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Only Two Changes Slated in County's Official Family

There will only be two changes in Runnels county's "official family" on New Year's Day, when county officials take the oath of office for a two- or four-year period. Most of the present incumbents will continue their work, hardly realizing that it is the beginning of a new term of office.

Roy Hill, incoming county attorney, will not be a new face in the office. He is returning to this duty after being out for two years. He has already served Runnels county in this capacity a number of years and will resume the work as an experienced representative in the law enforcement force of this county.

C. C. Sessions, retiring prosecutor, has entered the Methodist ministry and is now serving his first appointment in the Alvarado circuit. He began this pastorate in November but has been making weekly trips here to attend to his work in the county attorney's office.

Mrs. Aurelia Webb will become county treasurer on January 1 and begins her service as the newest member of the county officers' group. Mrs. Webb has been teaching in the Ballinger Mexican school for a number of years, holding that position until the Christmas holidays commenced last week. She recently resigned as teacher effective at Christmas so that she would be ready to assume her duties at the court house.

Mrs. W. A. Francis, retiring treasurer, has made no public announcement as to what she will do. She stated this week that she had several ventures under consideration but was not ready to make a public statement.

Tad Richards succeeds Troy Carter as commissioner of precinct No. 3. Mr. Richards is the only new member of the commissioners' court.

No other changes, either in the principal office holders or deputies, has been announced.

MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR STUDENTS ARE HOME

A group of Ballinger girls who attend Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, came in the first of this week to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends. Miss Genevieve King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King, arrived Tuesday morning. Misses Cleo and Claudia Compton came in Saturday; Miss Winnie Lee Jones and Miss Frances Gustavus arrived Tuesday. They will all return to college about the first of the year.

COUNTY AGENTS' OFFICE TO BE CLOSED TWO DAYS

County Agent John A. Barton stated Wednesday morning that his office would be closed Friday and Saturday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Barton will spend Christmas in Comanche with friends and Thomas B. Hill, conservation assistant, will go to Waco to visit relatives. All employees of the office will be excused tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon until the following Monday morning.

Mrs. Thomas D. Hamilton and children, of Ropes, are expected here to spend Christmas with her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

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Ballinger Stores To Close Friday For Christmas

Ballinger stores will be closed Friday, Christmas Day. Most of the stores will remain open late tomorrow (Thursday) evening to accommodate late shoppers and are expecting a brisk business for last minute gifts purchases.

Some local firms have announced that they will remain closed Saturday also, but most of the business district will be open Saturday morning. Dry cleaning shops have agreed to remain closed Saturday in order to give their employees a three-day respite from toil and permit them time to make trips out of town.

Next week most local concerns will begin the task of taking inventory to determine how 1936 has served them in a financial way. In general merchants report a better business year and the holiday season has added a little more to the increase over 1935.

Next week will also be clean-up week, when all street decorations are to be removed and show windows changed.

Merchants expect their biggest rush next week to be in making exchanges on Christmas presents.

State Patrolmen Check Car Lights In This Vicinity

Three state highway patrolmen were in Ballinger Sunday evening, working on Broadway and Hutchings Avenue in checking lights on automobiles. Many cars were stopped and drivers warned about faulty head and tail lights and told to have them repaired at once.

The patrolmen informed Chief of Police Lee Moreland that they were through warning motorists here about faulty lights and hereafter they would file complaints and ask that the violators be fined. Local officers will cooperate with the state police in their efforts to reduce traffic accidents.

Many cars Sunday night were found with only one headlight burning and numerous others had no taillights. This is a violation of the law and is considered a serious traffic hazard at night.

The patrolmen are trying to check as many cars as possible before the heavy holiday traffic jams the highways and thereby eliminate as many crashes as possible.

Chief Moreland asks local motorists to carefully inspect their lights and if anything is wrong to take the car to a garage and have it fixed before another night check-up is made and tickets issued for visits to the judge.

SERVICES TO BE HELD AT 8TH ST. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services will be held Sunday morning and evening at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. L. Cleveland, of Abilene, delivering the sermons. Other regular services will be held with preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Miss Frances Fryar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fryar, is reported to be improving steadily in a San Angelo hospital, where she was taken last week suffering with pneumonia and complications.

Merry Christmas to All



56 Ballinger Families "Adopted" for Christmas

Ballinger citizens have taken care of the destitute in a splendid manner this Christmas and so far as known every family that needs assistance has been provided for. The "family adoption plan" has worked excellently. 56 families have been taken from the list to be looked after by Sunday school classes, other organizations or individuals.

At local churches Sunday, the Sunday school classes assembled their gifts and practically all the baskets were bountiful, including large supplies of groceries, plenty of warm clothes, bed clothing, and a nice assortment of toys and goodies for the children.

In addition, the Goodfellows provided several food baskets for those who were not in dire need and only requested something for the Christmas dinner.

The committees making the canvass put forth every effort to include every person that needed anything. A few families were turned in that were later stricken from the list because relatives were aiding them or because the men were given jobs to provide the necessities. If there were some worthy poor missed it was not intentional.

Ballinger ministers cooperated in every way possible with the "adoption" plan, assisting in the survey and also in creating interest in the movement in their Sunday school classes.

Distribution of the baskets commenced Sunday afternoon when a number of Sunday school classes visited the homes of their beneficiaries and trimmed Christmas trees for the children, leaving the beautiful trees to be enjoyed by little folk who would not have been visited by Santa Claus. Several of the families were special guests of the "adopting" classes Sunday morning.

The following have "adopted" families in the Christmas campaign:

- O. C. Sykes' Bible Class, Baptist church
- Mrs. Dee Oliver
- Intermediate B. T. U. Baptist church
- American Legion Auxiliary
- F. M. Pearce
- Pre-School P-T. A.
- Lions Club
- Rotary Club
- Mrs. Morgan's Class, Baptist church
- Intermediate Department, Methodist church
- Wix Currie
- Doss Bible Class, Methodist church
- Primary Department, Methodist church
- First Christian Church, five families
- Ballinger B. T. U. Baptist church
- J. O. Y. Class, Baptist church
- Mrs. J. G. Tuckey's Class, Baptist church
- Mrs. K. V. Northington
- Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe
- Intermediate Department, First Presbyterian Sunday school
- Miss Eva Lilly's Class, Eighth Street Presbyterian church
- Senior B. Y. P. U. Baptist church
- Junior Department, Methodist church
- Mrs. Boelsche's Circle, Baptist church
- T. E. L. Class, Baptist church

Harris Mullins Has 13,000 Head Sheep, 800 Calves on Feed

Harris Mullins has two large feeding projects underway at this time and plans to have the animals ready for market some time in March. At Ballinger he has feeding pens just east of Elm Creek on the old Coleman highway, where 6,000 head of sheep and 400 calves are being fed.

A balanced ration of meal and hulls and ground maize and cane is being given the animals and they are making nice daily gains. City water has been piped to the pens to give them good pure water to drink at all times.

At Plainview he has 7,000 sheep and 400 calves which at this time are being run on wheat fields. Mr. Mullins stated Monday that the wheat fields were good in that vicinity and that he would be able to graze this stock until about February 1 before putting them on finishing rations.

Both bunches of sheep and cattle will be finished for the market in March. Mr. Mullins estimates it will require from 100 to 120 days to put the animals in condition to ship. He is spending three days a week in Ballinger and three in Plainview, and has a crew of hands with each herd.

All local feed is being used at the Ballinger pens and the heads and stalks are ground here.

DICKSON, JR., TRANSFERRED

Drew Dickson, Jr., has been transferred by the Brown Shoe Co. to the Amarillo district. Mr. Dickson has been making Ballinger headquarters for the past two years but at the recent salesmen's meeting in St. Louis this entire district was assigned Drew Dickson, Sr., and Drew, Jr., was sent to Amarillo to cover a large area in the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma.

Miss Mary Faye Wardlaw is at home for Christmas from Austin where she is attending a business college.

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WPA Workers Get Pay Checks in Time To Spend for Xmas

The works progress administration office at Brownwood recently arranged its books so that practically all workers in this district would receive their December pay checks in time to use before Christmas. Where at all possible, the payrolls were perfected and checks mailed early this week. A number of Ballinger workers were included in the list of those who were paid earlier than usual.

Considerable overtime work was performed in the district office during the last days of the past week in order to prepare the payrolls for submission to the state office and the U. S. treasury states' accounts office by Monday morning, December 21. Arrangements were made to issue the checks so that they would reach the workers not later than December 24.

Approximately sixty payrolls, to cover payment of labor on an equal number of projects, were submitted during the past few days by district officials for immediate payment to workers in Runnels, Brown, McCulloch, Coleman, Concho, Menard, Mason, Gillespie, Blanco, Llano, Kimble and San Saba counties. Together with payrolls previously processed, the total amount of December checks will be approximately \$40,900.

Miss Maggie Herring, who teaches school at McCamey, is at home to spend Christmas with her parents and friends.

Mrs. D. R. Hall Wins In Christmas Yard Decoration Contest

Ballinger yards were judged Monday night and an award made for the best Christmas decoration listed for the inspection of the judges. Three out-of-town judges inspected the yards and after a trip over the city the yard of Mrs. D. R. Hall, 907 Sixth Street, was given first place and she will receive the cash prize of \$5.

Mrs. Hall has arranged a beautiful landscape scene in her yard, typical of the Yuletide season and with beautiful lighting effects. A huge snow bank with a well decorated tree in the center and all brought out with lights makes a very pretty picture. In a window, just above the outdoor scene is another pretty tree visible from the street. Judges were unanimous in their selection of this yard for first place.

There are a number of other well decorated yards which drew favorable comment from the judges. A cradle scene in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. M. McGregor is one of the notable pieces and was praised highly. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cherry also received compliments from the judges and the decoration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. K. V. Northington was declared beautiful.

There are numerous lighted trees and window embellishments in the city and on every street there are plenty of reminders of the season.

Receipts in duplicate for all purposes. Ballinger Printing Co.

A Personal Word . . .

To you whom it has been our pleasure to serve and to everyone everywhere, we extend Best Wishes for Christmas and the New Year and gratefully acknowledge your patronage during 1936.

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A WISH . . . for Christmas Joy

When the holly wreaths are hung and the mistletoe in place, candles glowing and Christmas spirit prevalent in all places we wish for you all of the joy possible to make this the happiest Christmas that you have experienced in many years.



May the New Year afford us many opportunities of serving you and yours and we sincerely trust you will find much happiness in the coming year.

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Thursday, December 24 and Will Not Reopen Until January 5, 1937

Any work that you may see fit to hold for our return will be greatly appreciated

Wishing You a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

Martin's Studio

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Farmers Aid Foes Of Growing Crops, Official Declares

WASHINGTON, December 22.—Farming in the Middle West has created a veritable paradise for grasshoppers instead of the farmers' desire of driving these insects out of the country, according to a statement by Dr. J. R. Parker, of the United States department of agriculture.

The grasshopper's idea of heaven is described as a place where there is plenty of green vegetation close to bare ground into which the insects can burrow to lay their eggs. Before the middle western states were farmed, the only suitable places for egg laying were on the river bottoms and on a few sunny upland slopes.

Since farming has been begun, possible egg-laying grounds are common on the millions of acres of grain crops that are not irrigated as well as along thousands of miles of highways, fences, sides of irrigation ditches and borders of railway rights-of-way.

Another former trouble of the grasshoppers was drought. Long-continued droughts dried up most of the green vegetation and starved millions of insects. Now-

days the irrigated land provides dry-year food for a considerable grasshopper population. Still another advantage of civilization to the grasshoppers is that they now avoid germ infections which once killed millions of them in lowlands along rivers and streams. In these low-lying lands wet weather helped the germs to cause widespread grasshopper epidemics. Now the grasshoppers merely move in wet weather to higher land where they are healthier and where the farmers kindly have provided food for them.

SPORTS REAL DIAMOND AS BIG AS CUT GLASS

LONDON, Dec. 22.—When he picked up something that looked like cut glass, Alfred Caulfield, a carpenter, gave it to his mother. Those who saw her wearing it thought it was a diamond. Ernest Herbert Cooper, managing director of a corporation, missed a \$750 diamond he had placed in a deed box in a strong room in his office. He asked the police for aid.

Caulfield was arrested and tried on the charge of stealing. He told the magistrate that while working in the strong room he saw something sparkling on the floor. "I thought it was a piece of cut glass and not worth much of anything," he said. His neighbors gave him an excellent reputation. The

His Corn Rated Best of All



William N. Curry, 46-year-old Tipton, Ind., farmer shown above, got the thrill of a lifetime when at the International Livestock and Grain Exposition in Chicago, he was chosen corn king of the world for 1936. Curry won the coveted title with a sample of Reid's Yellow dent.

magistrate accepted the prisoner's version as the truth.

See Freeman's for Batteries.

Standard Divisions of Time

The average person, it may be supposed, never has paused to consider the least consequential of the standard divisions of time, says the Washington Star. Even among those who pledge their lives to science it is difficult to find a definition for the term. The star-gazing Babylonians are supposed to have invented the now universal numerical system, but it was the astronomers of ancient Greece who established the model circle of 360 units or degrees. Then the Latins named one-sixtieth part of a degree "pars minuta prima," or "first small part," and one-sixtieth part of that "minute" naturally enough became "pars minuta secunda," or "second." A third fraction resolution probably seemed infeasible. The human mind simply cannot visualize so brief a period.

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The Guilty Gift



SAM LINCOLN walked slowly along the street gazing into store windows. An icy wind caught him at the corners but he hurried across to the next curb intent on his mental shopping.

He was thinking hard of Cora, too. Though not a word had been spoken between them on the subject, it was quite understood that he should buy her warm gloves, a warm sweater and stockings for Christmas. He'd saved a fair amount for this very purpose. When you gave up your city living for the country, you thought in terms of wool. Cora needed all these things. Her gloves were worn down to thin spots. Her sweater had been mended a good many times and her stockings—well, Cora just laughed about them. Cora would. She had made fun of every hard thing about changing their home, from the dreadful wheezy pump in the kitchen, to the way the floors slanted in the bedrooms, so that no pencil would stay on a table, and books continually slid off on the floor. Cora was a thoroughbred and a good sport.

Sam looked at a green sweater. That would be becoming to Cora's light curls. Or that cheerful red one. Nice on snowy winter mornings. The very chickadees would sing with pleasure at sight of her in that sweater. He took a few steps toward the shop door when his eye fell on a black-and-yellow silk kimono.

Of course he would not get it; just inquire the price so that he might look at it.

The moment Sam touched a reverent hand to the exquisite silk he was lost. Thrifty, hard-working Sam! How could he have done such a thing? And so calmly, too. "Please wrap it up," he had said. The price had been reduced in order to sell quickly. He walked out of the shop with the light bundle under his arm, and slunk by windows filled with warm woolen clothes—the kind Cora so sorely needed.

All the way home on the train his heart sank lower and lower. He



"You're So Lovely I Want to Kiss You Very Hard."

felt so chilled and miserable at the thought of his weak behavior, that Cora rushed at him as he opened the door, exclaiming, "My dear, what dreadful thing has happened to you?"

They had an excellent if frugal dinner. Cora chatted happily of this and that, looking unusually pretty and gay. Sam tried to meet her laughter, but actually shivered along his spine. Idiot! Fool! Wretched unspeakable lunatic that he was! Would a yellow-and-black Chinese kimono keep Cora warm? It would not.

Justice demanded that he confess. Cora would be kind, and that would hurt more than anything. Cora would be kind . . . and keep right on feeling cold on the crisp mornings after Christmas. But he must do it . . . muddle through it somehow.

After dinner he came close to Cora muttering something about a gift, and how dismayed sorry he was . . . and please, please not to look at him so sweetly.

Cora unwrapped the bundle. Sam waited. The lovely shining thing fell to the floor with the lights gleaming on it.

"Oh . . . oh . . . I never in all my life saw anything so magnificent! For me? Surely, surely not for me, Sam? But how I'd adore it! I'm sure I wouldn't mind anything if I knew such a gorgeous garment were hanging in my closet. But of course you're teasing me . . ."

"No," said Sam heavily, "it's your Christmas present. I feel like a cad. I know you need the warm things . . . don't be so darned sweet about it!" he commanded crossly.

Cora flung on the robe, and threw her arms around Sam's neck. "I don't know why you're acting this silly way . . . but if you're so dead set on warm things . . . a whole box came this afternoon from Uncle Horace."

Sam sank weakly into a chair. "You're so lovely I want to kiss you very hard."

"Why not?" inquired Cora, resplendent in the yellow-and-black kimono. "This is simply the most wonderful thing you ever did for me."

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Linen is the most ancient textile.

Italian Biologist Able to Regulate Blood Pressure

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The possibility of training people to raise or lower their blood pressure at will, so that lazy people could be stimulated or business men with high blood pressure and dangerous arteries could continue strenuous work and play, is suggested by experiments reported by Prof. Pierre Abrami, of the University of Paris.

The first discovery was accidental. A young Italian biologist, Dino Galardi, was surprised to notice that by suitable mental effort he could increase his blood pressure by as much as one hundred per cent. At the same time his body temperature increased slightly, the pupils of his eyes enlarged and other physiological changes took place.

Finally he was able to teach the art to several other individuals, who now have been studied by Professor Abrami and his associates. Just what happens to the heart, arteries or other organs to change something which physiologists have believed completely beyond conscious control no one yet knows. One possibility is that Mr. Galardi's method manages, somehow or other, to give the brain control of nerves which constrict or enlarge the blood vessels, just as some people can control unusual muscles such as those that move the ears.

Mr. Galardi has not yet learned how to lower his blood pressure as well as raise it, nor has he yet been able to reduce his method to a description which others can follow without personal instruction.

At present, also, the mental rise of blood pressure, ordinarily lasts only a short time. In spite of these limitations, a beginning seems to have been made in mental control of this important bodily reaction which doctors now are virtually unable to control at all.

A new egg cooker boils eggs any style and whistles when they are done.

SABOTAGE IS SUSPECTED IN AIR RACE TO AFRICA

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Foreign agents are suspected of sabotaging the airplanes used in the race from England to South Africa, and fear of other plots has found expression in London.

Victor Smith, a pilot who was forced down twice, crashing his machine the second time, definitely states that his plane was tampered with. He found a substance that looked like chewing gum blocking his oil vent pipe. He is urging an investigation.

Another contender, Tommy Rose, had a series of mysterious troubles with his gas line. At Cairo, Egypt, his undercarriage gave out while he taxied across the field,

although it had been tested and retested before the start of the race. Other flyers have similar stories to tell.

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He: "See that man over there? He's a bombastic butt, windjammer nonentity, a false alarm, a hot air shrimp, a . . ."

Woman: "Would you mind writing that down for me?"

He: "Why?"

Woman: "He's my husband, and I want to use it on him sometimes."

Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche left Sunday for Industry to spend Christmas with relatives.

Merry Christmas

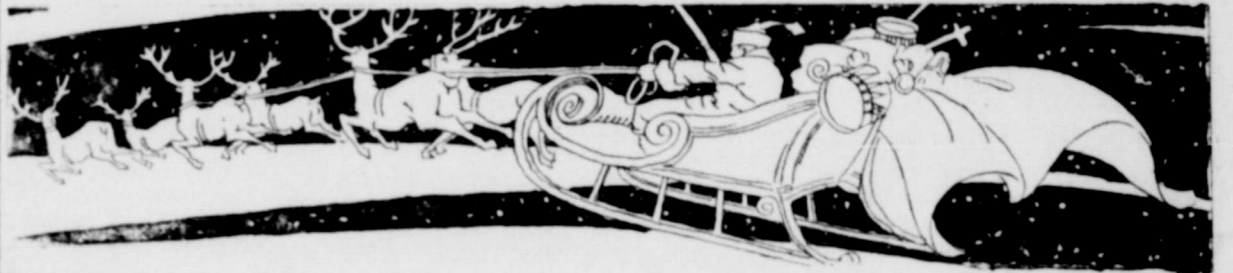
We extend to you our wishes for a Christmas and holiday season full of joys for every member of the family. May life's gladdest sunbeams shine 'round you everywhere.

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May the New Year be rich in well-deserved rewards for you.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BALLINGER

GREETINGS

One thousand nine hundred and thirty-six years ago on a hillside in Judea the Shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flocks by night hearkened to the voice of the angel which said unto them:

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

That night under the bright star of Bethlehem hope eternal was born in the hearts of men.



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Our wish for you is a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



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HERRING HOURGLASS

There was a fairly large crowd present at the church services Saturday night and Sunday morning and a larger crowd was present Sunday night.

Those from out of our community who attended church here Sunday night were: Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Morrison and Vada Fern, of Oxien; Miss Spain and Miss Bennett, of Winters; Bill and "Pig" Seales and Ralph Parker, of Harmony; and Horace Stokes, of Talpa. We were glad to have them present and wish to invite them back again.

Mrs. John Rosford and Mrs.

Lonnie Allcorn were joint hostesses at a shower given in the John Rosford home Friday afternoon honoring Miss Leona White, bride-elect of Charles Mathis. After games were played and gifts admired the hostesses served hot chocolate and cookies to the honoree, Miss W. L. White, J. A. Brooker, Henry Prestage, Mary Powe, Marvin Hale, Owen Bragg, Jim Brevard and Herbert Peek, Misses Eula and Della Bragg, Mary Fuller, Dorretta Schwartz, and Maggie Ruth Brevard.

Miss Leona White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. White, became the bride of Charles Mathis, of Harmony, Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Lutheran church in Winters. Rev. Roth Seales and Ralph Parker, of Harmony; and Horace Stokes, of Talpa, were their only attendants. Miss Lillie and Charlie Gerhart.

The bride wore a beautiful frock of royal blue matelasse crepe with black accessories. She

was reared in the Crews and Herring communities and her many friends wish her a life of happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathis are at home on their farm in the Dale community.

A group of the newlyweds' friends enjoyed a delicious wedding dinner in the W. L. White home Sunday. Present for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Mathis, Mr. and Mrs. White, grandparents of the bride, of Content; Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Faubion and family, of Crews; Lillie, Lorena, and Charlie Gerhart, of Harmony; Misses Flora Belle and Sybil Simpson, Helen Elms and Mary Fuller.

Mrs. Edgar Whitley, of Crane, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard, and family.

Lawton and Lexie Brevard, Lyndon and Dorothy Mae Rosford, Ewing Fuller and Perry and Willean Bragg attended a party in the M. L. Stone home at Talpa Saturday night.

Several from our community attended the play at Talpa Thursday night.

There will be a party in the Jim Brevard home Wednesday night, and one in the Welby Fuller home Saturday night. Everyone is invited.

Several from our community attended singing Sunday.

As Christmas will soon be here I will take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas.

BARNETT BELL RINGERS

There was a nice attendance at Sunday school Sunday.

We are glad to report that John Duke is improving fast. He was brought home Monday from San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Stubbfield went to Santa Anna last Thursday where Mr. Stubbfield took treatments.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Camp visited Mrs. Maxwell, of Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Lander and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lander spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charley Manske and family, of Kristoff.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Jones entertained the young people of this community with a party last Friday night. Everyone present reported a splendid time.

Mrs. W. W. Paschal is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Dodd and family of Hatchel. Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Carol Howard and daughter, of Hagan.

Mrs. Opal Pearce and baby, of Junction, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Wiley.

Those who visited Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman and family Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Gaddy and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Jones and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Tyree and son, and Miss Lucille Foulger.

Miss Minnie Lea Camp spent the week-end with her grandmother, Mrs. Maxwell, of Ballinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgye spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Laxton and family.

Those who are moving out of this community this week are: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hill and son, Allen; Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hill and baby; and Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Burks and family. They are all moving to Brown county. We regret to lose them from our community.

Sid Sides, of San Antonio, spent Monday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides.

Mr. and Mrs. Sides spent Thursday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith, of South Ballinger.

Barnett School News
We regret to lose the Burks children and Ruby Moore. They are moving to Brown county and will go to Early high school.

Those making the honor roll this month in Mrs. Gaddy's room are: Cleo Burks, Nesta Fay Bryan, Harold Spann, Winston Furks, Ira William Garrett and Glenn Burks.

BETHEL BEAMS

The public is invited to attend the Christmas program to be held at the school auditorium Wednesday night, December 23.

Lee Merton Causey is at home from San Angelo to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Causey.

The Baptist church has called Bro. Shaw, of Norton, to preach every fourth Sunday. Everybody is cordially invited to attend the services.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bigby's baby, but glad she is improving at present.

Quite a number of our pupils have been absent from school due to having chicken pox and the flu.

Mrs. Ross Hardy, Jr., and son, Harold, of Houston, have been guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Gassiot.

Thursday evening, December 18, the 4-H Club members entertained their husbands with a Christmas social and tree in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gassiot. After the regular business session, a program which consisted of songs, readings and devotional, was rendered. Names were drawn and attached to the presents which were called and distributed from the beautifully decorated tree. Many games afforded diversion for the evening, after which refreshments of home made candy and popcorn balls were passed. About sixty guests were present and each reported an enjoyable time.

We regret the loss of many families from our community as so many are moving elsewhere, however we welcome all newcomers.

Mother's Cook Book

FINE DINNER DISHES

There is no dinner dish that is more popular, if we except chicken, than ham.

Baked Ham.

Soak a ham over night. In the morning put it into a kettle with one onion, one carrot, six pepper corns, one bay leaf, six cloves and water to cover. Simmer for three or four hours until tender. Remove the skin and stick with whole cloves, bake in a roasting pan basting with the ham liquor and cider, using half of each. When the ham is well done stir some brown sugar into the cider sauce and spread all over the ham and brown. Serve hot with the liquor from the pan for sauce.

Deviled Lobster.

Cook three tablespoonfuls of onion, one tablespoonful of green pepper, three tablespoonfuls of butter very slowly until tender. Add one and one-half cupfuls of lobster meat and sprinkle with two tablespoonfuls of flour, one teaspoonful each of mustard, salt and paprika to taste, with a teaspoonful of Worcestershire sauce and a cupful of cream. Cook a minute or two. Place in ramekins or shells and bake well covered with buttered crumbs.

Fig Cake.

Beat three egg whites with one-half cupful of sugar and add a teaspoonful of vanilla. Beat three egg yolks with one-half cupful of sugar, the grated rind of an orange, a teaspoonful of baking powder sifted twice with a cupful of flour, add three tablespoonfuls of orange juice and fold in the egg mixture. Melt four tablespoonfuls of butter in a cakepan, add one-half cupful of brown sugar, one cupful of chopped figs and a sprinkling of broken pecans. Pour over this the cake mixture and bake twenty minutes in a moderate oven. When done turn upside down and serve with whipped cream. Stewed apricots, canned pineapple or any fruit desired may be used for this delicious cake dessert.

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Christmas Greetings

Your patronage has been appreciated during the past twelve months and it will be our aim to serve you better during the coming twelve months.

We wish for you and yours health, wealth and joy and all of the good things of life.

Central Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gosnell

Dear Santa:

Thanks for the pretty doll you brought me last Christmas. She needs a new dress and if it is not asking too much she really should have a buggy. The fresh air would be good for her if I could take her out riding during nice weather.

Daddy says we'll have a happier Christmas this year because I am well. Remember how sick I was last year with that bad cold? We have not had one at our house this winter. Mother says it is because we have heated the entire house like they do at Aunt Mary's.

Please Santa, don't bring Junior another rubber gun. He has one that is broken. When it was new he made me play cops and robbers and I was always getting shot.
Sally



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If We Were Santa

We Would Stay

The Whole Year

With You

We would just hang around and make you happy... but we are not St. Nick, so we'll just wish you a

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and a
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



CHURCHES

Church of God
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., S. H. Skelton, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.
Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.
Preaching at 8 p. m. by pastor.
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.
Teachers' meeting each Wednesday following prayer meeting.
R. L. HULL, Pastor

Ballinger Baptist Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school, E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
11:00 a. m. preaching by pastor.
8:30 p. m. B. T. U. meeting.
Francis Jones, director.
7:30 p. m. preaching by pastor.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.

A welcome to all who will worship with us.
J. H. McCLAIN, Pastor

First Methodist Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. morning worship, sermon by pastor.
7:30 p. m. preaching by pastor.
Wednesday at 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
You will find a cordial welcome at any service of this church.
HOMER VANDERPOOL, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
9:45 a. m. Sunday school, Carl Black, superintendent.
11 a. m. sermon by Rev. J. L. Cleveland.
7:30 p. m. preaching services conducted by Rev. Cleveland.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.

Church of Christ
(Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)
Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m.

with competent teachers for all classes.
11 a. m. preaching by pastor.
7:30 p. m. evening service, sermon by pastor.
3:30 p. m. Monday, ladies' Bible class meeting.
The public is invited to attend any and all these services.

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
9:45 a. m. Bible school.
11 a. m. preaching and communion service.
7:30 p. m. sermon by pastor.
7:30 p. m. Wednesday prayer meeting.
We enter an invitation to the public to attend all these services.
WALLACE JONES, Pastor

Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth Street and Harris Avenue)
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
M. D. Freeman, superintendent.
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.
N. Y. P. S. at 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting at 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday.
W. M. S. each Thursday at 2:30
JAMES MCGRAW, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Sermon, "Return by a New Way."
Evening worship at 7:00 o'clock.
Attention is called to the change of evening hour from 7:30 to 7:00.
Sermon, "The Great Fear Not."
DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor.

Why Christmas Day Comes on the 25th of December

CHRISTMAS, which seems to have been first officially instituted a church feast day by a decree of Pope Telesphorus, between 142 A. D. and 154 A. D., was a movable feast. In need, it was the most movable of all the Christian festivals. It was usually celebrated by the eastern branches of the Christian church in April or May, while in the western part of Europe days in January or other months were observed as Christmas.
In A. D. 337 St. Cypil, bishop of Jerusalem, obtained from Pope Julius I authority to appoint a commission to determine, if possible, the precise day of Christ's nativity. From the chronological archives of the Roman emperors, establishing the times of occurrence of certain events of the same period of the Roman government of Palestine, the theologians of the eastern and western divisions of the Christian church agreed upon December 25 as the date of the birth of Jesus, and thereupon this became the officially decreed and generally accepted Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS SMOKES



Allen—They say a woman can't select Christmas cigars.
May—Nonsense. I have been sound ing my husband and he says he likes light cigars. All you have to do is to match the shade.

C. C. Davis transacted business at Mineral Wells the past week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. George D. Graves and baby, of Waco, will arrive Friday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd.

Miss Mary Parks came in Tuesday from her school at Dallas to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

David Baker, student of the state medical school, Galveston, is at home for the holidays.

Christmas Eve Alliance Made Two Hearts Happier

THE wind howled dimly, and Oscar Huggins, looking out at the whirling snow, put up the shutters. Put them up right, too, as the little grocery would be closed tomorrow. Dimly, he wondered how to spend Christmas.
He checked over his stock, nibbled a bit of cheese, and opened the back door to throw out a rotting apple.
In the snow stood a boy. The lad dove for the apple, polishing and handling it as something precious.
"Here!" said Oscar roughly. "What are you doing?"
The boy looked startled. "I thought you threw it away," he answered, "and see, it's pretty good!"
"Humph," said Oscar. "All right, keep it. But, mind, you've no business loitering here. You should be home in this weather, and on Christmas eve, of all times." The lad shifted uneasily but did not leave. "Well?" Oscar demanded.
"I was looking for work, sir."
Oscar looked at him sharply. "Out on your own, son?"
"Yes, sir."
"Where are your folks?"
His tale of bereavement, struggle and loneliness was brief but impressive.
"How'd you like to spend Christmas with me?" the grocer offered. "Funny, this life. A bit ago he had almost wished he wasn't closing tomorrow—how it seemed jolly."
"Gee!" exclaimed his new friend. "Swell!"
They packed a market basket to overloading. But Oscar turned back. "Wait a minute." He selected his best candies and found a bit of red string.
"If I keep him to help in the store he'll probably eat it anyway," he concluded, "might as well show him a Merry Christmas."—Helen Gaisford.
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Jack Lynn, student in Rice Institute, Houston, arrived home Wednesday for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Kemmesat, of Stockton, California, came in Tuesday for a Christmas visit with relatives.

Firemen in England are experimenting with an asbestos shield by means of which they are able to approach the hottest part of the fire.

BIG SHARK LANDED

BREMEN, Dec. 22.—The largest shark ever caught in the North Sea was landed recently by German fishermen, who spent nine hours in capturing the twenty-four foot nine-ton monster.

Read the ads—save money.

WITH THE SICK

Hatton Laxson is improving at his home on Eighth Street following a severe attack of pneumonia.

Mrs. Y. G. Stephenson was brought to the Halley & Love Sanitarium in a Jennings ambulance early Wednesday morning. She will receive treatment.

Dr. Charles F. Bailey has been confined to the local hospital this week, suffering a relapse of influenza.

Cal Adair was able to be back on the job Tuesday after an attack of influenza.

Mrs. L. F. Gressett has been ill for several days.

Myles Nixon and son, Jimmy, have been down with the flu this week but were reported better this (Wednesday) afternoon. Both are still confined to home, however.

Hammond O'Kelly, ill with influenza the first of the week, was reported improved this afternoon.

FAIRY TALES BACK

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.—Fairy tales, which have been under the ban of the Soviet government, are to be "recognized" in Russia.

A species of the wasp has a tool which is no thicker than a stout horsehair but which can be driven through the hardest wood.

2,000,000 MAPS MADE

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Nearly 2,000,000 maps were turned out in the past year by the 1,100 men employed by the British Ordnance Survey.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Agnew and son left today for Waco to spend Christmas with friends.

FINDS 13 SNAKES IN BED

TRY, Denmark, Dec. 22.—Unable to sleep because his feet were cold, a shepherd investigated. When he lifted the bed clothes he found two large adders. Further inspection of the bed, an old-fashioned one with heather under the mattress, revealed eleven others.



Here's hoping Christmas bells ring out a song of joy for you on this happy holiday

Happy New Year

Here's hoping New Year's bells ring in a steady tone of extra-happy days to come.



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To wish you the Season's Greetings—
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Special Turkey Dinner Christmas Day

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Best Christmas Wishes to Our Friends and Customers



May the days and miles ahead carry you over pleasant ways to new happiness, success and prosperity during 1937.

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We sincerely appreciate your past patronage and solicit your continued good will.

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GREETINGS

We wish to thank our patrons for the business during the past year and solicit your patronage during 1937.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
and a
Happy New Year

E. C. TINSLEY

Thanks to You!

We are thankful for the many gifts bestowed upon us, and wish to join in the joyous throng as they give their thanks for the blessings received during the past year.

Your patronage has been keenly appreciated, and it will be our pleasure to better serve you in the future. Your needs will always be found here.



May God Bless You With a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

CONNELLY'S BAKERY

Cheerio!

At this holiday season we wish to extend to you, as a friend and customer the best wishes of the season. May your heart be gay, and your gifts many on this CHRISTMAS DAY

ATNIPP'S DRY CLEANERS Phone 56

Merry Christmas

The employees and management of your Telephone Company extend to you Holiday Greetings with the wish that this Christmas of 1936 will be to you and yours a time of Happiness and Good Cheer.

Southwestern States Telephone Company

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Notice of Sheriff's Sale

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of McCulloch County, Texas, on the 1st day of December, 1936, in cause No. 3356, styled American Central Life Insurance Company vs. W. R. Shook, et al, and placed in my hands as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, on the 4th day of December, A. D. 1936, I, W. A. Holt, Sheriff of said County, did on the 4th day of December, 1936, at 9 o'clock a. m. levy said order of sale on certain land situate in Runnels County, Texas, and being: 120 1/2 acres out of John Early Survey No. 449, Abstract No. 130, Certificate 331, patented to John Early on the 21st day of November A. D. 1855, by Patent 280, Volume 12, recorded in Vol. 9, page 13, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which reference is here made.

Said land being located in the Northwest portion of Runnels County, Texas, and is about 20 miles Northwest from Ballinger, in Runnels County, Texas, and is known generally as the Dr. W. R. Shook farm.

I will sell at public auction at the court house door of Runnels County, on the first Tuesday in January, 1937, the same being the 5th day of January, A. D. 1937, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m. said sale to be made in

satisfaction of a judgment rendered in the above cause on the 20th day of October, A. D. 1936, against the defendant, W. R. Shook, for the sum of \$4696.86, and of said amount the sum of \$4430.08 shall bear interest from date of judgment at the rate of 10% per annum, and of said amount, the sum of \$176.78 shall bear interest from date of judgment at the rate of 7 1/2% per annum, and for all costs of suit, and for costs of sale, and foreclosing a lien on the above described land against the defendants, W. R. Shook, Della Shook, R. W. Loyd, Morris Shook, and Robert Brannon.

Witness my hand this the 4th day of December, A. D. 1936.

W. A. HOLT,
Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas
10-17-24

SOVIET PLANS TO HOLD MUSIC FAIR NEXT YEAR

MOSCOW, Dec. 22—Musical instruments will have an exposition of their own in Moscow next year. About 900 devices for making harmony are being collected from all parts of the country for the exhibit.

The aim is not only to trace the development of these instruments from the simplest to the most complicated, but to show how music is thriving among the peoples of the Soviet union.

Special sections of the show will be devoted to folk instruments created in the past twenty years and the manufacture of musical instruments by the various nationalities within the Soviet's far-flung dominions.

ISLAND JOINS GERMANY

STETTIN, Germany, Dec. 22—On the Baltic coast of Germany what was the island of Rugen has become a peninsula. A dam from the mainland rests on the smaller island of Daeholm half a mile out in the channel, and the way is continued to Rugen by a bridge, with a draw for the passage of ships. The work was started five years ago. Rugen has long been the chief stepping-stone in the Baltic between Germany and Sweden. Now there will be only one stop by sea and one by land, because the short trip from the German coast will be abandoned and a road or railway journey substituted.

Posted Notice

This is to give notice that my farm one mile west of Ballinger is posted against hunting.

H. C. LYON
10-31

Miss Gladys Kemp is at home from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, to spend Christmas with relatives.



When Christmas Grew
Francis Grimstead

HE WAS a small boy named Tim who had never been more than ten miles from his home in the Ozark hills. His teacher said he couldn't even bound Arkansas, his own state, but what his teacher didn't know was how well he knew the mountain "crick" and the hill slopes circled with green-gold pine trees that bounded his father's tiny farm. He also knew what it took to keep a family of six children and that for as long as he could remember his father's farm had scarcely been able to produce enough to stretch over every need.

It was just before Christmas time that he heard his father tell his mother that if there was to be anything "extra" to give the day its meaning for the children, he'd have to get the ax and hack out a few ties. Her face went white, for she knew what that meant. So often had they been forced to remain on the hacking of a few ties to be sold to the railroad for dire necessities that practically all their timber available for that purpose was gone. And trees don't grow overnight. She could tell by the look on her husband's face that he was taking a desperate and back-breaking chance of finding a few logs tough enough for the commission man to buy.



As she looked out of the window and saw the passing cars of winter "tourists" on the new scenic road the government had built through the hills, she wondered if what magic folks could come to own automobiles and take time off like that to go traveling. But she hadn't many moments to spare on such thoughts, for her husband had returned to say that the ax was gone. Could one of the children have taken it?

The father had borrowed an ax from a willing neighbor but on the day before Christmas he was silent as he unhitched his team in the wagon lot. Christmas tomorrow and he had been forced to bring back the load from town. The commission man had been truly sorry, for he did need ties; yet some of these were large enough.

He crept up to a window, lost in the sense of failure that made him ashamed to walk to his own door. There an odd sight straightened him. Inside were Tim and his mother joyously trimming a Christmas tree. Tim raced to the door to keep the younger children from bursting gleefully into the room and learning its great secret.

When the father entered the house, no one asked him about the ties. "Dad, dad!" Tim shouted. "Do you know those red berry trees that grow way up the crick? Awful hard to get to, but when I found 'em I thought they were so purty I took some to school. The teacher said, 'that's holly' and then I read about holly and learned that folks will pay for it to have it for Christmas. So I gathered a lot of it and made me a holly stand up on the road just hopin' they would. And dad, they did buy it! Stopped their cars and said, 'Why it's holly; who would have thought we'd find it here!' They wanted so much I had to work awful hard getting it, but gee, it was fun! I wanted to surprise mom and you, and now I'll tell you both that I made \$27.82. There's \$20 right now in that bureau drawer left after buying our Christmas. Gee dad, I love this old farm! It's got lots of surprises on it yet. This one ain't the last one."

The father brushed a tear from his eye and kissed Tim. "You're the kind of son a man can be right proud to own," he choked.

"But dad, will you forgive me?" the boy suddenly implored.

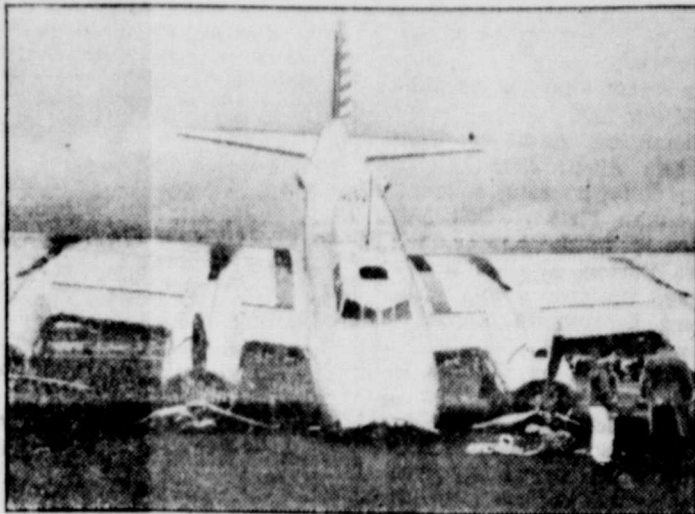
"Why Tim, forgive you what?" the father asked in surprise.

The boy led the way to the kitchen. "You see dad, I just had to have it!"

The father pretended to frown as Tim pointed and then he winked. "Well, being as it's just about Christmas for us, as well as the rest of the world, I guess I'll have to overlook it." For there in a far corner of the room stood the ax. It was Tim who had borrowed it.

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Largest Bomber "Hits the Dirt"



This 16-ton plane, the Boeing YB-17, world's largest military bombing craft, nosed over as it landed after a test flight at the Boeing Field airport in Seattle, as shown here. Its machine gun compartment was crumpled and its four propellers damaged. Mark M. Kengler, civilian mechanic from Wright Field, Dayton, O., and Capt. E. R. McReynolds, air corps officer from Langley Field, Va., suffered minor injuries in the mishap.

OLDFEN K. C. COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

The first meeting of the proposed council of the Knights of Columbus at Oldfen was held on December 17, in the school building. The new council is to be known as the St. Boniface Council. The institution of the council is set for January 3, 1937. On the same day the initiation of candidates into the order will be exemplified in the second and third degree.

The meeting was called to order by the pastor of the Oldfen parish, the Rev. G. A. Boeckman. The entire meeting was taken with the election of officers. The following were elected: grand knight, Martin Maas; deputy grand knight, J. A. Lange; chancellor, J. J. Hoelscher; recording secretary, Erwin Lange; warden, W. J. Kahlig; assistant warden, Leo Fuchs; treasurer, J. H. Halfmann; advocate, A. T. Halfmann; inside guard, Arnold Fuchs; outside guards, Joe C. Halfmann and

G. B. Power; trustees, Ed Hoelscher for a three-year term; Otto J. Halfmann for a two-year term, and Theo Halfmann for a one-year term. Robert Lange was appointed financial secretary. The following were appointed on a committee on by-laws: Adolph Halfmann, Otto Halfmann, and Rev. Boeckman. The first regular meeting was called for the second Tuesday in January.

Tires, Tubes and Batteries at Freeman's.

The new recruit passed the officer without saluting. "Here, my man," called the officer, "do you see this uniform I'm wearing?"

"Yes, sir, and just look at this thing they gave me."

First Little Boy: "I forgot to ask you to my picnic party tomorrow."

Second Little Boy: "Too late now, I've prayed for a blizzard."

To All A



This year when the joyous Christmas chimes ring out the olden message sweet, may not one thing be lacking to make your joy complete.

We are grateful for all the past patronage and sincerely trust that we will be favored with your 1937 business.

J. N. Nutt

FEED AND SEED
HATCHERY
Ballinger



Merrie Christmas

May your Christmas be as merry as ever and may the day hold in store for you an abundance of happiness, good cheer and peace. While the holly wreaths and the mistletoe are shining in windows of every home and store in the city and the Christmas bells are ringing, we would like to ring a bell of praise to you who have cooperated with us and made the year as successful as you have for us.

To the people of this community we owe a debt of gratitude for the business you have brought us. And may we merit your praise and your patronage during the year 1937.

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Season's Greetings

To Our Friends and Patrons



As the New Year beams bright and glorious we wish you full measure of joy and happiness.

As the light of the year fades we extend our hearty thanks for favors past.

Merry Christmas—and a Happy

New Year

Farley's Market

Telephone 126



Christmas

At Christmas time, when most of the world makes merry, it seems doubly grievous that bereavement should enter any home.

May you and yours be spared for many a joyous Christmas together.

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Efficient Service at a Fair Price

1936

The year 1936 is now history. No wish of yours or ours could possibly change it, however, let us hope for you and yours a better, more prosperous 1937, bringing you health and happiness to the fullest extent.

1937

KIRK & MACK



A Merrie Christmas

Season's Greetings

One of the real joys of yuletide is the opportunity to put aside the routine and customs of every-day business and in real sincerity wish our friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

West Texas Cottonoil Co.

Ballinger, Texas

It pays to feed Paymaster

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

The chapel program Friday, December 18, was presented by

Miss Meyer's public speaking class, under the direction of Miss Meyer and Miss Green. The setting was Santa's workshop in a broadcasting station, with Melvin McMillan as Santa Claus, the announcer, and Mary Edith Wellhausen as Mrs.

Santa Claus, who sounded the time signals. The broadcast consisted of: Jack Fry, a "jack in the box," who gave news reports at intervals; Frank Barnes, a tin soldier; Sid Reese and Alvin Richardson, as George Burns and Gracie Allen; Sam Machotka, a rag doll who sang a song; Alma Drennan, Kathryn Bell, Mary Lou Creasy, Edith Jones, and Mary Ava Burton, as dolls who sang a song, running down during the song because of Santa's negligence to wind them up, and a short drama by Virginia McShan and Cecil Carter, representing a "mama doll" and a villain. Santa then presented the teachers with gifts, which they had to open and display before the student body. Bitsie Lynn, Duard Sheffy, Melvin Holt and J. C. Chapman were also presented with comical gifts.

Spanish Party Given

The third and eighth period Spanish classes, "La Club Amistad" and "La Club Adelante," had a Spanish party at the home of Mrs. Armon Cooper Monday night, December 21. At the beginning of the party, a Mexican dish was served, after which, Waldine Schlake, Rhoda Galia, Claudine Mailish, Mary Edith Wellhausen, Thelma Compton, Melvin McMillan, Bill Kettler, and Sam Machotka sang several songs. Then "El Perro y El Gato," and other Spanish games were played. The class then enjoyed a Christmas tree with Miss Dena Mayer acting as Santa Claus. Gifts were presented in shoes as is the custom in Mexico. In conclusion, the song, "Buenas Noches, Damas," was sung by the entire group.

Pep Squad Honors Football Boys and Mothers

The pep squad honored the football boys and their mothers with a dinner Thursday night, December 17, in the home economics dining room. The room was decorated in red and black. The favors for the mothers were bags of candy, and for the boys, small tin footballs. The place cards were red and black folders with the program on the inside. The table was decorated with red candles and red berries on reflectors. Football boys present were: Melvin Holt, Duard Sheffy, Alvin Richardson, Don Fritz, Dillard Adair, Luther Morris, Billy Stokes, B. M. Strebeck, Curtis Ashenurst, Cecil Carter, Arthur Wiesepepe, Cecil Roe, Billy

Jack May, Sonnie Parrish, Sam Wellhausen, Roy Gressett, Bernard Waddell, and Johnny Barnett. Their mothers were Mmes. Holt, Mart Karmany, Fritz, Cal Adair, B. M. Strebeck, Ashinhurst, Carter, Wiesepepe, W. B. May, Parrish, Waddell, Gressett, Barnett, Stokes and Wellhausen. Other guests included Mr and Mrs. H. C. Lyon, Mr and Mrs. Felton Wright, Mr and Mrs. Buck Gibbs, and Frank Barnes and J. C. Chapman, managers.

The following program was given during the banquet hour: "A Toast to Our Mothers," Melvin Holt; "A Toast to Our Sons," Mrs. Cal Adair; "How We Appreciate Our Football Boys," Beegie Fry; "How We Act on Bench at a Game," Coach Wright; a wedding of Mr. Football and Miss Pepper, Billie Hendricks and Bitsie Lynn, with Alma Drennan as preacher, Billy Joe Embry as ring bearer, Ann Kiechle as train bearer, and Kathryn Bell, Lucille Hooks, Carleen McAden and Lorraine Crimm as bridesmaids; and a talk on "How We Appreciate Our Football Mothers," Mr. Lyon. The program was presented along with the courses, according to the four quarters of a football game.

Miss Elizabeth Parker gave the pep squad a party at the home of Mrs. R. M. McMillan Friday evening, December 18. Each girl was presented with a red cardboard megaphone in which was written something personal from Miss Parker. The girls were presented red letters according to their years in the pep squad. The leaders, Cordelia Lynn, Virginia McShan, and Bitsie Lynn were presented with small, gold megaphones. At the conclusion of the party, the peppers gave Miss Parker a Christmas gift in token of their appreciation of her untiring efforts during the football season. Mary Simpson was taken into the pep squad as the sophomore leader for next year. Apples and doughnuts were served, then the peppers went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyon and presented him with a robe.

These 1936-37 Seniors

Dorothy Caudie lives on route 2, Ballinger. She has gone to school here for eight years and has enjoyed it very much. This is her third year in the pep squad.

Dorothy is one of our seniors who cooperates and has the class spirit. She is cheerful, sincere, and a good friend to all.

Arthur Lee Daniel lives at 201 Tenth Street, Ballinger. He entered junior declamation and placed in county meet and has entered senior declamation. He also played baseball in county meet his sophomore year in high school. Arthur Lee is a member of the eighth period Spanish club, and was a member of the Bluebonnet Centennial Club last year.

Arthur Lee says he has had a good time during his high school days. He is ambitious to do great things in later life.

Where's That Birdie?

Paul Trimmer must have hit the door awfully hard to have to wear that big patch on his head.

What prominent football boy's girl is wearing a ring on the third finger of her left hand?

Does Louis really stay at home to doctor his cold? Not Louis!

What happened to Santa's stomach in chapel, Friday? It was certainly upset, eh, Melvin?

Mary Lou, why do you insist on warming the sidewalk?

Maurine, do you happen to know who the champion domino players are?

Tires on easy payments at Freeman's

Mrs. F. H. Turbeville, of Gainesville, will arrive tomorrow (Thursday) to spend Christmas with her mother and sister, Mrs. M. C. Smith and Miss Maryatt Smith.

Save money on groceries, read the ads.

Lady's Painful Trouble Helped By Cardui

Why do so many women take Cardui for the relief of functional pains at monthly times? The answer is that they want results such as Mrs. Herbert W. Hunt, of Hallsville, Texas, describes. She writes: "My health wasn't good. I suffered from cramping. My pain would be so intense it would nauseate me. I would just drag around, so sluggish and 'do-less.' My mother decided to give me Cardui. I began to mend. That tired, sluggish feeling was gone and the pains disappeared. I can't praise Cardui too highly because I know it helped me." ... If Cardui does not help YOU, consult a physician.

Maverick Citizens' Group Has Varied Program at Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Maverick community agricultural association was held last Friday night with a large crowd present. Frank Owens, president, was in charge at the opening of the program.

John A. Barton, county farm agent, was the main speaker for the evening, talking on "Relationship of the New Soil Conservation Program to the Farm Family." He stressed four main points in his message—security, stability, self reliance and happiness.

A Boy Scout executive of the Concho valley council discussed plans for the organization of a rural Scout troop at Maverick. The plan was favored and E. C. Grindstaff, in charge of rural Scouting in this county, will meet with the Maverick boys later for more definite plans.

Renza Lee, chairman of the entertainment committee, was in charge of the program that followed and presented several very interesting singing and dancing numbers.

Kenneth Fletcher read the community news and brought many laughs as he related the community gossip and turned jokes on local citizens.

The program closed with a contest which was started in the school to select a slogan for the community organization. L. S. Harrison was winner of the prize for the slogan adopted, "Don't Try Dying, Die Trying."

The next meeting will be held on the third Friday in January at which time Gordon Griggs will be in charge of a program on "How We Are Governed."

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Woods and son will spend Christmas day with friends at Eden.

Mrs. Walter Abernathy and Mrs. Charles Turner, of Fort Worth, spent the week-end in Ballinger with Mrs. Minnie Maud Alexander and Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable left Monday for Shawnee, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas with Mr. Schnable's parents.

See our assortment of Roses and Cut Flowers for Christmas. Phone 263, Ballinger Floral Co.

Kelly Wright, of Fort Worth, representative of the Abernathy Cattle Commission Co., attended to business here Saturday.

Mrs. R. L. Stephenson and daughter, Mary Ann, of Lubbock, came in Monday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Z. A. Snell and Mrs. A. R. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke will spend Christmas with relatives in San Antonio.

Miss Eleanor Williams, student of the University of Texas, Austin, came in Monday to spend the

holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford Taylor will spend Christmas with relatives at Cisco.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Stone and son will visit Mrs. Stone's mother at Sherwood Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lyon, of Terrell, are here to spend Christmas with their son, H. C. Lyon. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lyon, of Wichita, Kansas, will also spend Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chastain spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles, of San Angelo.

Miss Elsie Motley came in Tuesday from Dallas to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Motley.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Served Thursday AT THE NASH HOUSE

Our dining room will be closed Christmas Day. For the best meal in town come here Thursday.

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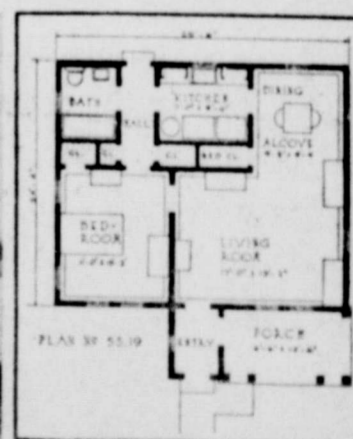
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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas 20 Years Ago

A full carload of Fords was received here this week by the Harwell Motor Co. but all were sold before they were unloaded. The company expects to be able to fill all orders within a short time.

Someone who entered the kitchen of Mrs. W. A. Francis this week took two fruit cakes and a quantity of groceries. A number of Ballinger homes have had trouble with prowlers and food has been taken in every haul.

Runnels is leading all other West Texas counties in cotton ginnings with a total of 28,755 bales.

Winters has asked Ballinger to join in requesting the gas company at Abilene to extend its lines to Winters and Ballinger.

Workmen are putting the finishing touches to the J. A. Williams residence on Ninth Street. Mr. Williams lost his home by fire several months ago and a modern structure is being completed on the old site.

The Queen Theatre is presenting the world's mightiest picture for the Christmas holidays, "The Birth of a Nation." Night prices were advertised as 75c, \$1 and \$1.50.

R. G. Erwin, Dr. J. G. Douglass, C. R. Stephens and P. Dunn left Friday morning for the wilds of Southwest Texas to fight it out with big game. This is the annual outing for this quartet which always brings home the bacon.

Dr. W. B. Halley returned Saturday from Waco, where he attended the state meeting of the Masonic lodge.

Acting under instructions from the city council, City Attorney A.

K. Doss is drafting a new ordinance prohibiting the keeping of hogs in the corporate city limits.

Supt. W. S. Fleming, in his report this week, showed a total of 862 pupils were enrolled here. Attendance was being affected greatly by the spread of mumps and chicken pox.

Germany and England were discussing peace terms but the English delegation announced that no peace was in sight. The spokesman for the English stated that the allies would not enter into peace negotiations unless given the full text of the German's proposals.

Dr. A. S. Love, Dr. J. W. Biasdell, W. A. Nance and B. C. Kirk have returned from their annual hunting trip, reporting a very pleasant outing and some game.

Roy Sharp, of the Higginbotham-Currie-Williams Co. has been announced as a national winner in a syrup show window contest. Mr. Sharp was asked to write a special article for the national grocers' magazine.

BRO. DOSS EXTENDS GREETINGS TO FRIENDS

Will you allow me space to say a word of Christmas greeting to my Ballinger friends. I have been identified more or less actively with this community for more than 20 years, almost long enough to be called an "old timer." More than anything, do I esteem the friends I have in this good town and vicinity. God bless everyone of them.

After 60 years of active participation in the affairs of men, I find it hard to drop out of the ranks and sit on the side lines and see the procession go by and to know that increasing years and the infirmities of the flesh force me to give up forever the labors of love which have been the joy of my life. It requires all the grit and grace one can command to endure such an experience meekly.

Let me hope that no home or child in Ballinger will be without joy and comfort this Christmas.

To all my friends, I send my truest hopes that this holiday season may usher in a New Year of increasing happiness and prosperity.

W. H. Doss

Miss Minnie Kapral, of Pampa; Howard Apel and Miss Florine Arnold, of Panhandle, were recent guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Turner. They left for their homes Tuesday. Miss Kapral is the daughter of John Kapral who drilled the old Gulf No. 1 well on the H. Giesecke ranch in 1918.

Grinding

When in need of grinding see me at Harris Mullins Feed Pens. Best equipment in town. Guy K. Ashley. 23-24.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker, of Cleburne, arrived Wednesday afternoon to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. Holliday Hayley and children, Mary Love and Thomas Holliday, of Tyler, are here for a Christmas visit with Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love and other relatives.

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Edw. G. Robinson Tops Cast In Speedy "Ballots of Bullets"

Oil Mill Announces Second Wage Hike Of Current Season

Employees of the Ballinger mill of the West Texas Cottonoil Co. received a surprise Saturday afternoon when their weekly pay envelopes contained a 10 per cent wage increase. This is the second increase for the employees of this concern this year. A ten per cent hike was given them Thanksgiving and the one Saturday afternoon raises salaries of all the mill workers 20 per cent since the beginning of the season.

H. W. Lynn, local manager, stated that the raise was permanent and was not just a "Christmas bonus."

A number of Ballinger firms have given wage boosts during the past year due to increased business and generally better conditions. A number of others will give special bonuses this week.

While several oil mills in this section have returned to the 12-hour day, three 8-hour shifts are still being employed at the Ballinger mill and a statement accompanying the wage increase said there was no intention to revert to the longer working day.

The local mill has enjoyed a heavy production this year, handling the seed from a big cotton crop in this section of Texas, and at the present is operating full time in the clean-up run of the season. There is enough seed on hand for steady operation for some time and when this supply is worked up the plant will be closed for the season.

CONNELLY IMPROVES EIGHTH STREET HOUSE

W. V. Connelly, owner of the old Moser place adjoining the Carnegie Library building on Eighth Street, has just completed remodeling it and converting it into an apartment house. New garages were constructed, sidewalks laid and other improvements made. A. H. Howard was the contractor.

Elwin Williams, student of Baylor University, Waco, is spending the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams. Elwin received his letter with the freshman football team at Baylor this season, being one of the star backfield players.

Tom Agnew returned Monday from Royalty, where he had been to investigate a new oil well which came in Thursday, rated at about 700 barrels a day. Mr. Agnew is interested in the well with others and they plan to drill several other tests on their lease.

Barton MacLane has the role of the chief of the gangsters, the only contact with the "higher-ups," but who still has a terrific struggle in keeping his gang of killers in line. In the end one them double-

crosses him and shoots him down in cold blood.

Miss Myra Tankersley will spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Lamesa.

Merry Christmas To All
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Our thoughts turn to you at this season of the year who have made the past twelve months as successful for us as you have. We are thankful to you for your patronage, your good-will and friendship. We trust that we may be of some benefit to you during the coming year and if at any time you have a suggestion for the improvement of our service do not hesitate to tell us.

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| 1934 Chevrolet Coupe | 1929 Chevrolet Truck |
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When we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year we want you to know that it is no idle custom of ours, but deep down in our hearts we hope you catch the spirit of Christmas Day; for in no other way that we know of can folks be changed from the every day people of yesterday.

By catching the spirit of Christmas we will become more human, more understanding, more likeable. The spirit of Christmas makes our friends grow more close and dear . . . our hearts more understanding . . . our homes more bright and cheerful . . . may all the thrills of this magnificent Christmas Day be yours and may they never be forgotten is our sincere wish for all.

We cannot go through this season without thanking our customers who make our success and who are responsible for much joy this Christmas at The Tunnells.

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HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?

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Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in addresses furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move.
The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

So far as known every unfortunate family in Ballinger will have something to eat Christmas day. The kiddies will get some new playthings and most of them will receive fruit, candy and other little extras. This has been accomplished by big-hearted Ballinger citizens "adopting" families in need and the plan has worked excellently. Knowing that everyone has been cared for should make the holiday season happier for all.

Ballingerites have been fortunate this season in that no house prowlers have worked here. No stores have been raided and no stores burglarized. Chief of Police Lee Moreland requests that all property owners keep their houses and garages locked, put their cars up at night and do everything possible to forestall this class of crime. Burglaries have been reported in other West Texas towns and could happen here.

The campaign being waged in this section by state highway patrolmen to make motorists keep their lights in good condition should receive the cooperation of every citizen. There is no greater hazard at night than a "one-eyed" car or one without a tail-light. Many wrecks are caused by these faults and during the holiday season when all roads are crowded with cars running at a high rate of speed, there is greater danger than at any other time. Check your lights and see that they are burning and properly adjusted.

GREETINGS

And now let us express to our subscribers that age-old wish, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." It has been a pleasure to list you as a reader of The Ledger the past year and we hope that our efforts to print the local news has been performed well enough that you will remain on our list next year and for many years to come. May we also hope that you will be our friend to the extent that you will assist us in obtaining more news of this vicinity. We always appreciate a telephone call advising us of a visitor or a social meeting and only wish that more would be interested enough to inform us of these items. In 1937 let us hope that prosperity will come your way and that you and yours will be blessed with health and happiness.

Son: "Say, dad, what does it mean when the paper says some man went to a convention as a delegate-at-large?"
Dad: "It means his wife, didn't go with him, son."

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WEST TEXAS NOTES

[Clipped from Our Exchanges]

Six more blocks of paving on Commercial Avenue at Coleman will be done under a project recently approved. The work is expected to get underway soon after January 1, 1937, and will be a continuation of other paving to be completed by that date. When this project is finished, city officials intend to submit another project to the WPA office at Brownwood for completion of the entire street.

Bishop H. A. Boaz was the speaker at the dedication of the Methodist church at May Sunday morning. The congregation recently raised money to clear all indebtedness against the building and many visitors were present Sunday to witness the program. Rev. Roy L. Crawford is pastor of the church. Dr. J. T. McClure, presiding elder, was on the program, the music for which was rendered by the May Choral Club.

Rising Star Future Farmers of America were hosts to their fathers at a banquet last Friday evening in the basement of the Methodist church. A large class of F.F.A. boys attend the Rising Star high school and have been active the past several years. O. D. Cooper is the vocational agriculture instructor.

Coleman county farmers have shipped a total of 425 cars of grain since last June. A check-up by leaders reveals three important facts on this movement. Farmers received approximately \$339,000 for the grain; the land used for growing the grain made the landowners about as much as that planted to cotton and other crops; and for the first time in history, Coleman county farmers exported corn.

The Dale school had the best float in the Santa Claus parade at Winters last Saturday. Prize money was offered for the best decorated Christmas floats by Winters merchants and a number of schools competed to make the event an attractive feature.

Fred A. Davidson, of Miles, is recovering from burns received recently in an explosion. Mr. Davidson was working with a highway crew when the engine on the maintainer exploded, inflicting severe burns about the face and right arm. Gas leaking into

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the exhaust pipe was declared the cause of the accident.

The Robert Lee State Bank, formerly the First State Bank, opened for business last Friday. Dan R. Campbell is president of the new establishment which has a capital stock of \$25,000 and a surplus of \$2,500. In mid-October when it became known that the stockholders planned to liquidate the First State Bank, citizens of Robert Lee started plans for the forming of a new banking institution.

A. W. Moseley, formerly of Brady, has opened a gents' furnishings store at Eden. Besides a complete stock of men's wearing apparel a modern cleaning plant will be installed. During the past twelve months a number of new firms have moved to Eden, adding to the growth of the town, surrounded by a fine ranching and farming territory.

Fort Stockton is said to be the most beautiful Christmas town in its section of the state. City-wide interest in special Christmas decorations and lighting caused many home owners to try for the prizes offered in this division. Visitors are praising the civic spirit evinced.

The Bronco school was dismissed last Friday December 18, for the Christmas holidays and classwork will be resumed on December 28.

A board of directors has been named to look after the business affairs of the Paint Rock Band. The band has a membership at present of 23 and is making fine progress. An effort will be made to increase the membership now before the first pupils are too far advanced for beginners. The directors will look after all activities of the band and set up rules governing rehearsals, etc.

Comanche county turkey raisers shipped 21 cars of birds during the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. Approximately 36,000 turkeys weighing 400,000 pounds made up the shipments from that point. Dressing plants were shut down at the end of the Christmas season, but extra runs will be made when justified to supply the local demand.

Will Bickenbach, of Mason, was killed almost instantly and two other workers were injured, when they were struck by a truck last week. The three men were working on the highway 13 miles south of Mason when a heavy fruit truck ran into them. The driver stated to officers that he did not see the highway truck or the men until they were right in front of his truck.

Bids for paving 18 miles of highway 10 from Dublin to Stephenville will be opened

tomorrow (Thursday) by the state highway commission. Work is expected to commence soon after the contract is let. This will close a gap on highway 10 which serves many West Texas motorists going to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Work started last week on a low water bridge over Brady Creek at Melvin. As soon as this work is completed the loop through Melvin, connecting with highway 9 at the edge of town, will be surfaced. The paved highway passes just east of Melvin.

Last week's issue of the Brady Standard was an excellent 44-page Texas historical and Christmas edition. Harry Schwenker, editor, is one of the pioneer newspaper men in this part of the state and the edition just off the press was well written and arranged.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Truly, student of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with relatives.

Miss Nell Shepperd came in Sunday from Baylor University, Waco, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCarter, of Brownwood, spent the week-end here with relatives.

Mrs. Homer Vanderpool left Monday for Fort Worth to spend Christmas with her parents.

We meet prices—Freeman's.

Sheriff's Sale
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued by the Clerk of the District Courts of Travis County, on the 3rd day of November, A. D. 1936, in a certain cause wherein Brown Securities Corporation is Plaintiff, and Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor are defendants, in favor of the said plaintiff for the sum of four hundred eighty-nine and 65/100 dollars (\$489.65), with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent (8%) per annum from the date of judgment, and for the additional sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) with interest from the date of said judgment at the rate of six per cent (6%) per annum, said sums being the amount of the judgment recovered by the said Brown Securities Corporation, plaintiff, in the 98th District Court of Travis County, on the 2nd day of June, A. D. 1936, and on the 5th day of December, A. D. 1936, I levied upon, and will, on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1937, at the Court House door in the City of Ballinger, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor in and to the following described property, levied upon as the property of Charles Castor, Emma Castor, and John H. Castor, to-wit:

Same being Lot No. 1 and the adjoining 45 feet of Lot No. 2 in Block No. 12, Bowden Addition to the City of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas.
THE ABOVE SALE to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for the sums

of four hundred eighty-nine and 65/100 dollars (\$489.65) with eight per cent (8%) interest from date of said judgment, and the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) together with six per cent (6%) interest on said sum from the date of said judgment, in favor of Brown Securities Corporation together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

W. A. HOLT,
Sheriff, Runnels County,
Ballinger, Texas, Dec. 5th, 1936.
By Winona Jones, Deputy
10-17-24

Hints for the Farm
Furnished by the Extension Service
A. & M. College

BARSTOW—An old feather bed was utilized by Mrs. A. F. Johnson, cooper of the Royalty home demonstration club, to make feather comforts, according to Miss Mary Jo Wieggers, home demonstration agent of Ward county. Mrs. Johnson used feather proof material on which she stitched the design with a small opening in each part of the design. She then completed the border and the cord, cleaned and sunned the feathers, and blew them into the comforts with a vacuum cleaner.

Such a comfort, while very light, will take the place of several cotton quilts, Mrs. Johnson says.

SIERRA BLANCA—Three Hudspeth county families refurnished their homes during October, according to Miss Gladys Young, home demonstration agent. The old paint and varnish were removed, the wood sandpapered, and the articles refinished and waxed. A total of 11 dining chairs, 2 dining tables, 1 wicker set consisting of rocker, settee, and straight chair, 3 sideboards, 2 bookcases, 1 sewing machine and a number of other articles were also treated.

BRADY—The first thing I did to my bedroom," reported Mrs. Aaron Dameron, bedroom demonstrator of the Lohn home demonstration club to Miss Jewell Patterson, home demonstration agent of McCulloch county, "was to build my wardrobe to the ceiling." "The old wardrobe lacked about 2 1/2 feet of reaching the ceiling."

Keep a Good Laxative always in your home

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she continued, "and the top of this closet was used as a 'catch-all' for it caught all the boxes, hats, and so on, that had to be put out of the way, but most of all it caught dust."

Mrs. Dameron sawed boards of the length needed to reach the ceiling and built a door. Thus she converted the top of the closet into a good storage place for quilts.

OLD CARS RULED OFF

LONDON, Dec. 22—More than 200,000 cars have been taken off the roads in Great Britain since October 1. Many old machines among them will never be licensed again, because of the new rules regarding safety glass and against dazzling lights that cannot be deflected properly. The regulations become effective next year.

Those Tough Cities

A mountain man, who rarely, if ever, visited a town of any size, came to a city with his son, traveling in a rattletap car.

Climbing out on one of the main streets, the old man appeared fascinated by the pavement. He scraped his feet on the hard surface, and, turning to his son, remarked: "Well, I don't blame 'em for building a town here. The ground is too darn hard to plow, anyhow."

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A man had a slight difference of opinion with his wife. But he acknowledged his error generously by saying: "You are right, and I am wrong, as you generally are. Good bye, dear," and he hurried off to catch his train.

"So nice of him to put it like that," his wife said to herself, and then—she began to think about it.

Tourist: "Don't stand there like a fool, man. Run and get the village doctor."
Native: "Sorry, Mister, that's him you just run over."

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



"Quints" and "Country Doctor" Together Again in "Reunion" Wallace Beery in "Old Hutch" Has One of His Finest Roles

When the Dionne Quintuplets started work on their second 20th Century-Fox feature, "Reunion"—the dramatic home-coming of the "Country Doctor's" 3,000 grown-up "babies"—to be shown at the Texas Theatre in special midnight pre-Christmas Saturday night, in regular performances on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following, the littlest starlets decided to follow the Will Rogers technique of acting and make up their performance as they went along.

Upon the board shoulders of Director Norman Taurog fell the burden of taking advantage of the natural actions of the babies and adapting them into the story. "It's much better all around," Taurog said. "I'm sure I'd rather see the Quints being themselves than any other way. Of course, some of their impromptu 'busi-

ness' was a little surprising to their fellow actors, but I'm certain the results obtained will greatly please theatre-goers. "The difference between the Quints' first picture, "The Country Doctor," and "Reunion," Taurog added, "is that in the first one the script was written for the Quints, while in their new picture the script was 'written' by the Quints themselves."

Jean Horsholt, Rochelle Hudson, Helen Vinson, Robert Kent, Slim Summerville and Dorothy Peterson have leading adult roles.

"End of the Trail" Story of the Rough Riders, is Recent Zane Grey Novel

Zane Grey's famous American novel, "Outlaws of Palouse," a star-spangled yarn of the immortal Roosevelt Rough Riders and the battle of San Juan Hill, will reach the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) for two-day showing under the title, "End of the Trail," with Jack Holt in the starring role.

Holt is again seen as the two-fisted, adventurous hero who courts danger and fights gallantly, a type of role that has made him a top-notch favorite with American audiences. Surrounded by an excellent cast including Louise Henry, Guinn ("Big Boy"), Williams, Douglass Dumbrille, George McKay and Gene Morgan, Holt appears as Dale Brittenham, a life-loving westerner, who is among the first to answer the call to arms in the war of '98 against Spain.

His adventures on the battlefield, his rivalry with Williams for the love of Miss Henry, a Red Cross nurse, and his fight to make himself worthy of her love when the cannon are stilled and the boys come home, are dramatically interwoven in the stirring picturization of the bloody hundred days war during which the United States emerged as a world power.

Kay Francis in Poignant Screen Drama, "Give Me Your Heart," Tomorrow

"Give Me Your Heart," a poignant screen drama based on the famous stage play by Jay Mallory, "Sweet Aloes," is booked for the feature attraction at the Texas Theatre tomorrow, December 24, one day only, with glamorous Kay Francis in the stellar role.

The picture, a Cosmopolitan production released by Warner Bros., which is said to give Miss Francis the finest dramatic opportunity of her career, presents her as an ultra modern young woman who seeks happiness in glorious surroundings in London, New York and Italy.

The plot is daring, the situations novel in the extreme, but most striking of all is the treatment

Millions of readers roared at "Old Hutch" when the story was published in a national magazine. They and additional millions will laugh when they see Wallace Beery in the title role of the film version to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, December 27-28-29.

The "laziest man in the world" finds \$100,000 in bills—and he can't find a way to spend it!

That's the predicament in which Wallace Beery finds himself in Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's "Old Hutch."

Eric Linden and Cecilia Parker, the lovable romantic team of "Ah, Wilderness!" supply the heart interest.

The original story by Garret Smith was hailed as a screen natural when it appeared in "The Saturday Evening Post."

Beery encompasses the rich personal experience of his colorful lifetime in his characterization of "Old Hutch." He has made many notable triumphs, but probably never has he been cast in a role that was better adapted to his peculiar abilities.

Also featured in the supporting cast are Elizabeth Patterson, Julia Perkins, Robert McWade, Caroline Perkins, Delmar Watson, Harry Watson, James Burke, Virginia Grey and Donald Meek.

Comedy, romance and thrills follow in swift succession in this front-cover story from the most popular magazine published in America.

Romance and Rolicking Humor Are Adroitly Combined in "Kelly the Second"

"Kelly the Second," new Hal Roach feature-length comedy, will provide uproarious entertainment for patrons of the Ritz Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, December 30-31.

Featuring such popular screen personalities as Patsy Kelly, Pert Keltan, Charley Chase, Edward Brophy, Guinn ("Big Boy"), Williams, Harold Huber, Maxie Rosenbloom and others, the story has to do with the adventures of Patsy Kelly, who is the sweetheart-trainer of Cecil Callahan ("Big Boy" Williams), a truck driver who becomes a professional fighter.

Interspersed throughout the story, which skillfully combines humor, romance and thrills, are sufficient gags to tab the production a comedy. "Kelly the Second" brings Patsy Kelly to the screen in her first feature-length picture

which is frank and brilliant, but clean and in good taste. Patric Knowles, Henry Stephenson, Frieda Inescort, Halliwell Hobbes and Helen Flint have other roles in the picture.

for Hal Roach.

A fast-moving story with action galore, "Kelly the Second" is not what one might term a prize-fight picture although the story hinges on the ring career of one of its principals. There is a romance between Miss Kelly and Guinn Williams, while Miss Keltan as the "girl friend" of Edward Brophy in the role of a racketeer, supplies menace as well as mirth.

CHRISTMAS BUCKLES
By Luella B. Lyons

TIMOTHY BROWN knew not a soul in Hartsburg well enough to merit an invitation to a Christmas dinner, for he had opened the little shoe repairing cubby hole in the postoffice building only ten days previous to the holiday. And the little restaurant served no turkey either, for they had probably figured everyone would be eating elsewhere.

Rather blue and unhappy, Timothy slipped back to his workbench, there to get caught up on the avalanche of work that had poured in upon him. The first pair of slippers—yes, he remembered the pale, thin little girl that had brought them in. "My aunt bought them for 25 cents at an auction of second-hand things in the city and sent them to me; but they do need repairing before I can wear them. But I've only 25 cents in my name—could you repair them for that amount, Mr. Brown?" Of course, he assured her that it wouldn't cost that—not to her, of the sad and wistful eyes!

"Why, I may be a shoe re-builder, but if those buckles aren't worth a fortune then I'd better get out of this business," he shouted to the empty little room as he suddenly discovered the winking little buckles were not of the dime store variety.

Luck was with him when he sent a messenger for the poor girl owner of the second-hand slippers, and at the jeweler's home the pair were in luck—the expert in gems told them that the buckles would positively remove the girl out of the pauper class, for they were really worth a fortune.

Happy and merry Christmases may come and go, but Timothy will never be lonely again, for the lucky little girl later said "yes" to Timothy, not out of gratitude but because of love at first sight.

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Bill Woods is home for the Christmas holidays to visit his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Woods. Bill is attending the University at Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Attripp, of San Angelo, are expected here tomorrow (Thursday) night to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

CHRISTMAS SHOW FREE FOR KIDDIES TOMORROW AT THE PALACE THEATRE

The management of the Palace Theatre stated today that the Christmas show for all kiddies 12 years of age and under would start tomorrow (Thursday) morning promptly at 9 o'clock. The show is absolutely free and is given as a Christmas present from the management of this theatre to the children of Ballinger and surrounding territory.

A number of the most popular cartoons have been received which will make up a full length program. The shorts were carefully

booked some time ago to give the youngsters a program packed with thrills and laughs.

The theatre will be heated and made comfortable early in the morning and parents are requested to bring the children and let them enjoy this treat arranged especially for them.

J. D. Motley returned Monday from Austin where he had been attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Atkins and son came in Wednesday afternoon from Bryan to spend Christmas visiting Mr. Atkins' mother and sister.

Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh, of Lubbock, is here to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Padgett.

Miss Dorothy Lynn came in Tuesday from Lubbock, where she is attending Texas Technological College, to spend the Yuletide holidays with her parents.

E. M. Lynn and Jack Bandy McGregor have returned from a business trip to Austin, La Grange and Houston.

Mrs. L. Schermerhorn left this week for San Antonio to spend Christmas with her sister.

Wylie Stobaugh came in Tuesday from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, to spend the year-end holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Elliott Kemp is at home from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Charlie Snell, of Wichita Falls, was operated on at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Sunday morning. He is reported to be doing well and will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Want ads are economical and bring results.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Fain, of Amarillo; Rev. J. Perry King and family, of Clarendon; and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Holt and family, of Waco, will spend Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King.

Lewis Ruhmann will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Meridian.

RED CROSS NEEDS BED CLOTHING

The Ballinger Red Cross chapter today called for bed clothing, reporting that many people here are sleeping cold. Telephone R. P. Tunnell, if you have anything of this nature and it will be called for and placed where it is most needed. There are calls every day for apparel of all kinds and the chapter will appreciate donations of anything that can be worn by those in distress.

DEATHS

Miss Lola Henniger
Miss Lola Henniger, 24, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium at 8:45 Monday evening after being ill for about a week. She had been at Brownwood at the bedside of a sick relative and upon returning home was taken to the hospital for treatment. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Henniger, Miss Henniger was born in this county. The family lives on the old home place near Hatchel.

Survivors include the parents, three sisters, Misses Emma, Annie and Helen Henniger; and one brother, Erwin Henniger, all of Hatchel.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the family residence, Rev. C. M. Roth, pastor of the Winters Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment was made in the Runnels cemetery.

Palbearers were Walter Gerhart, George Onken, Jr., Homer Stoeker, Henry Gerhart, Lawrence Jacob, Frederick Prusser, Fred Armbricht

and August Spill.
King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

J. S. Sparks

J. S. Sparks, 67, died at his home at 407 Strong Avenue, Tuesday morning at 2 o'clock following a long illness.

Survivors include the wife; four daughters, Mrs. Pearl Whit, Waxahachie; Mrs. R. H. Damron, Mrs. Albert Henson and Mrs. Gladys Goss, Ballinger; four sons, E. O. Sparks, Kerens; L. O. Sparks, Beeville; W. A. Sparks, Quanah; and Ed Sparks, Waxahachie.

Funeral services were held at Crews Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Roy Evans, pastor of the Assembly of God Church at Winters, officiating. King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Strebeck are expecting Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hendryx, of McCamey, for Christmas. Mr. Hendryx, of course, will be Santa Claus to the twin grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Strebeck.

Dr. George M. Liddell and Mrs. Julia McVey, of Waco, brother and cousin respectively, of Mrs. E. C. Schuchard, were guests in the Schuchard home Sunday.

C. P. Henny, formerly of Abilene, has accepted a position with the Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co. here. Mr. Henny will be in the office of the Ballinger yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions left Wednesday for Altus, Oklahoma, to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mrs. Mae DeMerville and Mrs. Monroe Hartman, of Ballinger; and Mr. and Mrs. Bevy DeMerville, of San Angelo, left Friday for Los Angeles, for a visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and daughter will spend Christmas in Coleman with Mr. Forman's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh will spend the Christmas holidays with friends in the Chisos Mountains.

Mrs. A. C. Cloven, of Brownfield, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Parrish.

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A Christmas Debt Paid



"GRANDFATHER, isn't that the most beautiful doll you ever saw?" The little hand tugged at the hand of the tall man. He looked down at the childish figure beside him. "I wish I had one like her," the child said in a low tone.

The man mused with a tender smile. "It is very beautiful, dear, —but I thought I heard you say that you had all of the dolls you could care for."

"Well—I did," came the faltering answer "but—as though an inspiration had presented itself—I could give some away I suppose." The man's clasp tightened on the child's hand, and then he reminded her gently that they must hurry on if they were to be home in time for luncheon. Although there were many other interesting toys in the department of the great store, the child showed little interest in them, and managed to work their way back to the object of her affection, and stood enraptured before it until her grandfather again reminded her that they really must be on their way home.

As the child reluctantly followed, the man recalled another dark eyed Marcia standing before just such a doll and heard again almost the same words this Marcia had used today. "Isn't," she had said, "that doll in pink just beautiful? I wish I had one like it." And he heard the man beside her reply: "You have more dolls now than you know what to do with," and he had added, "That is too expensive anyway." "Oh is it?" the child had



asked in surprise. "Yes, everything in this store is." He hadn't known whether it was or not, but he had led the child away. Later he asked himself many times why he hadn't given the doll to the child, and he resolved that never again would he be the cause of a hurt look such as he had seen in the little one's eyes that day. From then on, he determined to grant her every wish that he possibly could and so atone for the unnecessary suffering he had caused.

Christmas night John Grant sat alone before the fire, his head against the back of the chair, his eyes closed and a smile of content upon his face. The door opened and a young woman's voice called softly—"Father."

"Yes, my dear," he answered as he turned toward her.

"Mother wants to know if you aren't coming to bed," the young woman said as she came into the room.

"Tell your mother I'll be there in just a minute," the man replied with a laugh.

"Do you know, father, I think that you have made Marcia the happiest little girl in the world tonight," Marcia Field said as she went and sat on the arm of her father's chair.

Her father put his arm around her. "I'm glad if I did," he told her.

"Do you know that doll reminds me of one I wanted many years ago. I thought that I never would be happy if I didn't have that doll," Marcia laughed at the memory.

"And I wouldn't buy it for you," her father frowned.

"Why, father, do you remember that?" the daughter asked in surprise.

"I have never forgotten it, and I resolved never to be the cause of hurting you or anyone as I had you that day."

"Why, you old dear," Marcia laughed as she hugged him. "I haven't thought of it for years. And then she said suddenly as a light of understanding broke upon her, "That is why you always have

done so much for me, and why you gave Marcia that doll today, isn't it?" John Grant's smile was the only answer he gave for a moment, and then he said: "If I have succeeded in making both or either of you happy, I shall be happy, too, for I shall feel that I have at least in part paid a Christmas debt long overdue."

"Dear, dear father," Marcia lovingly assured him, "you don't know how well you have succeeded."

"Then I am indeed content."

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Avoid Mailing Rush
By preparing each Christmas gift for mailing as it is bought or made, much time and hurry is saved at the last moment.

Uncle Johnny Fox was greeting friends in town Tuesday.

Goodfellows

Goodfellow Christmas donations have not been heavy this year but this is accounted for by the fact that practically all needy families in Ballinger were taken care of by the "adoption" plan. The amount on hand will be sufficient to take care of the left over families and a few others who need only food baskets.

The list follows:

Previously reported	\$25.00
David Caudle	1.00
E. Shepperd	3.00
M. C. Golden	1.00
Cash	5.00
West Texas Cottonoil Co	10.00
Mrs. Mary E. Kelly	1.00
F. A. Lawrence	2.00
Cash	1.00
Cash	3.00

UTILITIES EMPLOYEES HERE FOR CHRISTMAS TREE AND SAFETY MEET

All employees of District G of the West Texas Utilities Co. and their families are to be in Ballinger Wednesday afternoon to attend the safety meeting and will remain for the big Christmas tree tonight.

A huge old fashioned tree has been erected in the auditorium of the city hall and the families from the various towns will assemble there tonight at 7:30 for a program under the direction of Mrs. Chester Cherry and to enjoy a personal visit from Santa Claus. Gifts will be delivered from the tree by Santa and after a short social meeting the out-of-town guests will leave for their homes.

Horace Gustavus is here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lynn. Mr. Gustavus, serving his internship in the Cincinnati general hospital, was recently appointed to the staff of the institution.

Robert Batts, of Phoenix, Arizona, is here for a visit with his brothers and their families for several days during the holidays.

Wesley Henrichs, manager of the local Piggly Wiggly store, will spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Mason.

A Merry Christmas



When the midnight chimes of some distant church announce the arrival of Christmas may every heart be happy, carefree, and full of good things in life. We hope that the Christmas spirit of Good-Will will prevail in your household not only on Christmas Day but throughout the new year, 1937. When you reach the end of the coming year may you find yourself better off in every way.

This firm is glad of this opportunity to express its appreciation to the people of this community for the progress made in the past and resolve now to do every thing in our power toward improving our service to our friends and patrons during the coming year.

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Truly great things have been done since the day of days that saw the resurrection of mankind from the low and sordid elements of paganism to exalted good will and friendship brought into being by the Savior of Bethlehem.

Each year, we have seen the spirit of the Jehovah renewed at Christmas time, the most appropriate holiday in the year for starting out anew with a clean slate.

This year, we choose to take this time of the year to tell you that we have greatly appreciated your kind friendship through our period of business.

King-Eiland Motor Co. Ford Sales and Service

Best Wishes

A Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year are merely code words in our message of good cheer. Their interpretation encompasses our deepest appreciation of the business you have given us and the good will existing between you and our employees. We sincerely wish for you and yours better days and increased happiness during the coming year, 1937.

Weeks Drug Store

In Business for Your Health

Season's Greetings

To you, without whose friendship and cooperation our business relations would have been less pleasant and prosperous, we sincerely extend the most cordial greetings of the season.

May the beauty and joy of life be yours, may your troubles and hardships be forgotten, may the happy spirit of Christmas be with you in ever increasing abundance throughout a joyous New Year.

These are the sincere wishes of this firm for all our patrons and friends.

Sam Behringer's Grocery

Weldon Howell's Market

MERRY CHRISTMAS



IN SOCIETY

Baptist Dorcas Class Has Christmas Party

Members of the Dorcas Class of the Baptist Sunday school entertained with a tacky party at the Ballinger Country Club with husbands as guests.

Outstanding in the Christmas room decorations was the spruce tree heavily laden with exchange gifts which were distributed during the evening's festivities. In keeping with the "tacky party" group games were played. A committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. George Stowe and Joe Flynt, Mrs. John Rayburn and Ernest Moody were awarded prizes for being the "tackiest".

Lemonade and Christmas candies were served to forty-five. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams and Rev.

Wednesday Study Club Meets

Mrs. J. A. Killough was director for the Wednesday Study Club meeting held last Friday afternoon in the Shakespeare Club room. The program topic was "Women of Music" with papers on "Cecile Chaminade" by Miss Carmen Demmer and "Women Composers" by Miss Zemma Street being read. Jane Cheatham, accompanied by Miss Dorothy Teague, was presented in a costume dance number, and Gwendolyn Morgan gave two Christmas readings.

Mmes. George Stowe and Felton Wright were hostesses during the social hour and served a plate of Christmas cookies and candies with tea to twenty.

Mrs. Jaeggli is Hostess

Mrs. Clarence Jaeggli was hostess to her bridge club last Saturday afternoon, entertaining in the home of Mrs. Billie Cordill on Ninth Street.

A Christmas tree and other Yuletide symbols were featured in room decorations where pointsettias were given emphasis in bridge game accessories.

Crystal candelabra went to Mrs. W. B. May in games with Mmes. Doc Huddleston, Hawk, Horace Sessions, Lynn Metcalfe, Cordill and E. C. Grindstaff.

Sprigs of holly were favors accompanying the salad plate with coffee served at the tea hour when Mrs. Jaeggli, of New Braunfels, was an added guest.

Methodist Junior Department Given Christmas Party

Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw was assisted by teachers of the department last Friday afternoon in entertaining the Methodist Juniors in the Doss Bible Class room in the church basement on Tenth Street. A beautiful silver tree was laden with gifts and red cellophane bags of candy, nuts and cookies. Wilbur Redwine played a Christmas song at the piano.

John Weeks Earnshaw read the Scripture story of the birth of Jesus, and James Striplin gave a Christmas poem.

Thirty-five children and the following grown-ups were present: Mmes. Earnshaw, J. B. Striplin, W. E. Midgley, W. R. Clark, Jr., John Weeks, J. B. Dankworth and Miss Thelma Midgley.

Christmas Studio Program Given

The piano pupils of Mrs. L. Schermerhorn gave a program for their mothers on Saturday afternoon at the studio in the home of Mrs. W. A. Nance on Eighth Street.

Those taking part were: Billy Weidon Howell, J. H. and Odina Parrish, Virginia and Ruby Nance, Dorothy Bruce, Betty Lovelace, James McClain, Claude R. Stone, Maide Rose Rubin, Ann Kiechie, Madene Caudle, Minnie Edith Jones, G. C. Ellen Jean and Jerry Faye Stanley and Anita Evans.

Bridge Parties in Patrick Home

Mrs. M. S. Patrick was hostess to Winters and Ballinger friends in two groups on Friday and Saturday afternoons in her home on Broadway.

A Christmas tree, holly wreaths, bells and red tapers decorated rooms where silhouettes in holly wreaths adorned tables for contract games. Fruit cake topped with whipped cream and coffee was served preceding games. Favors were tinsel baskets filled with candies.

Mrs. Buck Kornegay, of Winters, received high score prize on Friday, and Mrs. J. B. Striplin on Saturday.

Others included were Mmes. W. A. Pace, Ernest Caskey, Jack Wilkerson, R. H. Henslee and Miss Loyle Kornegay, all of Winters; Mmes. Ford Taylor, Henry Doss, L. R. Tigner, D. W. Hooper, Tom Agnew, Ralph Vancil, R. W. Earnshaw, G. A. Swann, Bailey Mack, Lawrence Grier, Ralph Payette, George Golightly and Troy Simpson.

No-Host Affair for Friday Contract Club

A no-host dinner bridge was given by Friday Contract Club members last Friday evening. The dinner, held at the Central Hotel, was followed by contract games in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke on Broadway.

The banquet room had been given a pretty decoration and the big table was centered with an arrangement of Christmas fruits in an oblong silver tray. Silvered cedar sprays and tall red cathedral tapers in candelabra finished the table appointments. The turkey dinner was served in four courses.

In the bridge games high scores were won by Mrs. Ross Murchison and George Kirk.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Jack Rudd, Loyd Herring, Kirk, Alex. McGregor, Ernest Nance, L. R. Tigner, W. B. Woody, Delbert Vancil, Robert Bruce, Murchison, C. F. Bailey, Charles Cheatham, Leslie Baker, Herman Giesecke, Jr., Homer Carsey and Giesecke.

Store Employees Given Dinner

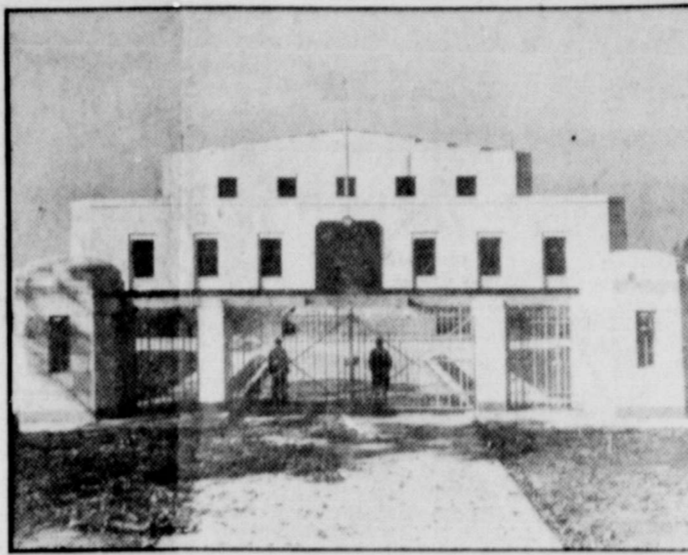
Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks and Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw entertained the employees of their store here with a beautifully appointed Christmas dinner on Sunday in their home on Eighth Street.

Snow baby candelabra at each place held small red tapers. Name cards attached to these marked places for Miss Florence Davis, Sam Malone, Jr., Philip Evans, James Lee Moreland, Tony Nixon, John Weeks Earnshaw and the hosts.

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Uncle Sam's New Gold Gibraltar



A medieval-modern fortress is the government's new \$600,000 gold depository at Fort Knox, Ky., shown above. Beyond the steel fence, which may be electrified, and the guardhouses, lies an open moat. Turret openings in each of the "pillbox" towers located at the four corners of the building are protected by bullet-proof glass and steel armor. The vault within, where Uncle Sam's \$100,000,000 gold hoard will be stored, is made of steel which gives off poison gas under a torch. It can be flooded.

THE LANGUAGE OF YOUR HAND

By Leicester K. Davis
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WE SHALL begin our study of the language of the hand by consideration of fundamental elements. It is important that these be thoroughly mastered before progressing to the more complicated meanings of line and mounts within the palm. Study of hands by type is the first step toward proficiency in this age-old and fascinating science of character delineation.

The shape and structure of the hand instantly places it within one of seven classifications. Each type may be relied upon as a definite index of the possessor's major traits and tendencies.

- The seven types are:
- First. The *Primal Type*, the hand of the materially minded.
 - Second. The *Square Type*, the hand of the doer of worth-while things.
 - Third. The *Mental Type*, the hand of the brain worker, and philosopher.
 - Fourth. The *Temperamental Type*, the hand of the born actor, artist, poet or musician.
 - Fifth. The *Spatulate Type*, the hand of the nervous, highly strung creative man or woman.
 - Sixth. The *Spiritual Type*, the hand of the man or woman who lives on a high idealistic plane.
 - Seventh. The *Intermingled Type*, which partakes of several or all of the qualities found in the types just given, as illustrated above.

Fix these classifications and the qualities represented by each firmly in mind. These lessons which follow will describe the elements by which each type may be quickly recognized.

Do Not Mourn

Many peoples, particularly certain large tribes in South Africa, do not mourn or even regret the death of one who has been killed by lightning. They believe that he has been sent for by some god in heaven. Hence it would be profane to show any distress over the act of a deity. —Collier's Weekly.

'Sight Driving' Said To Have Reduced Motoring Accidents

GENEVA, Dec. 22.—Substantial success both in preventing traffic accidents and reducing city noise is credited in Sweden to a new "drive by sight" rule put in force by traffic courts and officers in that country.

The rule is simply that every driver must use a speed permitting him to stop within one-third of the distance that he can see clearly his road ahead, without any kind of obstruction, cross-road or other possible obstacle being visible.

It is a part of each licensed driver's duty to know the distance within which he can stop his car at different speeds and to be able to judge distances along the road ahead in order to conform to the rule. Officers report that if this simple rule is observed nearly all automobile accidents become

Theory Explains Why Plant Roots Suck up Poisons

WASHINGTON, December 22.—A new theory of why plant roots deliberately suck up poisons from the soil and commit suicide has been suggested to the Washington Academy of Sciences by Dr. Annie M. Hurd-Karrer, of the United States bureau of plant industry.

It is that the roots are unable to distinguish between two chemical elements which are somewhat similar chemically, but one of which is poisonous, while the other is a useful plant food.

Dr. Hurd-Karrer's experiments dealt specifically with the food element phosphorus and the poisonous element arsenic. Arsenic poisons many plants just as it does human beings. Phosphorus, on the other hand, is one of the necessary food elements present in fertile soils and supplied in artificial fertilizers.

The two elements are chemically somewhat alike, not enough so to be mixed up in chemical tests but

evidently enough that the machinery in plant roots which selects elements from the soil may get confused about them.

Growing plant roots in water instead of soil, Dr. Hurd-Karrer discovered that a very small amount of arsenic will kill the plants if no phosphorus is present. If plenty of phosphorus is added the arsenic is much less poisonous.

Plant roots apparently are accustomed to taking in each day about so many atoms of some element that seems like phosphorus. If it really is phosphorus, well and good. If no phosphorus is around or if the soil contains more arsenic than phosphorus, the roots make a mistake and take up the poisonous element instead. This theory also may explain plant poisoning by other elements, especially by the selenium now known to be responsible for many infertile soils.

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Prisoner: "I guess it's just in me to do things fast."
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FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, 503 Tenth Street. Phone 130. 24-21

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FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment. Phone 179. 23-1f*

STRAYED—or Stolen, nine months old Jersey heifer. Phone 397. Ballinger. 11-*

SOCIETY.

Teague Home Scene of Sunday School Class Party

The Conquest Class of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church enjoyed a lovely Christmas party last Friday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Teague on Eighth Street.

Sprays of East Texas holly and pine branches together with many seasonal decorations gave a festive air to rooms where games of forty-two and monopoly were played. A tree lighted with blue lights in the midst of a snow scene centered the dining room table and Christmas nut cups attached to name cards marked places for the games.

A plate of fruit cake, coffee and candies was served to: Mrs. F. C. Miller, teacher of the class; Mrs. Aurelia Webb, Misses Lillian McMillan, Cleo and Bell Russell, Ada Allen; Messrs. and Mrs. Dewey Campbell, Rufus Allen, Phillip Stroud, Bernie McCready, Walter Lange, John Reese, McMinn, Carroll Bell, Wesley Wood, Althus Stokes, Leslie Greenwood, Pat Wood, Paul Petty, Sam Malone, Roy Hill, Gene Crawford, Ernest Moody and Teague.

Intermediates Sing Carols

The Intermediate Young People's Department members of the First Presbyterian Church revived an age-old custom last Friday evening when they assembled at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Dwight A. Sharpe on Seventh Street and went to the homes of ill and shut-in friends, bringing Christmas cheer by singing carols. They also brought and delivered gifts for their adopted family.

Returning to the Sharpe home, cocoa and candy were served by Mrs. Sharpe.

The intermediate age group went to the home of their department superintendent, Mrs. Alex McGregor, for further celebration. Here capsule gifts were distributed and games and contests were played.

Marjorie McGregor and Mary Lynn assisted in serving Christmas sweets to: Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Frank Pearce, Clara Beth Lynn, Juliette Simmons, Armour Lynn, McGregor, Jeanne Heiwig and Jane Cheatham; Ross Marchison, Jr., Alexander McGregor, Walter Trimmer, Francis Pearce and K.

V. Northington, Jr.

Intermediate B. T. U. Has Party

The Baptist Intermediate B. T. U. had a Christmas party for added guests in the church basement on Eighth Street last Friday evening.

Miss Gladys Lee Morgan and Ulmer Newman were sponsors for the affair, to which 25 were invited.

Four Are Hostesses to Alatheans

Mrs. R. M. Lowry, Ollie Hamilton, J. L. Hardin and Cicero Smith were joint hostesses at a pretty Yuletide party for Baptist Alathean Class members Tuesday evening at the church on Eighth Street.

Floor lamps were placed on each side of a mock fireplace which had an artistic mantle decoration. A large tree, beautifully decorated, was another featured decoration. Quartette tables were arranged in cabaret style for the program which followed the serving of a salad plate with coffee.

A girls' quartette composed of Jane Cheatham, Winnie Merle Adair, Pat Lawrence and Louise Hardin sang Christmas carols and Quentin White and Alexander McGregor played cornet duets. Miss Dorothy Teague played accompaniment.

Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Present were: Mrs. B. C. Kirk, P. J. Harris, Frank Cameron, Guy Lively, Lawrence Grier, Paul Best, R. L. White, L. R. Tigner, G. A. Swann, Hubert Parrish, C. W. Jennings, Claude Compton, L. B. Rudder, Henry Doss, Land, Charles Owens, A. O. Bartlett, O. C. Sykes, Paul Witter and Lee Sykes.

Junior R. A.'s Have Tree

Mrs. F. W. Weihausen, Junior Baptist R. A. sponsor, planned a Christmas affair for them Tuesday evening in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. H. McClain on Broadway.

Santa, himself, was present for the distribution of exchange gifts from the pretty tree. Other Christmas decorations were used about rooms where group games were played.

Home-made candy was served to: Mrs. Weihausen, James McClain, Billy Wayne Davis, Eldon and Bobby Moody, Billie O'Neill, Billy Parrish, W. J. Waddell and Quentin White.

Shower for Recent Bride

Mrs. L. A. Fragua, who before her marriage in Corpus Christi on December 19 was Miss Pauline Jonas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Jonas, was complimented with a shower by Mrs. Charles James in the Jonas home on Tenth Street Tuesday evening.

Gifts were arranged around a Christmas tree and group games provided entertainment. A plate of hot chocolate and cookies was served.

Included were: Mrs. L. B. Rudder, Hugh Parrish, J. F. Owens, Dewey Campbell, A. F. Land, A. H. Wiesepape, C. A. Watson, P. C. Straley, Joe Huffman, E. C. Cox, P. W. Cox, R. L. Bothe, Milton Clayton, Edgar Martin, John McKay, L. D. McKay, L. A. Moser, W. L. McMillan, Paul Best, Leslie Greenwood, Pat Wood, Sam Behringer, Misses Frances Jonas, Addie Ruth Cox, Velma Taylor, Marcella Jonas, Camille Behringer, Frances and Bernice McKay.

Mrs. Fragua graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1933 and for three years operated the Jonas Beauty Shop here. For the past five months she has been employed at Corpus Christi.

The couple will make home at Corpus Christi where Mr. Fragua is agent for a steamship company.

Buffet Supper for Friends

Miss Nadyne Sonriker entertained a group of friends with a buffet supper at her home on Broadway Tuesday evening.

An elaborate Yuletide motif was emphasized in the living room and a pink, green and white color combination was stressed in the dining room. A large oval silver tray filled with fruit and surrounded by green and white tapers adorned the table laid in lace over pink satin. Bowls of sweet peas gave further floral decoration to the dining room.

A delectable supper was served buffet style to: Misses Fave Clark, Griffee Atkins, Lucile Williamson, Jeffie Bell, Maggie Herring, Bernice Simmons, Pearl Currie of Paint Rock; Messrs. George O'Bar, Tommie Hall, Ira L. Sims, J. D. Forman, Jack McKay, Cap Wharton, James Cecil of Albany, Aston Pierrat of Santa Anna, Clarence Wyatt of Paint Rock, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pokorny.

Wedding Announced

Announcement of the approaching marriage of Miss Evelyn

Murphy, of Rochester, and John D. Forman, of Ballinger, was announced at a party given Monday in Rochester by the bride-elect's mother, Mrs. Tom Murphy.

Marriage of the couple will take place on January 1. Miss Murphy is a graduate of the Ft. Worth high school and a student in the Dockery School of Art. Following his graduation from the Ballinger high school, Mr. Forman attended Trinity University, Waxahatchie, and for the past few years has operated a men's furnishing store in Ballinger.

They will make home hereafter a short honeymoon trip in January.

Greetings from the Brewers

With grateful hearts we announce the continued improvement of Mrs. Brewer, and we wish to thank the many friends who have been so lovely and helpful to us while she was so ill. We wish each of you a very merry Christmas and every good thing for the New Year 1937.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. E. Brewer and family. 11-*

Mrs. Arden Strebeck and children are here for a visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Strebeck. Arden Strebeck, who is employed at Del Rio, is expected here this week to join his family in their visit.

Miss Teddye Wardlaw came in Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw. She is a student in Southwestern University, Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stroble will have as guests for the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fraser and daughters, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duncan, of Waco; and Mrs. Deta Butler, of Austin.

Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and daughter, of Menard; and Mr. and Mrs. George McCulley and sons, of Kingsville, came in Tuesday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner.

Give flowers for Christmas. Phone 263 for delivery. Ballinger Floral Co. 23-1f

The Chinese made the first use of paper.

Christmas Greetings

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Popcorn
Black 2 lbs. 33c Jolly Time 12c
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Mixed NUTS
Walnuts-Almonds-Brazils
2 lbs. 45c 5 lbs. \$1.00

Shelled Pecans 1 lb. 59c
Emerald Walnuts 1 lb. 19c
Drake Almonds 1 lb. 25c
Brazil Nuts 1 lb. 19c
Pecans Paper Shell 1 lb. 29c
Cranberry Sauce 7-oz. Can 10c
Pumpkin Libby's No. 2 Can 10c

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16-oz. Bottle 12c
12 Bottles \$1.25



Crunchy-Crispy CELERY
Large Stalk 10c

Fresh Cocoanuts 2 for 15c
Cauliflower Medium Heads Each 10c
Sweet Potatoes Kiln Dried 4 lbs. 19c

Apples
Delicious 150 Size Doz. 29c
Winesaps 138 Size Doz. 25c

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Sunkist Navels 220 Size Doz. 25c
176 Size Doz. 35c

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Chocolate Covered

Cherries lb. Box 25c

Orange Slices 2 lbs. 29c

Chocolate Drops 2 lbs. 25c

Gum Drops 1 lb. 15c

Jumbo Sticks each 5c

Peanut Brittle 8-oz. Bar 10c

Dates

Hallowa 2 lb. Brick 21c

Little Cook 2 8-oz. pkgs. 25c

Sheik 1 1/2 lb. pkg. 23c

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