cobb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Chastain, during the holidays.



## Christmas Joys

In appreciation of your dealings with us in the past, and in anticipation of those in the years to come, we thank you and wish you

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

**W. B. WOOD**  
Buy Your Groceries here in 1919

1918 **TO YOU** 1919

### My Friends and Customers

It is meet and proper that I should express my deepest appreciation for the nice business given me during 1918. Entering business in Ballinger in the middle of the year I have been accorded that splendid courtesy that is so befitting the good people of Ballinger and Runnels county and I wish you all

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

**Ballinger Insurance Agency**

Wisdom consists not in seeing what is directly before us, but in discerning those things which may come to pass.

### This the Merriest Christmas Time

Following the time honored custom indulged in the world over of spreading glad tidings and joy we take this opportunity of expressing our gratification for the nice business during the year just closing, and with all sincerity and earnestness we extend to the people of Ballinger and Runnels County the—

*Compliments of the Season*

**E. A. Trail**

## A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year

Accept our wishes for the future happiness and peace of mind that this will be your happiest Christmas and gladdest New Year.

The fact that we have only been in business a few days, and our patronage has been excellent is the highest compliment you can pay me.

**L. L. Stroble**  
Yours for Better Meat.

*Again at Christmas did we wear  
Holly round the Christmas*

### A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Our best wishes to our many friends and customers is "May the New Year bring you all the prosperity and happiness you deserve; may joy and blessings beyond your expectations be yours"

**H. F. Demmer**  
Honest Work, Honest Treatment  
our Motto

## We Thank You Because

you have made it possible for us to "get by" and "stay on the job" through 1918 and we shall do our best through 1919 to show you our appreciation by giving you the best service possible.

**Jas. E. Brewer**  
Jeweler and Optometrist  
709 Hutchins Ave.

**Merry Christmas and a  
Prosperous New Year to All**

## Ebb Cathey Says: Merry Christmas

To every one in Ballinger and Runnels county and every other place, and may your blessings be countless

**Ebb Cathey**

H. W. Lynn, who represented the north end of the county at the West Texas boosters meeting at Fort Worth last Saturday, predicts that great good will result from the co-operative effort to place this county before the man with the money to develop our natural resources. "I think we will get some profitable advertising, both from an agricultural standpoint and from a mineral standpoint," said Mr. Lynn, as he passed through Ballinger en route to his home at Winters. An effort will be made to bring the landless man and the manless land together and prevail upon the man with the rig to come here and drill for oil.

#### A TEXAS WONDER

The Texas Wonder for kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, cures weak and lame back, rheumatism, and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.25. One small bottle is two month's treatment, and often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggist.

L. E. Blair is off for Christmas visit to different points in the woody parts of Texas. He left Monday afternoon.

Misses Grace and Geraldine Lankford returned home from a visit to their sister, Mrs. Roseoe DeMoyille, at San Angelo, Monday afternoon. Mrs. DeMoyille accompanied them home and will visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford during the holidays.

Fed McWilliams returned to Coleman Monday afternoon, after a visit of a few days to home folks.

J. M. Pyburn went to Comanche, Monday afternoon, where he will work in a drug store for a few days during the holiday rush.

Mrs. Elmer Simpson and children went to Brownwood, Monday afternoon, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Simpson's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus DeLoach went to Fort Worth Monday afternoon, and will spend a couple of weeks in that city visiting relatives and friends.

**CHICHESTER'S PILLS**  
THE DIAMOND BRAND  
Ladies - Is your Druggist for Chichester's Diamond Brand Pills in B. & G. and avoid imitations. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHICHESTER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS. For 25 years known as safe. Always reliable. SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE



1918 **LANKFORD'S** 1919

Printers' ink nor choicest words  
Can tell one-half I feel  
Of thankfulness and gratitude,  
As true as truest steel

### To My Friends Greeting

In all sincerity, I wish to thank my friends and customers for a most successful and satisfactory year. To one and all I wish a Merry Christmas a Happy New Year.

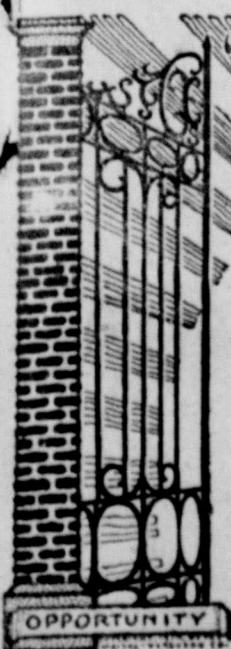
**LANKFORD'S FURNITURE  
STORE**

### This is the hour of the THRIFTY MAN

The gold mines of the Yukon and the Rand—the diamond diggings of Brazil and South Africa promise paltry pittances compared with the illimitable fortunes which lie at every turn in any city.

Thrift has become a profession.  
How much time are you devoting to its study?  
*Herbert Kaufman*

**FARMERS & MERCHANTS  
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It is a great gift for Runnels county, and the people should feel thankful.

Boosting the grain crop is only one of the goods resulting from the rain. Making it possible to save gasoline is another.

In making up his cabinet, Hobby did the right thing in ousting Ferguson followers. If the people did not want Ferguson for governor, it would be inconsistent keep in power those who endorsed his policies and favored his election.

After all the weather is in keeping with the Christmas season, and the inconspicuousness of Santa Claus will not prevent many stockings from becoming inflated. The soggy situation knocks the suffering out of drouth.

Billy Sunday says hell is the

place for a double standard of morals. There is nothing new in what Billy says, but it is the way he says it that impresses the trail hitters. Any fair thinking man will agree with him that it is wrong for the fallen woman to be ostracized in society and the man responsible for her downfall elevated in society. Such is often the case.

It is a forgone conclusion that the next legislature of Texas will attempt to undo the homestead law, and offer to the people something in its stead. In dealing with the federal loan board, the homestead law is a handicap to many farmers, and stands in the way of the farmer borrowing money at a low rate of interest and on long time with which to make improvements. If this can be remedied without endangering the rights of homestead, all good and well, but if the restrictions which now make it impossible for the husband to mortgage the homestead of his wife and children to speculate on are removed, and the interest of the wife and children are not safeguarded in the proposed change, the people should vote unanimous against the amendment when it is submitted.

While the rains have made the roads "rotten" the farmers can

get consolation out of the thought that there is nothing to haul over the roads at this time, and they are being used principally as highways for joy riding, when used at all. However, the conditions of the roads should serve as a reminder of what the farmers would have to contend with at harvest time, with a big crop to market, and during the coming summer no time should be lost in building roads that will stand the wet weather.

**GOOD CHRISTMAS MOTTO**

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**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Let the spirit of Christmas time, "Peace on earth, good will to

You know how the wonderful song went thrilling,  
Out, out o'er a slumbering earth:  
The song of good will and the song of glory,  
On the night of our Savior's birth.



Through the glorious star-lit dome of heaven  
Rang a beautiful angel chime—  
You know the story, the sweet, old story,  
The story of Christmas time.

**GREETINGS**

**Merry Christmas**

**Happy New Year**

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May the joys of Christmas-tide be many, and may the New Year bring you health, happiness and prosperity, is the sincerest wish to our friends and patrons. We know of no more fitting time to express our appreciation for the splendid patronage the people of Winters and Runnels county have given us during the past year. We are deeply grateful to us it is the best evidence that the people appreciate the dependable kind of BANKING we do. We shall endeavor to maintain the high standard of efficiency in service we have set for our bank, thereby retaining your patronage and confidence.

**WE THANK YOU**

**The Winters State Bank**

Resources \$300,000.00

Guaranty Fund Bank

**SERVICE**

**Just Service and  
Then Some**

In this the closing week of 1918, we wish to stop long enough to wish our many friends and customers the compliments of the season, coupled with best wishes for

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

—and may the coming year bring you all the joys you anticipate, with good measure thrown in—  
Yours for service,

**Wm. Cameron & Co**

Hearts that never have been shown  
The wonderland of dreaming,  
Go trudging in a dusty road  
Where no stars are gleaming.

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Is our sincerest wish to you one and all. May your lives be a continual round of pleasure and good deeds, and that the New Year will bring to you the many blessings you deserve.

Accept our grateful thanks for your good will and patronage in the past and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence

*The Ballinger State Bank*

men," come into your heart and be merry and glad. But in the midst of your merrymaking and charitable thoughts, do not forget that there are many to whom Christmas will bring no cheer. These are the hopelessly ill in hospitals, the human driftwood in the reformatories, the tiny inmates of the orphanages. If you are able to bring a bit of cheer—practical cheer—into the dead life of someone confined in one of these institutions. Do not think such an effort is a waste of time or out of date. Indeed, it will be the kindest act you can do at Christmas time—to think of someone who has lost his place, or is not yet able to take his place in the great world.

**you**

and all the countless numbers of our other friends and customers

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we wish you one and all

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*A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year*

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and May all your Wrinkles be Pressed Out

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We hope this Christmas will bring you and yours untold joy, and that they will be of even a greater degree than any the past.

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**The Scotch Woolen Mills**

C. C. Gilliam, Prop.



Children Cry for Fletcher's

# CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has borne the signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* and has been made under his personal supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this. All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children—Experience against Experiment.

## What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS

Bears the Signature of

*Chas. H. Fletcher*

In Use For Over 30 Years  
The Kind You Have Always Bought

THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY.



WE RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT—that our dairy products are the embodiment of purity. Perfect freshness is guaranteed to you on butter, eggs, cream and milk. Buy our dairy products and compare them with the thoroughly unsatisfactory cold storage variety. We charge no more for the best that the market affords.

JACKSON DAIRY

Presenting tire troubles and looking after the wants of our customers is our business. We study it. We can handle any kind of a job...

Castor Tire & Battery Co.  
PHONE 650.



CUT your Tire Bill IN TWO  
By using  
PEERLESS BLOW OUT SHOE.

## Building Restrictions Have Been Removed

All farm and ranch buildings, all schools churches, hospitals and public buildings costing not more than \$25,000.00, all new homes costing not more than \$10,000.00. Now is the time to plan. Let us help you do it

**Ballinger Lumber Company**

T. L. ACKEE, Mgr.



THE First National Bank  
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### RETURNS FROM DEVELOPMENT MEET

C. A. Doose returned home Tuesday Eve from Fort Worth, where he went to represent Ballinger at a meeting of the Commercial organizations from towns in this and other parts of West Texas.

Mr. Doose reports that the meeting was largely attended and plans for exploiting the resources of this part of the state launched on a gigantic scale. "There is no doubt but what great good to this country will result from such an effort," said Mr. Doose. "I went to attend the meeting and to find out what we could do to get our share of the benefits," said Mr. Doose, "but I was not authorized to pledge anything, and I am ready to make my report to the business men and those in this city who should be interested in the development of our natural resources."

### STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the regular annual stockholders meeting of the Ballinger State Bank & Trust Co., will be held at its banking house in Ballinger at 10 a. m. Tuesday, January 14th, 1919. 24 2d&w Chas. S. Miller, Vice-President and Cashier

Ivan Hamilton and Wife returned from Waco, Tuesday where they have been making their home for some time. We learn that they will return to Winters after the holidays and make their home in that city again.

T. J. Gardner and Mrs. Gardner, of New Castle, Texas are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Gardner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gannaway. Tom is wearing a feeling at home smile, and his friends are glad to see him. He says he hails from a prosperous country, and only here for a square meal or two.



## New Life Vibrator

One of the greatest aids to nature ever given to mankind is the

## New Life Vibrator

It stimulates and invigorates the entire system, removes, in nature's own way, the causes of pain, and instantly relieves all affected parts.

It relieves rheumatism and all similar ailments, tones up the complexion and invigorates the body generally. Used in any lamp socket.

**Ballinger Electric Light & Power Company**

## GREETINGS

To the good people of Ballinger and vicinity, we wish you the compliments of the season--

A Merry Christmas and  
A Happy New Year

In this connection we also wish to express our appreciation for the very generous patronage we have received during the past year.

### Who Gave Us Christmas Day?

A Happy, happy Christmas  
Be yours today  
Oh, not the failing measure,  
Of fleeting earthly pleasure,  
But Christmas joy abiding;  
While years are swiftly Gliding,  
Be yours, I pray,  
Through Him who gives us Christmas Day

May this be your Happiest Christmas, and Nineteen-Nineteen most prosperous for you.

Melton Dry Goods Company **Everybody's Store**

1918

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## EXTEND GREETINGS

## A Merry Christmas

Some say it is old-fashioned,  
Sending greetings Christmas day,  
But some of us cling fondly  
To the good old-fashioned way;  
Accept old-fashioned wishes  
For the sake of Auld Lang Syne---  
A Merry, Merry Christmas,  
Good luck to thee and thine.

Permit us on this occasion to assure our many friends and customers that we appreciate to the fullest extent the splendid patronage we have received during the year soon to close, and take it as a compliment to our persistent endeavor to give you the very best service at all times. In adhering to the highest standard of good banking, we hope to merit a continuance of your confidence

Make this Bank Your Headquarters---  
You'll find the latch-string generously hanging out

WE THANK YOU

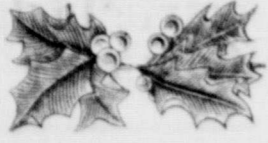
**Farmers & Merchants State Bank**



## Here's Hoping

—that this will prove to be your Merriest Christmas and that you and yours are enjoying health, happiness and prosperity.

This means is taken to thank you for your patronage and express my appreciation for same



**L. E. Bair Furniture Co.**

## If You Have Lived

a better life, done more kindly deeds, made yourself more truly known to yourself and to others this Christmas time will be most Merry to you. May the spirit of peace on earth, good will towards men continue as a part of your daily life and be reflected in all with whom you come in contact. May the coming year generously distribute health, happiness and success to you and yours.

**Castor Tire and Battery Co.**

## Compliments

**Best Season**  
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**The**  
Resources

*With the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure, and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of health and happiness, I extend to you, one and all my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.*

**Cold Drinks, Cigars and Candies**  
"Watch Me Grow" in 1919

**Marshmallow**

**Topping**

is simply ripping

Generous sized cans 35c

**L. B. STUBBS, Grocer**

Phones 93 and 94

## JUS' 'FORE CHRISTMAS

They're acting mighty funny up at our house nowadays, They're different than they used to be an' changed in many ways;

Not long ago if I should want some toy upon the shelf, They used to make me get a chair and hunt for it myself!

Las' night I wanted building blocks and went to get em too An' three of 'em got up an' said: "I'll get 'em down for you."

I used to have to hunt for things that somehow went astray, They let me open bureau drawers without a word to say;

Ma would sew and sis would play, an' pa would read his book, An' never thing of 'getti' from their chairs to help me look.

But las' night when I started in to find my 'lectris car They all exclaimed: "We'll hunt for it; you stay where you are

I've never known 'em be so kind in all my life before: They'll jump to wait on me an' find the things I'm huntin' for Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest.

I'm not a bother any more—but why, I haven't guessed. I only know that when I want some toy that's on a shelf,

They're mighty quick to see that I don't hunt for it myself.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than in all other diseases put together and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine manufactured by J. E. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circular and testimonials.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.

Sold by druggist, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

## WISE WILLIE

After five year old Willie had gone to bed on Christmas eve his mother went into the room to see if he had hung his stocking properly for Santa Claus. Much to her surprise she found that the little fellow had appropriated one of hers for the occasion and had attached a slip of paper on which he had printed in a bold hand one of his Sunday school texts: "The LoRd I0vVeH a CheaR-fuLL giVVeR."

## Few Escape

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.

Bill—Do you expect your landlady to give you anything for Christmas?

Jill—Sure.  
"What do you expect it to be?"  
"Oh, the neck, I reckon."

## BILLY SUNDAY

is engaged in work of saving your "SOULS", and we are here to protect your health by mending your "SOLES" that is the soles of your shoes. Bring in those old shoes and let us put a new sole on them. We make auto tops, mend old ones and do a general repair work.

EBB CATHEY. d&wtf

E. J. Goats, one of the pioneer citizens of the Tokren country, was here Monday. Mr. Goats and several others made the trip in a wagon as the roads are so muddy autos refuse to navigate.

Why not buy a Victrola for Christmas? They bring joy to children to know and appreciate good music.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 20 4d

## Greetings

We feel that at this time of Holly and Mistletoe, it will not be out of place to extend the complements of the season, and at the same time to express to you our sincere appreciation of the splendid business we have enjoyed during the year just closing, and wish all

**A Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year**

A cordial invitation is extended to you to make our place headquarters during 1919.

**Ballinger Dry Goods Co.**

## Christmas Greetings



**Our Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous 1919**

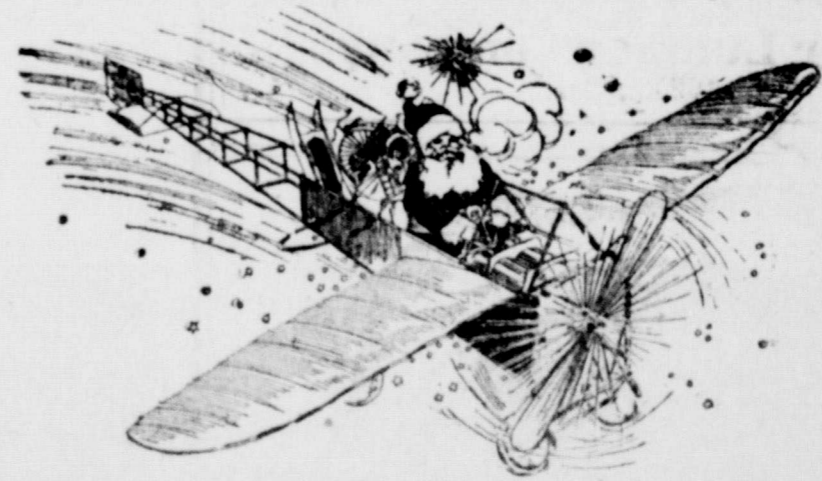
—and we might suggest with due propriety that we can lessen your troubles and increase your joys with our service.

Neither will it be out of the plan to express our appreciation for the very liberal patronage we have received during the past year.

"The use of and our honest service will add to your prosperity and happiness.

**When  
Troubles  
Overtake  
You  
Ring 17**

**Harwell Motor Co.**



We take this method of thanking you for your splendid patronage and friendship during the past year. We expect during the coming year to make every effort possible to keep up the high standard of service we have established, and if possible to improve it, as the best is none too good for our patrons. Also, we wish one and all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**The Miller Mercantile Co.**

Phone 66 or 67



**GREETINGS**

**Merry  
Christmas  
and a Happy  
New Year.**

1918-1919

May the sun shine over your path  
May your joy be such as endures  
And may the New Year pour its blessings  
Abundantly on you and yours.

**Pure Dependable Drugs**

**J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.**

**To You**



Yes, to you, and to yours, we extend most cordial greetings and thanks for the very liberal patronage during the year just closing—May you and all of yours enjoy a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**L. B. STUBBS**

Ballinger's Leading Grocerman

**Heartiest  
Greetings**

To our many friends and customers to whom we feel indebted for the splendid business of our firm during the past year, we wish to express our appreciation and wish you

**A Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year.**

**HALL HARDWARE CO.**

**FORGET THE PAST**

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We have the finest and biggest line of Parisian Ivory ever brought to Ballinger. It makes an elegant Christmas present.

J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 2341

**GOOD CHRISTMAS MOTTO**

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Good resolutions abandoned are about as beautiful as snowflakes that have fallen into a mud puddle.

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

"Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will to men."

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised."

This is a day for magnifying the blessings of peace, not selfishly, but with the rejoicing that should attend the remainder that we have a cure for the troubles of the world and a part in the spreading of the remedy. Let the songs of joy be carried into every corner of gloom. If peace is to achieve victory, its spirit of gladness must be irrepressible. No less today than two thousand years ago is it the mission of peace to show by example that in good will alone lies the happiness of the people.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

With joy we'll tumble out of bed  
To see the New Year dawn;  
For now we are lots better fed,  
The turkey hash is gone.

**DIPHTHERIA SHOWS  
UP FOR CHRISTMAS**

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John McKay is reported to be ill with diphtheria. This is the first diphtheria case reported here this season. The case has been placed under quarantine and every precaution used to prevent spread of the disease.

C. W. Hardon, who was assisting the Miller Mercantile during the holiday trade, is confined to his home with the flu. He was reported to be improving today.



*No sentiment in business? Why of course there is, there is the sentiment of fair dealing, of full value, of integrity and many more. We believe in all these things, and hope you also believe. At any rate, we want you to know how much sentiment we feel towards each and every one of our friends who have been with us during the year past. We need you just as much in the years to come, and hope you will need us. We wish you success and prosperity in the coming year, and for many years to come.*

The  
**First National Bank**  
Ballinger, Texas

J. M. Moore and wife came in from Hillsboro, Monday, and will spend a few days here with friends. Mr. Moore was a former blacksmith in this city.

Judge E. McCarver came in from Galveston, Monday and will spend several days with his children.

**A BALLINGER BOY HUNG**  
Around his father's neck and begged him to have Moody save his "sole" that is the soles of his shoes. Moody can do the work and give satisfaction at the right price. He does general repair work and handles second goods, when in need in his line call and

**CASTORIA**

For Infants and Children  
In Use For Over 30 Years  
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher*

Compliments  
of the Season  
Greetings

May this be the merriest Christmas of them all; may the New Year bring you many joys and blessings, and may peace and prosperity be more than your greatest expectations is our sincerest wish for you.

**Bennett Abstract Co.**

**Money to Loan  
on Farm Lands**

I represent a strong and liberal loan company  
See me about new or renewal loans.

**Estes Lynn**  
Hall Hardware Co., Building

When you think of

**Good Things  
to Eat**

Think of

**Miller Mercantile Co.**  
Phones 66 and 77  
Auto Delivery



**For Weak Women**

In use for over 40 years! Thousands of voluntary letters from women, telling of the good Cardui has done them. This is the best proof of the value of Cardui. It proves that Cardui is a good medicine for women.

There are no harmful or habit-forming drugs in Cardui. It is composed only of mild, medicinal ingredients, with no bad after-effects.

TAKE

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

You can rely on Cardui. Surely it will do for you what it has done for so many thousands of other women! It should help.

"I was taken sick, seemed to be . . . writes Mrs. Mary E. Veste, of Madison Heights, Va. "I got down so weak, could hardly walk . . . just staggered around. . . . I read of Cardui, and after taking one bottle, or before taking quite all, I felt much better. I took 3 or 4 bottles at that time, and was able to do my work. I take it in the spring when run-down. I had no appetite, and I commenced eating. It is the best tonic I ever saw." Try Cardui.

All Druggists

Division for "forcing against the enemy in position, a crossing of the river Meuse near Dun and near Brioules, building bridges and swimming the river in the face of machine guns and artillery fire and in advancing some nine kilometers in the enemy's territory to the vicinity of Brandeville. This action not only uncovered the left flank of the XVII French corps and enabled that corps to advance, but broke the line of resistance of the German army, and by turning its position on the east bank of the Meuse, compelled its withdrawal"; and in a letter of November 11, 1918, from the chief of staff, First army, A. E. F., to the commanding general, Third Corps, A. E. F., wherein he states: "The army commander has noticed with great pleasure and appreciation the excellent work of your corps in crossing the Meuse river and clearing the heights to the east of the town of Dun-sur-Meuse. He appreciates fully the difficulties involved in this problem and therefore realizes that the results attained reflects great credit on your corps, and the divisions included therein."

2. The Fifth Division alone forced the crossing and established the bridgehead. It was afterwards joined for a few days by a regiment of the 32nd Division. For two days and nights the division held a front of 20 kilometers against the enemy on its front and both flanks. Not content with this, it went out of its sector on the north and took the town of Mouzay and turned it over to the 90th Division. On the south it went out of its sector and took Vilosenes, enabling the French division on its right to cross the river.

3. In the 30 days preceding the armistice this division was seriously engaged under shell rifle and machine gun fire 27 days. In the past two weeks no day has passed that some town, wood or hill has not been wrested from the enemy. In succession the following were captured: Bois des Rappes, Aineer ville, Bois de Bahionnet, Clery-le Grand, Clery le Petit, Brioules, Douleau, Dun sur Meuse, Liny rang of hills east of the Meuse forming the bridgehead, Vilosenes Milly, Lion Mupvaux, Fontaines, Chateaux Charnois, Mouzay, Bran deville, Forest de Woevre, Jannetz, Remoiville, Louppy. A penetration of 21 kilometers in to the enemy's line was made, wresting from him 190 square kilometers of territory, and on announcement of the armistice the division had a front of 13 kilometers, being five kilometers in advance of troops on its left and two kilometers beyond troops on its right.

4. Thirty-seven cannons, 461 machine guns and over 900 prisoners were captured. However, what the division commander wishes most to congratulate the division upon is its untiring uncomplaining tenacity of purpose in its constant driving at the enemy in spite of fatigue and shortage of rations, being wet from swimming the river and canals or wading the swamps of the Forest de Woevre. This is a brilliant example of what the American soldier can do in an emergency when he must go on to the utmost extent of his power. The division commander is proud of the work of the division. No division could have accomplished more, and every member the command should be proud to belong to a division which has so brilliantly ended its record in the greatest war the world has known.

H. E. Elv.

Major General U. S. A., Commanding.

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Just a good old-fashioned greeting,  
Just a good hallo to say,  
We wish you a "Merry Christmas,"  
In the good old-fashioned way;  
Just the same old-fashioned remembrance  
We'll sincerely wish once more  
For a Merrie "Merry Christmas,"  
Than you've ever had before.

**GREETINGS---**

**A Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year**

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS who have been instrumental in making this closing year successful and satisfactory. We take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. We shall strive by a strict adherence to our policy of store service, honest merchandising and giving highest quality and best values, to merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

**Higginbotham Bros. &  
Company of Texas  
Ballinger, Texas**

FIFTH DIVISION

WINS SIGNAL HONORS  
Complete

Ballinger boys, are sharing confidence for the valiant finish of the

**The Resources**

in Ballinger, Third army order cited the division for its resources the string line. Diaz Wood and of Ballinger, are the Fifth Division. Boys were in the thick of the fighting from mid-July to the end of the war, and they are now in the army of occupation. The citation given them is as follows: Headquarters Fifth Division, American Expeditionary Forces, France, November 11, 1918. General orders No. 73. 1. It is with pride and pleasure that the division commander calls the attention of the division to general order No. 41, Third corps, of November 9, 1918, wherein the corps commander cites the Fifth

**QUEEN**

Tonight

A Paramount Picture  
Thos. H. Ince

Presents

**Charles Ray**

in

**"The Claws  
Of the Hun"**

Tomorrow

**Private Peat**

**The Ballinger Printing Company**

ITS MANAGEMENT AND EMPLOYEES

Wish You and Yours

**A Merry Christmas**

and a

**A Happy New Year**

--and as they desire to celebrate this, the happiest of holidays, no paper will be issued tomorrow, December the Twenty-fifth.