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# M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S

## Extra Policemen Will Patrol City During Holidays

The city will employ several special police and nightwatchmen for duty during the Christmas holidays. These officers will keep a special patrol of the downtown district and also will watch the residential sections during the holidays.

The extra police will be given instructions to keep a close watch for those shooting fireworks inside the fire zone and to make arrests.

Chief of Police Lee Moreland stated Monday that a few cases of shoplifting had been reported and in each instance the would-be thief was caught and the goods recovered. No charges have been filed to date, as in most cases it was children committing the offenses.

Only one case of prowling has been reported to the city officers. Stores were crowded Saturday and only one call was made for an officer. A pair of gloves was taken from the pocket of a boy in a local dry goods store.

Chief Moreland urges that citizens assist the officers during the holidays by keeping their homes and garages locked.

## OLD TIME CHARITY DANCE. SPONSORED BY DR. HALLEY. TO BE HELD DECEMBER 30

Dr. W. B. Halley has announced his annual charity ball to be held in the national guard armory on the evening of Thursday, December 30. Extravagant arrangements are being made this year to provide entertainment for many people who enjoy the old time square dances.

Dr. Halley will secure appropriate music, including plenty of old time fiddle players. In the gathering will be some of the best callers in this section and they will have charge of each set.

Tickets for this event are 50 cents each, and all who would like to help in a worthy cause and at the same time be assured of an enjoyable evening, are urged to get tickets as soon as they are put on sale.

Special numbers will be presented on the program and refreshments are to be served during the evening.

## MILES MAN INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Holt Lovelace, automobile mechanic, of Miles, was slightly injured Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock when the car in which he was riding collided with another, one mile east of Miles on highway 30. Lovelace sustained a cut about the head and knees but none of the injuries were thought to be serious.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Prochel, of Vancouver, were not injured in the collision although their car was badly damaged. They entered the highway from a side road and the two machines crashed. Lovelace was driving a car on which he was working.

## ROTARY CLUB HAS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Members of the Ballinger Rotary Club enjoyed their annual Christmas program Tuesday noon. Club members exchanged gifts and many humorous presents taken from the tree will be donated to a needy family.

When Santa Claus arrived he read a number of letters from members of the club telling of their "wants" for Christmas, much to the merriment of those not concerned.

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## Two More Blocks Of Curb, Gutter, Completed Here

Two blocks of curb and gutter work were finished between Eighth Street and Broadway on Snapp Avenue last week and the crew started Monday on another two blocks between the same streets on Bonsall Avenue. The first block to be built is by the side of the First Christian Church and will be continued past the Ballinger Baptist Church.

No work has been done on the community house recently approved by the WPA. Shortage of labor caused a delay in plans for this job and city officials, sponsors of the project, stated Wednesday that construction probably would not start on the Boy Scout home until after January 1.

At city park 20 youths under NYA direction are being employed in two shifts in improving the grounds. Roads are being improved in the park and some of the masonry curbs are being replaced with stone set in concrete.

A supplemental project has been approved for paving Ninth Street and \$6,600 awarded for purchase of material and other costs. It will be 30 or 40 days before actual work is under way on this job but it will be begun as soon as possible.

## SWIFT FAMILY REUNION WILL BE HELD AT CISCO

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson will go to Cisco Christmas Day to attend a reunion of the J. C. Swift family. This is the first time in 9 years the entire family has been together, some of the boys living in California and being unable to come until this time.

This family pioneered in Runnels county, residing at Runnels before Ballinger was founded.

## NEW RURAL SUPERVISOR TO TAKE OVER WORK HERE

Floyd L. Stainback, rural supervisor for the farm security administration for Runnels and Concho counties, was replaced this week by John H. Curry, who comes to Runnels county from Palestine. Mr. Stainback will leave this week for Mesquite and will have supervision of Dallas and Rockwall counties.

Mr. Curry is a graduate of A & M College and comes here highly recommended by the state headquarters.

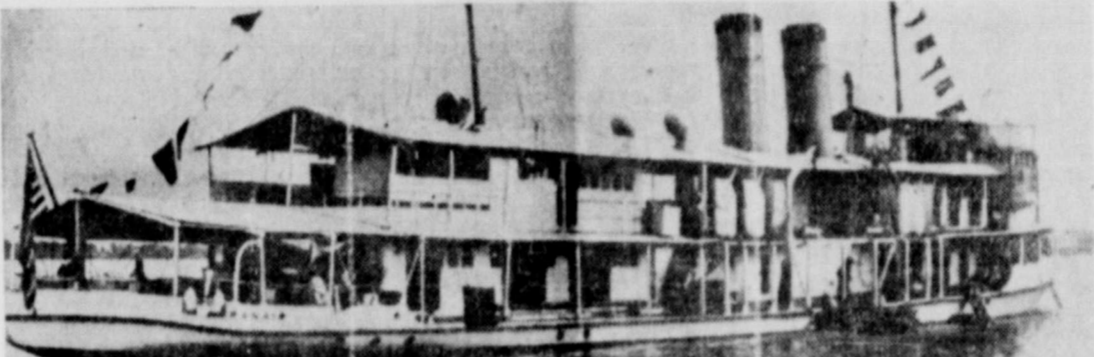
Miss Bettie K. Stuart is another new member of the Runnels county staff in the rural supervisor's office. She has been on duty for a week, succeeding Mrs. Isabel A. Holland, who has been transferred to the San Angelo office. Miss Stuart comes to Ballinger from the Meadow public school, where she was director of home economics and is highly recommended by Miss Mattie A. Trickey, associate state director. She is a graduate of Texas Technological College, Lubbock.

Runnels county is regarded at the state office as one of the best in Texas. Collections last year were 113 per cent and for 1937 will be about the same. New 1938 loans are being made and officials of the local office expect a case load of around 80. This has meant much to the people of this county who could not help themselves and has taught many the live-at-home program which is the basis of the rehabilitation work.

Bill Wood, student of the University of Texas, Austin, is here to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Gertrude Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Dow and baby son, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, is here for a visit with Mrs. Dow's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Truly.

## Scenes and Persons in the Current News



Top, the U. S. Gunboat Panay, the sinking of which in the Yangtze river by Japanese bombing planes precipitated a grave international crisis and brought sharp demands from President Roosevelt for Japan in doubt from such outrages in the future and make full restitution. Lower left, Premier Neville Chamberlain of England, whose government joined with the United States in protests against indiscriminate bombing of neutrals by Japs. Right, former Governor Landon of Kansas, left, Senator Capper, center, and John Hamilton, chairman of the Republican national committee, discuss strategy.

## Recheck of Cattle For Tuberculosis Begun in County

Tuberculosis inspection of cattle in Runnels county started Monday morning and will continue until about 2,000 head have been examined. H. Fisherman, Jr., of the United States department of agriculture, is here to direct the work and he will be assisted by Gus Nunn.

This is a recheck of the work done here in 1935 at which time all the cattle in Runnels county were tested for tuberculosis. A few positive cases were found in some herds then and most of the rechecks will be made in these bunches and in those on adjoining pastures.

Mr. Fisherman wants to inspect as many dairy cattle as possible in the 2,600 head. He will be here about four weeks before completing the inspection.

John A. Barton, county agent, stated Monday that any owner desiring that tests be made in his herd could contact him and he would arrange for the inspection without cost.

In 1935 a crew of veterinarians were here for more than a month and when they completed their work reported that most animals were in excellent condition, only a very small percentage of tuberculosis infection being found in this county.

## TWO FINED IN COUNTY COURT HERE MONDAY

T. A. Vaughn and Joe Vaughn, of Winters, entered pleas of guilty to liquor law violations in county court here Monday and were each fined \$100 and costs. The complaints were filed following raids two weeks ago by agents of the state liquor control board.

Three other liquor violation charges are to be heard in county court within a few days.

## SOCIAL SECURITY AGENT HERE TO CHECK REPORTS

J. A. Miller, agent of the social security board, Dallas, spent Monday in Ballinger, meeting tax payers and correcting mistakes in their reports for the first six months of 1937.

Mr. Miller has visited Ballinger a number of times in previous years, aiding citizens on income tax returns and is now with the social security division of the internal revenue department.

He was kept busy with appointments all day Monday and will return here later for another session.

## BREW DICKSON UNINJURED IN AUTO-WAGON CRASH

Drew Dickson escaped injury in an automobile accident Saturday night when returning home from St. Louis where he had been to attend the annual sales meeting of the Brown Shoe Company. He came to Abilene by train, got his car there and was en route home when he crashed into the rear of a farm wagon, demolishing his auto and the wagon. The driver of the wagon also was uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Forson and Mrs. Vera Smith and daughter, Wanda Lou, will spend Christmas with relatives and friends at Clifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fryar will have as house guests for the holidays Mrs. H. R. Freese, mother of Mrs. Fryar; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Freese, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Freese, of Dallas; Mrs. George Fuller, of Deport; Jack Fryar and Miss Thelma Barrett, of Comanche.

## Fletcher Well Gets Shot; Beddo Sets Casing 3,450

Work continued this week on the Hawthorn-Nelson No. 1-Bert Fletcher, deep oil test near Maverick. Following acid treatment last week, the well was given a 29-quart "shot" of nitro-glycerine Monday afternoon of this week. Immediately following the "shot" the well produced some oil and gas but a "bridge" formed and will have to be drilled out before the results are known. Every effort will be made to bring in this well, which had a good showing in lime at 4,375 feet.

Casing has been run to 3,450 feet, top of black lime, in the Homer Price et al No. 1-J. C. Beddo, and operations will be suspended through the year-end holidays. Drilling will be resumed soon after Christmas and the well drilled in within a few days. Pay was found in the old Waterfurn well near the location of the Beddo test; at 3,475 feet, and formations indicate a good chance for production in the Beddo.

## PLAN TO DYNAMITE RAVEN ROOST SOON

Plans have been formulated for the dynamiting of a raven roost in Runnels county where it is estimated approximately 50,000 ravens roost every night. A San Angelo sports club has agreed to provide funds for half the cost, estimated at \$150, and if the remainder is subscribed here, the work will be done.

Any local person interested in helping is requested to contact either John A. Barton, county agent, or J. P. Flynn, deputy state game warden.

## ONE GOODFELLOW MAKES DONATION TO CHILFUND

J. A. Norwood so far is the only contributor to the Goodfellow fund. He left a check with The Ledger for \$2 and asked that it be used to provide something needed by an indigent family.

No effort has been put forth to provide cash for use by the Goodfellows, but the organization will require a small sum of money to help families not "adopted."

This newspaper will receive cash contributions Thursday and Friday for this purpose.

Miss Genevieve King, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, is at home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. King. She was recently elected to membership in the Historical-Thila Society at the college.

Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Grantland and children of Colorado, will be here for Christmas, visiting in the home of Mrs. Mattie Holliday.

## Political Rumors Begin to Rumble For '38 Campaign

With election year coming up, W. A. Forgy, county tax collector, is anticipating heavy payment of poll taxes before the last day of January. Usually on election years more than 5,000 in Runnels county buy receipts giving the privilege of voting.

While no political announcements have been received, a number probably will be made in January. W. A. (Bill) Stroman, prosecuting attorney for the 19th district, finished his work here last week in connection with the fall term of court, and stated that he would be ready to "throw his hat in the ring" and ask for reelection.

Practically all the county officials are due to be back in the race asking for their positions for another term, with the exception of Sheriff W. A. Holt who has declared he will not be a candidate. This office is interesting a large number and at least four are expected to begin campaigning for the position early in January.

Rumors regarding candidates for various county offices are being heard on the streets every day, but none have been confirmed by the persons assertedly preparing to get in the political fray.

The office of state representative is being considered by a number in this county and indications are that at least four will fight it out in the first primary.

## COUNTY AGENTS OFFICE TO CLOSE FOR CHRISTMAS

John A. Barton, county agent, announced Wednesday that his office would be closed for Christmas eve and Christmas day. The staff will resume regular work next Monday.

Be wise—advertise.

## There are Still Families Who Need Christmas Aid

This is the last call for big-hearted citizens to "adopt" families for Christmas. Citizens and organizations in Ballinger have "adopted" fewer needy families this year than in 1936 and unless many answer the S. O. S. call tomorrow and next day, about 20 families will go through Christmas without a visit from Santa Claus.

More than 30 families were "adopted" in short order, but after that the movement began to drag and few inquiries have come in since, with the list growing bigger every day.

Many of the homes listed are destitute. They need everything and unless they are helped, children will be cold and hungry on the Day of Days, while many who have not aided will enjoy numerous comforts and luxuries. It will not require much to give the deserving poor a happy Christmas. They expect little and will be satisfied if they have a substantial Yuletide dinner and a few trinkets for the kiddies. There is no Goodfellow fund this year and when the "adopted" families are provided for, there will be no other relief to render. Buy a food certificate—go in with someone and be an alias Santa Claus for a family and when Christmas Day dawns, know that all Ballinger residents realize it is Christmas and are happy.

## Victims of Blast, Mother and Child, Buried at Winters

A Winters mother and her four-year-old daughter were killed Friday afternoon when a gas explosion wrecked their home. The mother died instantly and the little girl succumbed Saturday after unavailing treatment at a hospital.

Mrs. Effie Peters, 27, was using gasoline to clean a dress when the explosion occurred. She poured some gasoline into an open pan in the kitchen where a fire was burning in wood stoves. Fumes from the gas soon became ignited and the blast followed which hurled the kitchen roof high into the air and forced the walls outward. Neighbors rushed to the scene and found the woman burned beyond recognition and the baby in a pitiful condition, her eyeballs forced from the sockets by the terrific blast.

Funeral services for the victims were held Saturday afternoon at the Winters Methodist church. Rev. Berry Baker officiating, assisted by Rev. C. H. Cole and Rev. Charles Estes. Interment was made in the Bluff Creek cemetery with Spill Brothers in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include the husband, Troy Peters, Winters barber, and a daughter, Dorothy, 7. Two sisters also survive.

## BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL SENDS 42 MATTRESSES TO ORPHANS' HOME

Members of the Ballinger Baptist Sunday school observed a White Christmas at the Sunday morning service and sent all the gifts to the Buckner's Orphans Home at Dallas.

Merchandise gifts of more than \$500 value were received and approximately \$75 in cash was donated. Included in the gifts were 42 mattresses made new from materials given by local Baptists. A generous amount of clothing was also included in the donations.

Ed Parr delivered the gifts to the home by truck Monday morning.

## COUNTY AGENTS BUSY WITH ANNUAL REPORTS

John A. Barton, county farm agent, and Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, are busy preparing annual reports of the work done by their offices during the year just closing. These reports must be filed with the extension service at College Station on December 31.

Both agents have accomplished many things during the year and their reports will be lengthy and studied with worthwhile achievements.

Summaries of both reports will be released to the press as soon as they are prepared.

Mrs. Floyd Sims, of Winters, was here Sunday, visiting relatives and friends.

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# Society--Clubs--Organizations--Other Interests of Women

## Shakespeare Club Has Christmas Party

The Shakespeare Club held its annual Christmas program party in the home of Mrs. H. C. Lyon on Eighth Street Thursday afternoon.

Guests were received by Mrs. Lyon and officers of the club who are: Mrs. Leonard Stallings, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, Mrs. Edgar Boelsche, Mrs. Lela McAdams, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd and Mrs. Horace Murphy.

Room decorations, which stressed the Yuletide theme, were especially lovely. The mantle in the living room held a miniature village snow scene and the one in the dining room was of Santa on his sleigh with harnessed reindeer. The dining room table, laid in lace, was centered with a white tree with blue and silver balls and icicles on a reflector. Blue and white tapers burned in crystal chandeliers on each side of a white candelabra with clusters of silver grapes around its base on the buffet.

Mrs. J. G. Douglass was leader for the Christmas program. Mrs. Loyd Herring told a story. Mrs. B. C. Kirk read a group of Christmas poems by Texas authors. Mrs. Clarence Morton gave the history of many Christmas customs and Mrs. Elton Stephens of Paint Rock, played "Hark, the Lark" by Lind-Schubert. Mrs. Alex Mc-

Gregor accompanied Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, in playing carols.

Mrs. Lyon, as Santa, distributed exchange gifts. Mrs. Stallings presided at the coffee service during the social hour, with Mmes. Tom Agnew, Boelsche and Douglass passing plates of fig pudding and salted nuts.

Others included: Mmes. J. R. Lusk, E. C. Baskin, C. R. Stephens, Dwight Sharpe, E. H. Forsy, Sim Costello, F. C. Miller, B. H. McLain, Ed Schuchard, O. T. Toney, W. B. Woody, R. T. Williams, J. A. Williams, Floyd Stamback, Warren McCullough, J. B. Striplin, E. E. King, R. W. Bruce, Albert Fryar, Wallace Jones, J. C. Sturges, Jr., Misses Genevieve Green, Armead Howard and Wynis Greer.

## Ladies' Night at Lions Club

On Friday evening the Ballinger Lions Club entertained their ladies with a supper and program in the banquet room of the Central Hotel.

An elaborate room decoration featured the star theme and all the Christmas colors. Myriads of tinsel stars, hung from blue and white twisted streamers twinkled in the light from crystal chandeliers. Holly and mistletoe topped the piano and were banked in window sills. Polled poinsettias centered tables. Toys, distributed

from the big tree, were left as "Goodfellow" donations.

The Rev. Marcus Chunn was speaker for the evening and chose to discuss the serious meaning of Lions International. Gwendolyn Morgan gave Christmas readings and carols were sung by the group with Cal Adair at the piano.

During a short business session it was voted to buy glasses for two young girls and to act as Alias Santa to a needy family.

Present were: Rev. and Mrs. Chunn, Rev. and Mrs. Wallace Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler, Messrs. and Mmes. E. C. Grindstaff, Robert Bruce, Malcolm Morgan, R. P. Canady, J. A. Killough, R. P. Tunnell, W. W. Chastain, R. J. Hawk, and Miss Fay Canady.

## Mrs. Schuhmann is Club Hostess

Mrs. Earl Schuhmann entertained her contract club Thursday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Cut poinsettias from the Rio Grande valley were used in profusion for room decorations. Yuletide tallies were drawn from a blue and white tree. The dining room table centerpiece was an arrangement of six lighted red tapers in a base of crushed red cellophane on an oblong reflector.

The poinsettia motif was also reflected in the refreshment plate of salads and coffee.

Mrs. Joe Eubank received high score prize and Mrs. Henry Doss high cut.

Others included were: Mmes. Jones Parrish, Bynum Britton, John Barton, Raleigh Reese, Joe Beck, Jr., Dick Stengel, James Parrish, W. B. May, J. R. Hawk, and O. L. Huddleston.

## Mrs. Talbot is Honor Guest

Mrs. E. P. Talbot was surprise honoree last Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. O. R. Lassater, Mrs. Chester Cherry, Mrs. Ralph McShan and Mrs. W. E. Harvey entertained with a gift shower for her beautiful new home.

Autumn leaves in baskets and vases were given, vantage placings about rooms of the Lassater home on Sixth Street where fireplaces were banked in mistletoe and cedar.

The dining room table, covered in red crepe paper, was elevated in the center to represent a bingo table with "prizes" on display. Mrs. Cherry, as banker, was assisted by Mrs. Harvey, as caller. At the conclusion of the games all winnings were presented Mrs. Talbot.

Tiny houses were favors accompanying the refreshment plate of fruit cake, salted nuts, red and green mints served with coffee.

Included were: Mmes. Talbot, Tom Ferguson, J. W. Bladell, E. S. Cox, O. B. Corbett, Mary Spreen, B. N. Wilke, Robert Herring of San Angelo, J. C. Cook, F. W. Wellhausen, E. M. Eubank, J. W. Black, J. A. Ostertag, W. A. Forgey, A. F. Brock, J. H. Wilke, O. P. Dorsey, O. C. Sykes, Clyde Davis, Vernon Webb, Joe Morrison, E. E. King, Raleigh Reese, D. R. Hall, Victor Miller, E. C. Baskin, Paul Michaelis, Vernon Talbot, Herbert Fulcher, C. J. Lynn, Ben Smith and W. A. Nance.

## Party Held for Methodist Juniors

A gala Christmas party was held by Methodist Junior Department members Friday afternoon in the Doss Bible Class room in the church basement on Tenth Street.

The large decorated tree was loaded with exchange gifts which were distributed following games. Cookies and hot chocolate were served. Cellophane bags of candies were the teachers' gifts.

Children present were: Bobbie Tunnell, Betty Morrison, Fuld Parker, Joan Glover, Frances de Montmolin, Frances Williams, Wilton Killam, Fred Woods, Joyce

Boswell, Katharine and Sam Padgett Sensabaugh, Jimmy Agnew, Mary Armstrong, Walter Theford Jones, Sheila Moreland, Winona Howell, Mary Evelyn and Patricia Patrick, Rothal O'Kelly, Betty Rayburn, Carlos Redwine, Dorothy Bruce, Charlene Burks, Eloise and Milton Dankworth, Betty Lovelace, John Weeks Earnshaw, Wanda Lou Smith and M. L. Forgey.

Teachers assisting were: Mmes. W. E. Midgley, R. W. Earnshaw, Hutton Laxson, John Weeks; Misses Theima Midgley and Louise Jones.

## Party in Hooper Home

The D. W. Hooper home on Broadway was given a pretty decoration Friday afternoon when Mrs. Hooper was hostess to a group of friends at contract.

White tapers tied in blue and red centered foursome tables laid in Dennison Christmas covers. Mistletoe on the lights, red carnations and poinsettias about rooms, a lighted tree and the mantle covered with mistletoe, cedar and nandina berries completed room adornment.

A salad plate with fruit cake and hot tea was served preceding games.

Beautifully wrapped prizes went to Mrs. Hery Doss and Mrs. Ralph Payette for high and second high scores.

Included were: Mmes. L. M. Lovelace, Doss, M. S. Patrick, Payette, A. J. Thorp, J. G. Tuckey, Clinton Glover, Ford Taylor, Edward Sommer, Claude Stone, Bailey Mack, Troy Simpson, G. A. Swann, Royall Bishop, Robert Bruce, J. R. Hawk, E. C. Baskin, Floyd Stamback, Tom Agnew, Rothal O'Kelly, Ralph Vanell, R. W. Earnshaw, John Weeks, O. L. Huddleston, and J. B. Striplin.

## Earnshaws Entertain Sackeys

The pretty new home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw in Wilke Terrace was the scene of the Sockeye Christmas party.

Conventional symbols and potted plants decked rooms. A tall lighted taper within a Christmas wreath encircled with tiny candles in snow baby holders centered the lace laid dining room table. Candles on the buffet and serving table rested in arrangements of nandina berries and greenery. In the game room, the large ping-pong table was laid in damask and centered with bells festooned around a red cherry plant for the serving of the delectable supper.

Preceding games humorous gifts on the hearth and mantel in the living room, were given by Troy Simpson, dressed as Santa Claus.

Included as special guests were: Mr. and Mrs. John Weeks and Mrs. Myrta Harshaw of Long Beach, California.

Club members are: Mr. and Mrs. Earnshaw, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney, Messrs. and Mmes. Simpson, Tom Agnew, Claude Stone and J. B. Striplin.

The hosts gave gifts to the honor guests and each couple.

## Gabberts Hosts to Club

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Gabbert entertained at their home on Ninth Street Tuesday evening for members of the Sew-and-Chat Club and their husbands with a buffet supper and forty-two party.

The Christmas theme was carried out with silver decorations in the rooms. Gifts were exchanged from a silver Christmas tree ornamented with colored lights.

Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. R. W. Baile, Roy Kump, Marce Perdue, M. A. Foy and Bob Templeton.

## Additional society items on page six

## FLOWERS AND FIREWORKS FEATURE JAMAICA'S YULE

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B. W. I., Dec. 22.—Snowflakes and mistletoe in the North, flowers and fireworks in Jamaica! But it's still Christmas—just different places, different celebrations.

This Caribbean isle puts on a dress of exotic bloom for the great festival season. There's the Christmas vine, clusters of small white flowers resembling gypsophila, Christmas tree-fer, a milky-white, pea-like bloom, hooded with purple shading into crimson; yellow and white Christmas "p-p-w"; huge morning glories of midnight blue, and yellow and scarlet poinsettias.

Another variety might be popular for New Year's Eve parties, "Johnny-go-to-bed-soon." But Johnny probably won't if he's celebrating in Jamaica.

The good, old Southern custom of entertaining and serving egg-nogs Christmas morning still prevails here. Firecrackers crack during the day, while in the evening illuminated displays vie in brilliance with the Southern Cross.

Miss Marcella Fryar came in Sunday from San Marcos, where she is attending Southwest Texas State Teachers' College, to spend the year-end holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Fryar.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff will spend Christmas in Abilene, visiting relatives.

Hugh Robinson, of Brownwood, spent Sunday in Ballinger, visiting friends.



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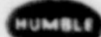


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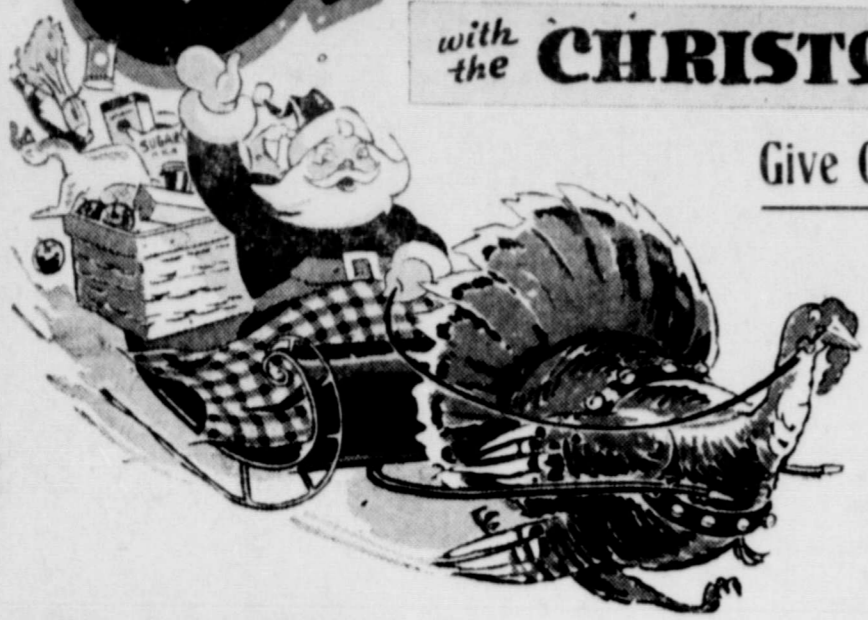
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**Marshmallows** Angelus The Finest 1 lb. Cello Pack **15c**

**Cranberry Sauce** Large Cans 2 for **25c**

**Clabber Girl** Baking Powder 25-oz. **19c**

**Grape Juice** Rose Mary Pints **15c**

**Choice Rice** 3 lbs. **10c**

**Crystal White** Laundry Soap 5 Giant Bars **17c**

*Libby's* Happy Vale Sugar **Corn** 3 for **25c**

**Coffee** Fancy Peaberry 2 lbs. **25c**

**Catsup** California Sea Spray 14-oz. **9c**

**Oats** New Process 42-oz. Large Round **12c**

**Meal** 5 lbs. **13c**  
10 lbs. **23c**

**FLOUR** De-Pend-On 48 lbs. **\$1.33**  
Peter Pan 48 lbs. **\$1.59**

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

Ballinger

Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24

**Dole's Pineapple** Sliced or Crushed No. 2 1/2 **19c**

**Oleo** 2 lbs. **25c**

**Prunes** 4 lbs. **19c**

Potted **Meat** 2 for **5c** | Vienna **Sausage** **5c**

**Mackerel** No. 1 Tall 16-oz. Cans 3 for **25c**

**Grapefruit Juice** Libby's 13-oz. Cans 4 for **25c**

**PEAS** Early June Large Can 3 for **23c**

**SUGAR** Pure Cane 10 lbs. **47c**

**Bananas** Doz. **9c** | **Apples** Doz. **9c**

**Celery** Stalk **8c** | **Oranges** Doz. **14c**

Get Our Prices on Apples and Oranges by the Box

White or Yellow **Onions** 3 lbs. **10c** | **Cocoanuts** 2 for **13c**

**Potatoes** Idaho Russets 10 lbs. **14c**

**7 Steak** lb. **15c**

**Pot Roast** 2 lbs. **25c**

Pork **Chops** lb. **21c**

**Armour's Star Boneless HAM Sliced** **1b. 35c**

Mexican **Hots** 2 lbs. **25c**

Baltimore **Oysters** Pt. **25c**

Full Cream Longhorn **Cheese** lb. **21c**





# Spirit of Santa Stronger This Year Says Official United States St. Nick

SANTA CLAUS, Ind., Dec. 22.—Uncle Sam's official reader of all the letters that get into the mails addressed to Santa Claus says that this Christmas old St. Nicholas will

express a deeper significance than simply to proclaim a calendar date when we will be aroused to give and expect presents.

"People seem to be thinking of Santa Claus as something more than just a Yuletide robot," is Postmaster Oscar L. Phillips' way of stating that the generous tempo of the nation averages higher this year than formerly, and is still rising.

"Maybe it is because social psychologists have tried to send old Santa to the shambles that so many people have come to his defense," Mr. Phillips explains, "but he is speaking warm words this year."

Being postmaster to the one town in all the world, by name and by a colossal granite statue dedicated to the perpetuation of the old-time chimney tumbling Santa Claus, Mr. Phillips has inside track of the sentimental pulse of the people. His report augurs well for a bumper Christmas.

"The power of Santa Claus to awaken people to the necessity and desire of helping the less fortunate was never stronger. This phase of generous expression has displaced the ballyhoo St. Nick and lifted Santa out of the robot class," asserts the postmaster in telling of the many suggestions which have come to him during the past year from the great-

hearted men and women who want to know how they can help respond to the thousands of letters which needy and destitute children write to Santa Claus.

Under a new postoffice department ruling, letters addressed to Santa Claus, even unstamped ones, are no longer sent to the dead letter office in Washington, but to this Indiana town.

"Responding to all of the letters would require several times a million dollars," the postmaster admits, indicating the heaping mail bags which he says "increase each day now, and continue until after Christmas, many children believing that Santa Claus has left-overs."

"Aside from goodies that cheer and needs that comfort, boys this year want mechanical airplanes and real bicycles and girls are asking for quintuplet and Shirley Temple dolls," he states.

The Christmas mailing season is now well underway, with the volume of pieces rising by thousands each day. Special clerks from Louisville, Ky., will be required to help move the truckloads that are collected in the cities by remaining enterprises.

By early December the office which normally serves only sixty-seven people had attained a capacity of 60,000 pieces of mail a day, and will hold it until after Christmas with cancellation machines whirring sixteen to eighteen hours a day.

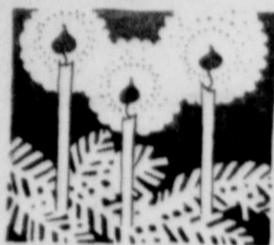
The town of Santa Claus is in the rail-fenced country where Abe Lincoln lived as a boy. It's an old-fashioned as an almanac, but is being touched up with story-book adornments. Shortly the Indiana appellate court will decide whether all future development will come under one man's exclusive control or if the town's growth is to be opened to free, individual enterprise.

Carl A. Barrett, head of the Illinois Automobile Club, Chicago is making the court test in behalf of a free and unrestricted Santa Claus.

During the year Santa Claus acquired a mail train. Four abandoned railway coaches located on the outskirts and encircling the disputed high lease territory afford offices and mailing rooms for an enterprise that mails letters and packages under Santa Claus' authentic seal.

But on Christmas Eve the town will assume a real circus aspect, when a hundred or more trucks with trailers will pour into the village with heaping loads of letters for which they desire the coveted one-minute-after-midnight postmark "Santa Claus, Ind. Dec. 25, 1937," which starts with the sounding of the Christmas bells of the deeply religious countryside.

**Baked Bananas Served with Fowl**  
Peel bananas and dip them in maple syrup. Bake them until they are slightly brown. Top them with mint jelly and serve them with roast turkey or duck.



**OUR VERY BEST WISH**

Our Very Best Wish is for—

**YOUR HAPPINESS DURING CHRISTMAS**

And Continually Through the New Year

**FORSON'S BARBER SHOP**

*May We Extend Our Heartiest Wish*

—for this Yuletide and the New Year

*May We Express Our Appreciation*

—for Your Patronage during the year just past.

**THE TEXAS GRILL**

**May Your Home Be Filled With Christmas Cheer**

May we share our Christmas wishes and good will with you and yours in the home. It is a pleasure to serve you at any time and we solicit your continued support during the New Year.



**Ballinger Electric Co.**

G. P. Trague

Phone No. 7

**A SIMPLE BUT SINCERE WISH**

Our wish is simple but sincere: "Merry Christmas, Happy New Year." We appreciate your patronage and hope that we may continue to serve you in the future.



**U. E. HARTMAN GROCERY**

## DENTAL PRODIGY



Mercedes Angeli of San Francisco had two teeth when she was born and now that she's two weeks old they've grown to quite some husky molars, as this picture shows. And she takes the dentist's suggestions, about using a toothbrush.

## Glass Was Discovered on the Coast of Palestine.

The origin of glass is lost in myth and romance but there are many legends told in regard to it. One of these credited to Pliny, notes a writer in the Los Angeles Times, is that it was accidentally discovered by some Phoenician merchants who landed on the coast of Palestine and cooked their food in pots supported on cakes of niter taken from their cargo. They were greatly surprised to find this solid matter had become a fluid and mingling with the sand had produced a transparent substance now called glass. Cold fact says the temperature of the fires could not have been great enough to melt the sand, but science has ever had a way of interfering with romance.

America began its story of glass before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. A glass house was established in the English settlement at Jamestown, Va. This was the first factory built on this continent. Its first products were bottles. Later a considerable trade was established with the Indians in supplying them with colored beads with which they were greatly enamored. Years later glass factories were established in Massachusetts, New York and other New England and mid-Atlantic states, but it was not until after the American Revolution that the glass industry really took root here.

Over three centuries have passed since the first rough bottles were produced at Jamestown. Today we take all manner of glass products as a matter of course which in the early days of the industry would have seemed impossible to produce.

Typewriter ribbons at Ledger office.



**GOES TO MARKET!**

**COTTONSEED MEAL** in the self-feeder increases the gain and rate of gain from forage or from farm grains.

**FIRM PORK**

A half-and-half mixture composed of Cottonseed Meal and tankage, fish meal or shrimp bran is a standard and efficient protein supplement.

**QUICK GAINS**

Get your season's supply of Cottonseed Meal from our mill.



**West Texas Cottonoil Co.**

**THE Economical Protein SUPPLEMENT**

## A Joyous Yuletide

A wish to show appreciation for your patronage during the past year by wishing for you a joyous Yuletide and a New Year of Satisfaction and Contentment.

**L. B. RUDDER**

Saddles, Harness and Shoe Repairing

## ORGAN SHORTAGE ACUTE IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

KINGSTON, Jamaica, B. W. I., Dec. 22.—The masses of Jamaicans are so musically inclined that a serious emergency among dealers in musical instruments has arisen here. Witness the following advertisement from the Daily Gleaner, published in this city:

Required: Six second-hand reed organs without delay at very reasonable prices, even if they are out of order doesn't matter, but must be free from wood ants. Call immediately at 34 Fleet Street, Kingston.

According to the advertiser, who is one of the leading organ builders in the city, the situation is acute and there is every reason to respect his estimate of the condition of the present market in these instruments, which are the sort used by small religious groups and in private homes. The instruments are about four feet long by four feet high. All people here are passionately fond of music.

## BUCCANEERS PRESERVED MEAT

PORT AU PRINCE, Haiti, Dec. 22.—The buccaneers, who helped to cast the hola of romance about the Caribbean and its emerald shores, were originally men who preserved beef and pork by drying it over a smoky fire. This meat was called boucan and kept in this preserved state for weeks. When their own cattle supply ran out they began to pilfer the cattle belonging to others and soon became full-fledged thieves, gold and wine being their principal objects.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd will have as house guests during the holiday, Mr. and Mrs. George Graves and daughter, Sarah Lou of Waco; Miss Nell Shepperd, student of Baylor University, Waco; and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shepperd, of Abilene.

## Less Monthly Discomfort

Many women, who formerly suffered from a weak, run-down condition as a result of poor assimilation of food, say they benefited by taking CARDUI, a special medicine for women. They found it helped to increase the appetite and improve digestion, thereby bringing them more strength from their food.

Naturally there is less discomfort at monthly periods when the system has been strengthened and the various functions restored and regulated.

Cardui, praised by thousands of women, is well worth trying. Of course, if not benefited, consult a physician.

## DICKENS' HOME CLOSED

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Dickens' House, the home in London of Charles Dickens one hundred years ago, has been closed for redecoration before the Dickens Fellowship 1937-38 season opens. "Oliver Twist" has been chosen as the book for intensive study by mem-

bers of the fellowship this season. At the Christmas party Mr. Bumble is to receive the guests and probably will lead the Sir Roger de Coverly.

There are over a billion elm trees in the United States—all threatened unless the Dutch elm disease is checked.

# GREETINGS TO OUR FRIENDS

We feel that our friends mean more to us than material things. To us our patrons are our friends. We hope that we may keep their friendship and good will during the future. This will make us very happy.

We wish for you a holiday season of mirth and good cheer and may prosperity be yours during the coming year.

**Wm. P. Carey Lumber Co.**

Telephone 65

**We Really Mean Our**

**Best Wishes**

**for Christmas**

We hope you accept our wish for you in the spirit we send it, for we mean every word of it. May this season be the brightest you have ever known and your New Year one of happiness and prosperity.

**J. N. NUTT**

Feed, Seed and Hatchery

**At Your . . . SERVICE**

At this Yuletide as well as during the rest of the year we are at your service to do what we can to aid the betterment of the community, our friends and patrons.

You can count on us to serve you to the best of our ability. And now, we wish for you in all sincerity a Christmas of Joy and Cheer.

**Kirk & Mack**

Ballinger

Winters



# PRICES SLASHED!

## For Our Christmas Clean Up

### Extra Large Heavyweight Woolgora Blankets

Solid color Reversible—in orchid, rose, gold, blue and tan combinations. This is a Blanket that will be the pride of every woman's heart.

Reduced to

**\$3.50**

Men's Heavy Weight

### Fleece Lined Sweaters

Just what you need to put on to keep out the cold. Tan and Grey mixtures, sizes 40 to 46

**50c**

A Nice Assortment of Ladies'

### Satin Bath Robes

In colors milady will like—tea rose, blue and flesh—priced to clean up

**\$2.50**

Ladies'

### Silk Dresses

Just the dress you need. Blue, black brown, green and grey. Lovely new creations—priced to clean up

**\$2.00**

### Linen Crash Tea Towels

Solid oyster crash with colored borders. You will want these for your personal use as well as for gifts

**2 for 5c**

We are offering you again a better pantie at clean-up prices. Well tailored and fancy

### Lace Trimmed Panties

If you did not get your supply the last time, get them now! Six dozen left—priced to clean up!

**10c**



Large assortment of wheel toys—wooden cut-outs to pull—Rocket Cars and Aeroplanes.

**5c Each**

Large Assortment of

### Baby Dolls

18 to 24 inches tall—dressed in dainty organ-dies and batistes, sleeping and Crying.

Priced to Clean Up

**\$1**

### Table and Chair Sets

Heavy Weight Oak Painted with bright pic-tures—easy to clean. Any child would like one. Priced to Clean Up

**\$2**

AUTOMOBILES

DEMONSTRATORS

**\$3**

FIREMEN'S CAR

**\$4**

Heavy, Serviceable

### Roller Skates

Ball-Bearing Reduced to

**\$1**

DOLLS

Large assortment of Dressed Dolls; pretty dresses and suits. Reduced to

**15c**

### Rocky Horses

—for the child who likes to ride Reduced to

**50c**

### Tricycles

Small size, spoke wheels Reduced to

**\$1.25**

Red, Streamlined

### Wagons

Reduced to

**75c**

CRADLES AND DOLL BEDS

**50c**

### Doll Assortment

All Dolls are dressed in bright colored batiste and organdy, some crying dolls, some sleepy dolls Priced to Clean Up

**50c**

Large Assortment of

### Wheel Toys

Fire Trucks, Roadsters, Delivery Trucks, wind-up models. Every one a thrill for some child. Priced to Clean Up

**50c**

Men's NuCraft (Non-Wilt) Collar

### Dress Shirts

Fine quality percales in new fancy patterns just arrived. Also solid colors and whites. Clean-up Price

**50c**

### Cleanup on Gifts Gift Boxes

Large	Medium	Small
<b>4c</b>	<b>5c</b>	<b>3c</b>

Any size to fit any flat gift. Red with decorations, solid white, silver novelty designs, and white and red.

Men's Fancy

### Handkerchiefs

Colored and white, appliqued, and woven borders, rolled hems. Pure linens and fine cottons—priced to clean up

**25c Per Box**

Ladies' Full-Fashioned

### Silk Hose

In colors that are style now—Pepper, Pecan and Fog. Priced to Clean Up

**59c**

Ladies'

### Fitted Bags

Four fittings and mirror with stand. Roomy size, black and brown. Priced to Clean Up

**\$2.00**

Men's

### Silk Pajamas

In Blues and Maroon—sizes B and C. Give him a pair Priced to Clean Up

**\$2.00**

Assortment of

### Ladies' Gifts

Powder Puffs, Bath Powders, in neat jars; Bath Salts and other novelties. Priced to Clean Up

**20c**

**PENNEY'S**  
J. C. PENNEY COMPANY, Incorporated  
BALLINGER, TEXAS



SOCIETY

Miss Virginia Livingston Becomes Bride of Dr. Horace Gustavus

The First Presbyterian Church on Broadway was the scene of the wedding of Miss Virginia Livingston, of Talpa, and Dr. Horace Gustavus, of Houston, at ten o'clock Tuesday morning. A beautiful Christmas decoration formed the background for the single ring service performed by the Rev. B. B. Hester, of San Angelo, home mission superintendent of the Brownwood Presbytery. Only relatives and close friends of the bride and groom were present. Cedar wreaths had been gracefully festooned around the choir arch and cedar sprays covered the chancel rail and extended above it. In front of this was placed an arrangement of gorgeous poinsettia blossoms and maiden hair fern.

The groom and his best man, Harry Lynn, entered from a side door and awaited the bride party at the altar.

Mrs. John Hollingsworth, matron of honor, wore a frock of black crepe with gold clip. Her accessories were black and she carried an arm bouquet of pink carnations and fern.

Miss Dorothy Fontenat, of New Orleans, was maid of honor. Her dress was of aqua blue crepe with black accessories. She also carried pink carnations tied with wide satin ribbon.

The bride, who entered on the arm of her father, A. V. Livingston, and was given in marriage by him, wore a Dubonnet chiffon velvet model made on simple lines with shirred sleeves. Her accessories were black and her colonial bouquet was of white rosebuds with shower of lilies of the valley.

Harold Clark, of San Angelo, was groomsmen, and Walter Guin, of the University of Texas, and Tom Guin, both cousins of the groom, were ushers.

Mrs. John Guin was at the organ for the nuptial music. Preceding the service she played a medley of old Southern melodies. For the professional she used the "Wedding March" from Wagner's "Lohengrin" and Mendelssohn's march for the recessional. Mrs. Elmer Shepperd sang "Because," by D. Hardelot, as the pre-nuptial solo. During the ceremony Mrs. Guin played "I Love You, Truly," by Carrie Jacobs-Bond.

An informal reception was held in the C. J. Lynn home on Seventh Street.

Christmas decorations and colors were featured in the lighted tree, the mantel banking of cedar and nandina berries and in the potted plants placed about rooms.

The buffet held an arrangement

of silvered pine cones and greenery placed around a cherry plant. Green tapers burned in two-branched crystal candelabra. The table, laid in hand-made lace crocheted, was centered with the all-white three-tiered wedding cake topped by miniature bride and groom. From the chandelier hung a large silver and white wedding bell with shower of tiny bells tied on satin ribbons of varied lengths. Miss Fontenat presided over the cutting of the cake after the first incision was made by the bride. Coffee was served by Mrs. Tom Guin, Misses Dorothy Ruth Lynn, Marjorie Lynn and Frances Gustavus.

Mrs. Gustavus is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Livingston, and a member of a prominent family of the Talpa section. She is a graduate of a San Antonio high school and for four years was a student of the dramatic arts at Glendale in Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Gustavus is the son of Mrs. C. J. Lynn. Following his graduation from the Ballinger high school, he attended Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene three years. There he was a member of the famous Cowboy Band, and as such made many trips including the European tour. In the spring of 1936 he graduated from the medical branch of Northwestern University in Chicago. He then served his internship in the City Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has established an office in Houston, where the couple will reside after January first.

Following a brief wedding trip they will spend a part of the Christmas holidays in Ballinger and Talpa. For going away the bride wore a wool suit of antique blue.

Out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jones, of Coleman; Dean Jacobs, of Dallas; T. S. Lankford, the groom's grandfather, of Abilene; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jay and son, Jimmy, and daughter, Mary Grace, of Sweetwater; Miss Ellen Jones, of San Angelo; Mrs. B. F. Hamilton and Miss Elithe Hamilton, of Coleman; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Moore, of Fort Worth; Mr. and Mrs. Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jameson, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Mrs. Floyd Thompson, Ralph Edens and Raymond Rush, all of Talpa.

In-Honor Affair for Messrs. Hill and Holt

In recognition of their husbands' birthday anniversaries, Mrs. W. A. Holt and Mrs. W. M. Hill entertained with a dinner party on Sunday evening in the Holt home on Broadway.

Clusters of poinsettias and sprays of holly, together with the decorated tree, adorned rooms where the four-course dinner was

served at quartet tables featuring the Yuletide motif. Red tapers in three-branched silver candelabra were centerpieces.

A basket filled with gifts was presented the honorees by Ethel Ann Gray.

Guests included: Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Patton, of Paint Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray and Ethel Ann Gray, of San Angelo; Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hunt, Mrs. Hamm, Mrs. Lula White and Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Craig Winters, Messrs. and Mmes. E. E. King, Gerald Black, Neal Nutt, L. J. Campbell, Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Smith, Dr. and Mrs. Edgar Boelsche; Mmes. Augusta Bethany and Abbie Roberts, and Miss Evelyn Crowell.

Music Club Changes Concert Date

Due to a conflict with the Baptist revival, the Ballinger Music Club has changed the date of its guest-artist program to Friday evening, February 25. The artists are to be Lyle Powers, pianist, and Gibson Walters, violinist.

Party for Perry Bros. Employees

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Harris entertained the employees of the Perry Bros. store on Thursday evening of last week.

Seasonal floral decorations were given rooms of the Harris home on Tenth Street where gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree. Popcorn and candies were passed during games of bingo, in which Mrs. Rex Holder received high score.

A dessert course with coffee was served at the City Cafe to conclude the evening's festivities.

Present were: Misses Bertie Rue Bryant, Ina Crockett, Kathryn Bell, Edith Jones, Amelia Waechter, Lou Nell Jones, Lenora Flanagan, Louise Nunn, Faye Serratt, Evelyn Branham, Bobbie Nell Robinson, and Mr. and Mrs. Holder.

Mrs. Stainback Honor Guest

Mrs. Floyd Stainback, who with Mr. Stainback and sons, is leaving Ballinger for Dallas to live, was complimented with a no-hostess luncheon last Saturday at the Central Hotel.

The damask laid table was centered with a crystal bowl of artificial Christmas flowers in gleaming reds, blues and greens with silver foliage. White tapers burned in crystal holders. Place cards stressed Christmas symbols.

Contract games were played in the early afternoon hours in the home of Mrs. Leonard Stallings on Eighth Street. Prizes for high score and high cut went to Mrs. Jack Radd and Mrs. J. C. Sturges, Jr. A shower of handkerchiefs was presented Mrs. Stainback.

Guests were: Mmes. Stainback, Radd, Stallings, Sturges, Ford Taylor, Loyd Herring, W. B. Woody, Oren Chandler and Miss Florence Westbrook.

After-Concert Supper for Choir

Following the concert given by the First Methodist Church choir Sunday evening, members enjoyed a no-host steak supper in the main dining room at the Central Hotel.

Present were: Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Chunn, Messrs. and Mmes. Troy Simpson, Jack Nixon, Jr., Bynum Britton, Herbert Chabysek, Myles Nixon, Levy Lee, R. W. Earnshaw, Cal Adair, Joe Forman; Mmes. Clare Downs, E. J. O'Kelly, John Currie; Misses Wynis Greer, Jodie La Raine Morrison, Mary Simpson, Winnie Merle Adair, Norma Jean Bankston, Effie Jean Chunn; Messrs. J. A. Schnable, U. E. Hartman, J. W. Burden; John Weeks Earnshaw and Mary Jo Forman.

Four-Family Christmas Party Series Continued

Continuing a custom of many years' standing, four families enjoyed a Christmas supper and party in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn on Seventh Street Monday evening.

The dining room was lighted exclusively with burning red tapers on the table and buffet, with the

large decorated and lighted tree showing from the living room. A red potted begonia wrapped in red cellophane surrounded by holly sprays centered the table where places were marked with Santa cards.

Harry Lynn was Santa for the distribution of gifts. Games, received from the tree, were played.

Present besides Mr. and Mrs. Lynn were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman and Mary Jo, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner, Misses Dorothy and Bitsie Lynn.

Eighth Street Presbyterian Society Has Christmas Program

Mrs. Roy Hill, Mrs. Rufus Allen and Mrs. Sam Malone were hostesses Monday afternoon in the Roy Hill home on Eighth Street to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society.

The Christmas program was a combined with the regular missionary study. Mrs. H. H. Halley played a group of carols preceding the reading of the Biblical Christmas Story by Mrs. G. P. Teague and solo by Mrs. Herbert Dean. The government, customs and missionary work in Mesopotamia, Iran and among the Mormons were discussed by Mrs. F. C. Miller, Mrs. Charles H. Ward and Miss Eva Lilly.

Little Misses Nedra Glenn McCready, Mary Lou and Patsy Crawford sang Christmas songs during the social hour.

Date pudding topped with whipped cream and coffee was served to twenty-two.

After-Church Supper in Zappe Home

A pleasantly informal after-church supper was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Zappe Sunday evening in their home on Broadway.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. Neil McAlpine, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wright and children, Bobby, June and Buddy, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McGregor and children, Alex, Jr., Jack Bandy and Marjorie.

Stag Affair for Dr. Gustavus

Dr. Horace Gustavus was honor guest at a stag affair given at the Ballinger Country Club Monday evening.

Present were: Dr. Gustavus; Messrs. Wallace Chastain, Jack Nixon, Jr., Tom Guin, Walter Guin, Clyde Holliday, Corkill Motley, Wix Currie, Jr., Guy Jones, John Hollingsworth, Otis Jacob, Harold Clark, of San Angelo, and Bill Duncan.

Three Are Hostesses to Class

Mrs. Jones Parrish, Mrs. Fred Moncrief and Mrs. Otis Jacob were hostesses to the Baptist J. O. Y. Class last Friday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Parrish on Twelfth Street.

Yuletide symbols and green and red decorations were used in the rooms where an informal social hour was held. Gifts were brought for the class "adopted" family.

Pie was served with coffee to: Mmes. O. T. Toney, George West, E. L. Morrison, S. S. Childers, Wix Currie, Jr., Cecil Kemp and Bill Duncan.

Presbyterian Young People to Sing Carols

The members of the Young People's Department of the First Presbyterian Church will assemble at the manse Thursday evening and will sing carols at the homes of shut-ins.

Miss Moore Honoree at Club Party

Miss Vhelma Parrish named Miss Helen Moore, bride-elect of Roy Worley, guest of honor Tuesday evening when she entertained the Bachelor Girls Contract Club in her home on Broadway.

The affair was a Mexican Christmas party served in three courses preceding games in Mexican pattery at tables laid in bandannas. Mexican pictures and holly gave room decoration. Favors were hand-woven baskets with Santa Clauses attached and place cards were hand-made Mexican birds.

Capsule gifts were distributed from a prettily decorated tree and the hostess presented Miss Moore a pottery tea service.

Miss Beulah White was presented a gold evening bag as a farewell gift.

Misses Pearl Currie and Imogene Waide, of Paint Rock, were added as new members.

Mrs. A. C. Cloven, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, assisted in entertaining: Misses Moore, Eugenia Baskin, White, Bernice Simmons, Faye Clark, Edna Mae Lowry, Genevieve Green, Griffie Atkins, Vernie Downing, Armead Howard, Mary Jane Kiechle, Louise Batts, Pearl Currie and Imogene Waide.

Open House in Holman Home

One hundred and fifty friends from Ballinger, Paint Rock and San Angelo were bidden by Mrs. George Hblman and Miss Virginia Holman to attend open house Tuesday afternoon between the hours of three and six.

The spacious reception suite of the Holman home on Eighth Street was lighted throughout with the soft glow from tapers.

Rural

BARNETT BELLRINGERS

There was good attendance at Sunday school last Sunday. All classes showed an increase in the number present. The young people's class had a record breaking attendance, lacking only five of having half of the entire number present. Sunday school meets every Sunday morning at 10:30. You are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Norman and family spent Sunday at Bronte.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Tyree and son spent Sunday afternoon at Paint Rock, visiting the latter's sister, Miss Gladys Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howell visited in the C. L. Howell home at South Ballinger Sunday afternoon.

Truman Moore and Gordon Burks, of Ralls, came in last Saturday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. Pat Tyree has been seriously sick but is improving at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Gaddy and daughter were Marie visitors Sunday afternoon.

J. B. Dorsey and children called in the J. M. Laxton home Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy are entertaining the young people with a party this (Tuesday) evening.

A pretty good crowd met for B. T. U. Sunday night. An interesting program was given. As a special opening feature of the service, Rosemary Camp gave a Christmas reading, and a quartet of school children, composed of Flora Laxton, Mary Dorsey, Bobby Tyree and Rosemary Camp, sang "Silent Night, Holy Night." B. T. U. will meet promptly at 6:30 next Sunday night. The subject of the program is "Lights Across the Atlantic," a missionary program. Dave Forgy, group leader, will have charge. Everybody is invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wessels spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wessels, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Manske, of

RED BANK RECORDS

The Christmas program is to be presented Thursday night at 7:15. Everyone is extended a cordial welcome.

Mrs. Joe Schwertner returned from the hospital Thursday. She is getting along as well as can be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schwertner visited Mrs. Joe Schwertner Sunday afternoon.

School was dismissed Wednesday on account of the death of Miss

Kristoff, and Mrs. William Culp and daughter, of Crane, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ceil Landers.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Forgy spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Forgy.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtis Jones and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ceil Landers and Carl Manske called in the G. H. Landers home Sunday night.

Mrs. Otis Harber, of Ballinger, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wessels visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen Sunday night.

Mrs. S. W. Burks is reported on the sick list. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Since the paper is going to press one day early, we have the pleasure of reminding you again that the Christmas program and Christmas tree will be at the Barnett school house Thursday night, December 23. We hope no one will forget this announcement.

Miss Mary Dorsey and Flora Laxton and Roland Dorsey called in the D. C. Camp home Sunday afternoon.

The weather man has us guessing as to the kind of weather we will have Christmas. This (Tuesday) morning skies are heavily overcast and it looks as though it might start raining any minute.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Burks and family, of Hagan, visited in the R. O. Burks home Sunday evening.

Several folks in our community, including Mr. and Mrs. Will Tyree, Mr. and Mrs. John Duke and daughter and others, visited out of our community Sunday afternoon, but since news just doesn't walk up to your reporter and since your reporter failed to walk up to it this time, we did not learn where these visitors called.

What is Christmas? Christmas is the season observed annually in commemoration of the birth of our Savior, who came to earth over 1900 years ago and proclaimed "Peace on earth, good will toward men." May we realize this Christmas season as never before—the significance of His coming. Christmas means everything to us who have accepted Christ but nothing to those who reject Him!

Just two more words and I'm through: "Merry Christmas!"

FEATHERED SONGBIRD



"The Metropolitan was never like this," is evidently the thought of Lily Pons, who, garbed in this feathered costume of culture feathers, faces the camera from a jungle scene in her newest picture, "Hitting a New High."

Stokes' grandmother, Mrs. A. T. Stokes, of Winters.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Boatright returned home Friday from an extended trip on the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lotzel and family visited in the home of John Schertz Sunday.

Emmitt Wade and Clifton Tountget attended the F. F. A. meeting at Miles Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hamrick, of Floydada, are visiting relatives in this community.

"If a woman does housework for \$10 a week, that's domestic service; if she does it for nothing, that's matrimony."

Greetings to ALL

The spirit Christmas makes us want to express our sincere appreciation of your patronage during 1937. Best wishes for a season of cheer and a New Year of happiness.

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Christmas Greetings and Thank You. We appreciate greatly your friendliness and your patronage during the past year. We extend greetings at this time and wish for you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Seidel Implement Co. Minneapolis Moline Tractors and Farm Machinery Telephone 111

Our Kind Thoughts And Best Wishes Are For You. May this Yule season be one of happiness for you and 1938 truly a glorious one for you. Modernway Grocery & Market PHONE 78



**Bing Crosby, Martha Raye Score in Brilliant Comedy**

Bing Crosby and Martha Raye get together again for another frolic in Paramount's new music and romance comedy, "Double or Nothing," special Christmas attraction which opens at the Texas Theatre Saturday at 11:45 p. m. for the midnight frolic, and will have regular showings on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday following.

The two make music, merriment and millions with a gay abandon that gives this comedy a double dose of what everybody liked best in their first teaming pictures.

It is Bing's smoothest role as troubadour-comedian. Martha springs more tantalizing convolutions than ever convulsed a mirth-seeking audience. Add to these the romantic allure of Mary Carlisle and the comic misery of "gravel-voiced" Andy Devine, not to mention a novelty "sing band," a sensational night club show, and one of the most spectacular trick endings that ever came out of Hollywood's sleeve, and you have an idea of one of the most buoyant musical productions of the year.

The fortune-hunters: Crosby, Martha Raye, Joan Blondell and William Frawley, get going when a freak will offer a million dollars to the one who can double \$5,000 in thirty days. They have to reckon with the not-so-benevolent brother of the will-maker, played

by Sam Hinds, who plots to keep the million at home. Hinds uses his daughter, played by Miss Carlisle, as a cat's paw, and, unbeknownst, she picks Bing Crosby as her victim.

Hinds uses phony stock to entice Frawley to part with his money, and Andy loses his in a hole-in-one golf course. Martha Raye, as "Liza Lou," the ex-singer and dance girl, opens a canoe service, calls in chorus girls to be her pilots, and, when the fleet comes in, is set to do a sky-rocketing business. This is the cue for the tune "It's On; It's Off" which sets Martha off on her maddest tear. A riot squad kills her chance at the million.

Bing Crosby opens a night club and springs the first "sing band." It is such a success that he is about to sell an interest for \$10,000 when Hinds darkens the scene and threatens the show. Bing plays his ace card with an Aladdin quick-change that will probably set a new style in night clubs throughout the country. Mary Carlisle reaches the crooner's side just a trifle ahead of the fortune.

**Errol Flynn and Joan Blondell Co-featured in Comedy, "Perfect Specimen"**

"The Perfect Specimen," a comedy-drama starring the immensely popular Errol Flynn and the no less well-liked Joan Blondell, is scheduled for showing at the Texas Theatre Friday and Saturday, December 24-25. This Warner Bros. production has been rated by preview critics as among the very best laugh-and-thrill photoplays of the year.

It is said to show that Flynn, in

**'Broadway Melody of 1938' Stars Taylor, Eleanor Powell**

Broadway pricks up its drooping ears like an old fire horse at the sound of the alarm as "Broadway Melody of 1938" sounds gayly from Hollywood.

There is irony in the new order of showmanship, as Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer produces a musical-comedy that excels in lavish splendor anything ever attempted, including Ziegfeld's Follies.

Indeed, the studio raided Broadway for most of the talent which appears in this spectacular new film at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26-27-28. Only Robert Taylor, who co-stars with Eleanor Powell, is strictly a product of the screen. Miss Powell, of course, scintillated on the stage long before she tapped her way to cinematic fame. The combination appeared in "Broadway Melody of 1936," before the handsome young college boy attained the topmost rung of the Hollywood ladder. Miss Powell is positively brilliant in her dances.

Sophie Tucker, Broadway perennial for many years, now carries on in the studio; and with her in this amazing picture are George Murphy, Binnie Barnes, Buddy Ebsen, Judy Garland, Charles Igor Gorin, Raymond Walburn, Robert Benchley, Willie Howard, Charles Grapewin, Robert Wildhack and a chorus of girls that would have brought out the police reserves at any stage entrance in the days when Broadway called the movies flickers.

In addition to his qualities as a swashbuckling fighter with ancient weapons (as in "Captain Blood," "The Charge of the Light Brigade" and "The Prince and the Pauper") is also a first-class battler with the gloved fists in the roped arena—a new locale for the handsome Irishman.

An amusing idea actuates the story of "The Perfect Specimen." An immensely wealthy grandmother, with ideas of her own about eugenics and environment, thinks that Errol, her descendant, should be brought up all his life on her estate and trained to be what the title of the film indicates.

Chance (and Miss Blondell) get him off the estate and he has his own way to make in a world of which he has been completely innocent. He proves that his tutoring has not been in vain, even when it comes down to boxing. He has been taught that as well as everything else, and he comes pretty close to fulfilling his grandma's hopes.

There are two fights in the show, both of which Errol wins; there is a kidnaping scare; there's a goofy poet, played by Hugh Herbert, a whimsical secretary to the old lady, played by Edward Everett Horton; a tough mug, played by Allen Jenkins; an energetic youth, played by Dick Foran; an attractive young lass played by Beverly Roberts—and no end of other amusing characters.

**Alien Racket Expose Theme of Picture Soon at Palace**

"The world's most inhuman racket"—the smuggling of aliens into the United States—provides the plot for "Daughter of Shanghai," the action romance to be screened at the Palace Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26-27-28.

Brought into being by the tightening of our immigration laws and the straitened conditions of foreign countries which are causing many to try to flee them, this newest and flourishing branch of the underworld's big business has been taken over by seamen of shady character who were rendered jobless.

"Daughter of Shanghai" is a frank portrayal of the racket as it exists in San Francisco and other "transfer points" and "depots." In this story, Anna May Wong, the daughter of a wealthy merchant who was killed when he refused to have any part in the racket, undertakes to get the goods on the band. She is assisted by Philip Ahn, a brilliant young Chinese actor who plays the role of a federal agent.

The trail takes Miss Wong and Ahn to the band's hiding-out places where "cargoes" are re-shipped and the human freight given a chance to exercise. She succeeds in getting evidence against the band after several thrilling adventures and learns to her surprise that a so-called ally is in reality the head of the smugglers.

The brilliant cast of "Daughter of Shanghai" includes Charles Bickford, Larry Crabbe, Cecil Cunningham, J. Carrol Naish, Anthony Quinn, John Patterson and Evelyn Brent.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Barton will spend Christmas at Comanche, visiting relatives and friends.

Eleanor Powell and George Murphy symbolize the current west coast jubilation in their number, "I'm Feeling Like a Million." Gorin, operatic star, sings "Sun Showers" and Robert Taylor joins Miss Powell in "Yours and Mine."

The world's most accomplished feminine tap dancer offers "Pair of New Shoes" and then with Murphy and Buddy Ebsen, "Follow in My Footsteps." She appears again with Sophie Tucker, Judy Garland, Taylor, Murphy, Ebsen and Gorin in "Your Broadway and My Broadway." And Sophie Tucker revives her famous song hit, "Some of These Days."

"Broadway Melody of 1938" reveals a set which represents the New York skyline with more incandescents than the Manhattan skyscrapers can accommodate. It employs a ninety-ton glass curtain and the chorus girls wear cellophane.

The story is fast moving, with a race track atmosphere. It has an amusing plot twist. Miss Powell acquires a runner, raised by her father, when Taylor, a young playwright, buys it for her out of night club to pay for horse feed, but the animal wins his race and repays everyone with interest.

"Broadway Melody of 1938," so new it's a year ahead, leaves dear old Broadway gasping for breath at the first quarter.

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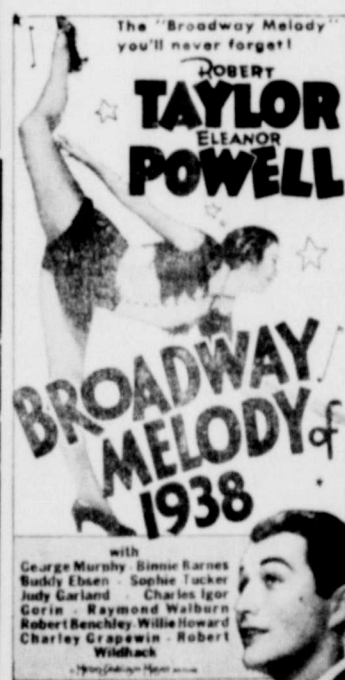
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**Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw**  
and  
**John Weeks Earnshaw**

**Merry Christmas**

1937

**Greetings**

The old, old Greeting assumes a new and greater meaning this year.

With this in mind we hope our friends will see in our MERRY CHRISTMAS a wish for greater enjoyment of this holiday season.

Likewise may HAPPY NEW YEAR mean a year of success and prosperity with a full measure of happiness and contentment.

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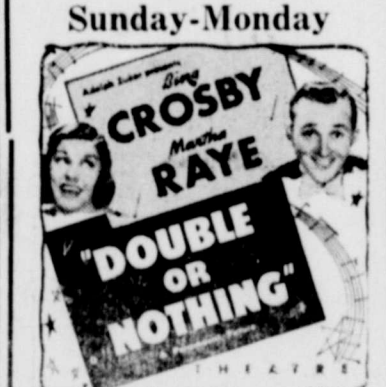


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At this time we extend greetings to our readers and wish them a merry Christmas. To those who have assisted us in giving the news we express full appreciation. To merchants who have sold the public their splendid merchandise values through The Ledger's columns, we also declare gratitude. May this Christmas season be one of perfect happiness to all.

Warnings have been issued about careless fires that annually take a heavy toll of life around Christmas, but a greater danger confronting the public is on the highways. Traffic will be heavy and many careless drivers will be at the wheel. Every motorist should use every precaution during the rush period.

In a few weeks the political pot will begin to boil and the campaign leading up to the Democratic primary in July will provide plenty of interest in 1938. A number of local citizens are preparing to throw their hats in the ring soon after the new year begins and indications are that every office on the ticket will have competition. Some candidates for state and district offices have already begun soliciting votes and will launch their campaigns in earnest on January 1.

It now appears that a number of Ballinger families will be without Christmas this year, as only a little more than half of the needy ones have been "adopted." Last year 56 families were provided for.

Oklahoma Steer Adjudged Nation's Best



Finest steer in the country was Ashbourne Orange, a shorthorn raised at the Oklahoma A. & M. college and crowned grand champion of all breeds at the International Livestock show in Chicago. With the champion are, left to right, Prof. W. L. Bizzard, Alex Ritchie, chief judge of the show, and Arthur MacArthur, head herdsman at the college.

but to date this year barely half that many have been checked off the list. No other provisions have been made to play Santa Claus and unless several somebodies get big-hearted part of the needy will be well looked after and the others will go hungry. Two days remain—and those "with" should get busy.

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**CHIEF DIES AT 125**

**CUNCO, Chile, Dec. 22**—Jacinto Lef Gnr, one of the famous Araucanian Indian "caciques," or chiefs, has died at the age of 125. Evidence of his age is given by the birth registration records. Before his death Jacinto made a petition to the governor of Chile that he might be buried at Alpheus, the home of his ancestors. The Araucanians were the only Indian race in South America which the Spaniards failed to conquer, although they tried for a century.

Floods in Brazil recently compelled 100,000 people to abandon their homes.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

[Clipped from Our Exchanges]



The next term of 119th district court at Coleman will open on January 3 with 67 cases on the docket. The grand jury in session the first week to investigate criminal cases and new indictments will be added to the list for trial Judge O. L. Parish will be on the bench.

The Central Colorado River Authority board members are anxious to resume work on the lake near Talpa and complete it as soon as possible. Work was shut down recently by orders from state headquarters. Much work has already been done on the project.

The public school and St. Joseph's parochial school at Rowena will dismiss tomorrow (Thursday) for the holidays. Special programs will be presented at both schools just before the final session. Students will have ten days in which to observe Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. John McNeill, who reside a few miles west of Winters, observed their golden wedding anniversary December 18 with an "open house" for their friends. The entire family gathered at the home for the dinner served at noon. The couple was married in Ellis county in 1887.

The senior class of the Miles High school presented its annual play at the high school auditorium on Tuesday night of this week. The comedy, "Goin' Modern," was staged. Specialties between the acts helped to make the performance a success in every respect.

A warehouse of the Ft. Stockton Storage Company burned last week, destroying several hundred bales of cotton valued at \$18,000. It was the heaviest loss at Ft. Stockton in several years. All cotton in the building was insured.

S. O. Murdock, deputy state superintendent, spent last week in the Robert Lee school on his annual inspections. He stated conditions in the Coke county capital's school were very satisfactory considering the new construction program underway while school was in session and was well pleased with the new building which will soon be occupied. He recommended an allowance on teachers' salaries of \$5,554.

City and county enforcement officers at Brady and two Brady banks have purchased tear gas guns to be used in case of robbery. Short and long distance range guns were purchased, the long range guns to fire the gas automatically up to 500 feet.

To December 1, Concho county had produced 17,349 bales of cotton this season, a gain of 6,000 bales over the 1936 crop. The report of Wm. B. Smith, crop census enumerator, indicated that practically all the 1937 cotton was ginned on December 1.

Members of the Rochelle "R" Association entertained the school football team with a banquet last week. The season just completed was one of the most successful for the school team in recent years. The boys won all games except the one with Norton for the district championship.

The final check-up of the annual Red Cross roll call at Menard reveals more than 100 members joined the chapter. The chapter is already larger than it was last year and a number of workers are yet to report.

The Albany Lions Club Cowboy Ball, an annual event, was held one night last week with the usual success. This annual dance draws one of the largest crowds of any holiday feature in West Texas. The proceeds will provide Christmas for the poor.

Mart Clark is the new fire chief at Rising Star. He was elected to this important office at the annual meeting of the fire department last week.

County Superintendent B. Ray McCorkle, of Comanche county, announced last week that approximately \$21,000 of aid funds had been approved for the schools of that county.

The Junction Eagle announces a wonderful Christmas for ranchmen of the Hill Country—a rain of more than 2 inches. The amount received at Junction was 2.26 inches and all sections of the ranching county received two inches or more.

Brownwood poultry dealers shipped a total of 63 carloads of turkeys to eastern centers on the Thanksgiving and Christmas markets. Farmers of the county received approximately \$200,000 for their birds.

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**"PERFECT" PHONE BELL ANNOUNCED IN ENGLAND**

LONDON, Dec. 22—So thoughtful is the British Telephone Company of its subscribers' nerves that it has evolved the "perfect" telephone bell, to be put into use with the 1938 model on January 1. It was selected by a special jury of musicians after two years of tests with gong and bell metals. Subscribers will be moved to answer "Are you there?" by a "pleasing silver note of medium pitch, but average volume," which can be heard perfectly, but which will never cause the most nervous individual to jump.

European telephone systems, in general, are a frequent source of fascination to American travelers—and none more so than the English "kiosk" or phone booth, usually located on the public highway. Although equipped with very specific directions, these booths are, to say the least, different from any in the United States. Visitors to London have been known to remain spellbound amid the intricacies of "Push Button A" and "Push Button C" and "When you hear your correspondent, push so-and-so" (he won't be able to hear you, if you don't) until their supply of substantial British pennies runs out.

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**HEATING PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS TO BE CHOSEN LAST WEEK IN DECEMBER**

The Lone Star Gas Company will announce the winners in its heating photograph contest during the last week in December. This contest, which has been running two months, closed on December 18, and awards will be made soon. Rev. Dwight A. Sharpe, of Ballinger, has won three times in the

weekly competition and his three photographs will be in the list of entries for the three big awards. Other pictures have been submitted from Ballinger and local citizens are hopeful that at least one of the grand prizes will come to Ballinger.



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**CHRISTMAS FOR YOUNG AND OLD---**

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## A CHRISTMAS IN SWEDEN

By Marjorie Howe Dixon  
 TO begin with, there is the children's viewpoint. They put their faith in little trolls in Sweden. A troll is a tiny Santa Claus—it is as if Santa had a great many helpers who are called Jul Tomtar. There is always a troll for every home. The old grandfather said he remembered the bowl of rice that was always placed in the barn on Christmas Eve for the Trolls. In the morn-

ing the rice was gone! And that day the work went so quickly because all the little trolls helped! Who could doubt grandfather? Then there is this matter of wooden shoes. In Sweden in the school house entry is a row of pigeon holes. Each lad places his wooden shoes therein, before he enters the school room. Inside he wears soft shoes or heavy woolen socks. The trolls are watching him. If he has been naughty, on



Christmas morning he may find a little switch in his shoes. But if he has been good there will be presents. All through the holidays the children take part. They must be very, very busy, with preparations, and songs to learn, and mother to help, and presents to pack.

**Placed in Various Positions**  
 Then they must watch while father or uncle ties a sheaf of wheat to a post for the birds' Christmas. This may be oats. It is sometimes tied to a chimney, sometimes on the top of a post, and then other times is placed in the branches of a tree.

To begin the holidays there is a little ceremony for the thirteenth of December. "Santa Lucia," a pretty girl, attended by five baker boys, comes to call on a family at five o'clock in the morning. Since they will surely be in bed, she walks in, bringing coffee, while the baker boys bring buns, one kind like a cat with a raisin for an eye, and the other with four wheels. "Santa Lucia" wears a green wreath about her head in which are thirteen lighted candles. Just to think, she will have to go to school that day—and get the candle grease out of her hair before she goes.

The day of Christmas Eve is a full holiday and is very jolly and gay. Christmas Day in contrast is very quiet and thoughtful. Each has its special dinner, at which certain viands are part of tradition.

**Start With Many Relishes**  
 Dinner, Christmas Eve, started with "Smorgasbord." This is typically Swedish and consists of many relishes, anchovies, sausages, potato salad and cheese. This was followed by a traditional dish, "Lutfisk." This is a special creamed codfish. The fish is dried and prepared weeks in advance. It must be cooked exactly ten minutes or it will dissolve. At this meal "Rull-sylta" is another special dish. This is a head cheese made of rolled pork and beef. The mention of cheese makes one remember the "Jul-ost," a special Christmas cheese, prepared many weeks ahead of Christmas. It must stand all this time in order to acquire flavor.

Dessert for Christmas Eve is a rice pudding flavored with cinnamon and served with milk. In it are placed a thimble for the one who is to be an old maid—a ring for the first to be married, and a gold coin for riches. It is a bowl of this rice that is served to the trolls. No wonder they help so

blithely the next day.

**Popcorn is Missing**  
 After all this feed, comes the Christmas tree. The American girl who was visiting noticed the absence of our popcorn. Her Swedish friends assured her it was quite unknown, but that was twenty-five years ago. The tree was very lovely with its bright candles and many packages. These were gifts with little jokes for the family as well as more treasured presents.

Christmas Day begins very early with a special church service at 5 o'clock. Everyone attends regardless of their attendance the rest of the year. One old custom must have been a beautiful sight. Each sleigh as it started out in the dimness of winter dawn carried a torch fore and aft. A procession of these sleighs must have presented a fairy-like appearance worth remembering. The torches were planted in the snow when the church was reached.

Another church service is at 10 o'clock and then there is the evening service.

**Christmas Day Dinner**  
 Dinner on Christmas Day has its traditional dishes. The guests may stand while enjoying "Smorgasbord." They visit and chat until their plates are removed.

The main meal is served at the table with the guests seated. The first course may be a clear soup with tiny meat balls in it. The meat course may be either roast young pig or chicken. The head of the pig is decorated with a paper frill behind the ears, and in the open mouth is a bright red apple. Often there is more than one kind of roast.

A special ceremony is connected with this meal. Its Swedish name is "Doppe i gryten," which is "dipping in the pot." A sauce from ham is prepared on the kitchen stove. Slices of rye bread are served to everyone and all must parade to the kitchen to dip bits of bread in the pot and eat them. It is most important not to let the bread get too soft and fall off one's fork.

**Like Our Carol Singing**  
 For the day after Christmas there is a pretty custom carried out by the boys. They each make a star for a headdress, in the center of which is an open space holding a candle. These "Stjarn-gossar" or star boys go about with a leader from house to house and sing for their friends. The leader asks for money. Except that this occurs in the morning, it is very similar to our carol singing.

The entire week holds gay festivities. All the shops are closed, and everyone makes merry. The end comes on New Year's Day. This is devoted to making a nd receiving calls. As all through the week, the sound of the coffee grinder is heard in the land, so this day, too, coffee is served to visitors. Cakes and cookies add to the cheer and many a health is pledged. Surely Sweden seems to present a very abundant and satisfying way to enjoy the Christmas season.

### Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
 County of Runnels:

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Execution Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, of the 8th day of December, 1937, by John Rayburn, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of Four Hundred Twenty and no-100 (\$420.00) Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of Thomas G. Patteson and C. P. Shepherd, and against Tom Field, Green Field, Cynthia Donoho, May Field Pond, and Anna Belle Tillery, in a certain cause in said Court, No. 4350, and styled Shepherd & Patteson vs. Tom Field et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on said Court, No. 4350, and styled Shepherd & Patteson vs. Tom Field et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. A. Holt as Sheriff of Runnels County, Texas, did on the 8th day of December, 1937, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Runnels County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

**FIRST TRACT:**  
 Lot 1, Block 38, Original Town of Ballinger; Lot 1, Embury and Field Addition to the City of Ballinger; and the Southwest 40 feet off of Lot 7, Block 34, Original Town of Ballinger, (said three tracts of land, however, subject to a life estate therein in favor of Sallie Field); and

**SECOND TRACT:**  
 Lots 9, 10, 11, and 12, Block 3, of the Sunnyside Addition to the City of Ballinger, and Lot 6 and the Northeast 20 feet off of Lots 7 and 8, Block 34, Original Town of Ballinger, all in Runnels County, Texas.

And levied upon as the property of the defendants, Tom Field, Green Field, Cynthia Donoho, May Field Pond, and Anna Belle Tillery, and that on the first Tuesday in January, 1938, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Runnels County, in the town of Ballinger, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said execution order of sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public

venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said defendants, Tom Field, Green Field, Cynthia Donoho, May Field Pond and Anna Belle Tillery, but subject to life estate of Sallie Field in first tract.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper published in Runnels County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of December, 1937.

W. A. HOLT,  
 Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.  
 By Winona Jones, Deputy.

**Notice to Creditors of the Estate of E. L. Long, Deceased**  
 Notice is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the Estate of E. L. Long, Deceased, were granted to me, the

undersigned, on the 9th day of November, 1937, by the County Court of Runnels County, Texas. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and post office address are Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, in care of Citizens Industrial Insurance Company.

E. W. LONG,

Administrator of the Estate of E. L. Long, Deceased.  
 9-16-23-30

Frederick Kiechle, student of A. & M. College, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with his father, Fred Kiechle, and other relatives.

Mrs. E. J. O'Kelly returned the past week-end from Fentress, where she had been at the bedside of her brother. Hammond O'Kelly and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly went to Austin to accompany her home.

### Our Wish to You

Our wish for you is a Christmas filled with good cheer and a New Year of Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

**Farmers Produce Co.**

## Greetings For the Season

We feel that you have merited your patronage by our desire to serve you in the best way possible. We hope that the New Year will renew your confidence in our ability to serve you. May this season bring happiness to you and prosperity during the New Year.

**WIGINTON AUTO PARTS**

## A Very Merry CHRISTMAS and A Happy New Year to You

We thank you for favors of the past. We will consider it an opportunity to be able to serve you during 1938.

**Charme Beauty Shop**

## Season's Greetings



May your Christmas be one of Joy and Cheer, and your New Year full of the good things that will make you happy.

**CLEMENTS'**  
 10c to \$1.00 and more

## May This Christmas Be a Happy One for You

May this season with its mirth and cheer be a happy one for you.

May the New Year lavish its richest blessings on you.

We give you our best wishes because we feel that your loyal support and good will deserve the best we have.

**L. R. TIGNER**  
 Jeweler and Optometrist

## We Extend Our--- GREETINGS

We feel that you have helped in a large way to make our business a success. We feel it is a privilege to serve you and with deep appreciation to you we extend our greetings for the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy, Prosperous New Year to All

**Martin's Studio**



And---John put Insurance Items in there!

**E. Shepperd & Co.**  
 Agents

## We Express Our Gratitude for Your Past Favors



We appreciate the fact that we have been able to serve you in the months past. We are continually striving to improve our service that our patrons may profit. We wish for you the peace and joy of Christmas and may the New Year hold happiness and prosperity for you.



**Patrick Chevrolet Co.**



# Want Ads

## Rates and Rules

Two cents per word first insertion, no advertisement accepted for less than 25 cents. All subsequent insertions 1 cent per word each insertion.

All classified advertisements must be accompanied by cash unless advertiser has a regular account with the paper.

No classified advertisements accepted on an "until ordered out" basis. The number of times the ad is to run must be specified.

**STRAYED**—Nine months' old Jersey bull calf, from my place in South Ballinger. No brand. Had yoke on. Notify Henry Wiesepepe, route 1, Ballinger. 11-\*

**FOR RENT**—Furnished apartment, with garage. 403 Ninth Street. Phone 428. 22-11

**FOR SALE**—Milk cows. E. C. Pape. Phone 8403. 22-21\*

**FOR SALE**—R. I. Red roosters. Blood tested strain. P. R. Dietz. Ballinger phone or route 2. 16-31\*

**FOR SALE**—1937 model little Willys sedan, in perfect condition. Will guarantee better than 25 miles per gallon. Retail price \$825.00 sacrifice sale price \$395.00. See Dan Liverman. 18-31\*

I will thresh maize and shell corn every Thursday at my farm nine miles south of Ballinger. Robert Lange. 16-31\*

**FOR RENT**—Apartment, 2 large rooms furnished. 503 Tenth. Mrs. W. F. Mason. phone 130. 9-31

**TO LEASE**—Three to five years a good sheep and grain farm. R. E. Lee. Box 106, Ballinger Star Route. 9-31\*

**FOR SALE**—250 smooth mixed lambs. Earl Lawton Miles, Texas. 9-31\*

**FOR SALE**—Steel frame ball bearing 2-row Stalk Cutter. Patterson's Shop. 25-11

**SORE THROAT—TONSILITIS!** Mop your throat or tonsils with Anathema-Mop, our wonderful new sore-throat remedy and if not entirely relieved within 24 hours purchase price will be cheerfully refunded. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 021-Apl-11

**ECZEMA RELIEF!** We guarantee our Paracide Ointment to quickly cure any form of Itch or Eczema or your money will be cheerfully refunded. Large Jar

only 60c at Weeks Drug Store. MI-38

**FOR RENT**—Two rooms furnished apartment. 300 Tenth Street. 11

**FOR SALE**—Nine column motor-driven Burroughs Posting Machine with stand. Cheap. First National Bank. 23-21

**REWARD**—for return of Bicycle to Mrs. C. C. Robinson. No questions asked. 22-11

**FOR RENT**—Three room furnished duplex apartment. 708 Eighth Street. Phone 1396. 11\*

## DEATHS

**Bobbie Dwain Dornier**  
Bobbie Dwain Dornier, age 6 days, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium Friday evening at 10:15 following an operation. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Dornier, of Ballinger.

Funeral services were held at the family home on Sealy Avenue Saturday afternoon, Rev. Hughes of Santa Anna, officiating, assisted by Rev. James McGraw, of Ballinger.

Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Ueckert Infant**  
The one-day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Ueckert died Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Ueckert have been residing at Lubbock but came here a few days ago to be in the home of Mrs. Ueckert's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hale.

Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Jennings Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**Mrs. Joe Fraser and daughters**, of Fort Worth, will spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Strobe.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Talbott have moved to their new home on Sixth Street. The new residence has been completed in time for the Talbotts to be at home for Christmas.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, instructor at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Herring and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings will spend Christmas at Brownwood, visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sessions, of Big Spring, are here for the Christmas holidays, visiting in the home of Mrs. R. T. Trail, Mrs. Sessions's mother.

Miss Frances Gustavus, student of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, is here to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Pearl Gustavus.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Doose will visit relatives and friends at Caldwell this week-end.

Mrs. L. H. Flewelen, of Ranger, is here for a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. G. Erwin.

Jack Lynn, student of the University of Texas medical school, Galveston, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn, and will attend the Rice-Colorado football game at the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, on New Year's day.

W. A. Nance, Jr., of Big Spring, will visit this week-end in the

home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Nance.

Mrs. R. L. Harwell will visit the ensuing week-end in San Angelo with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gibbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., will go to Fort Worth this week-end to visit during the holidays.

### PIONEER WOMAN BURIED IN WINTERS CEMETERY

Mrs. A. T. Stokes, 85, resident of Winters for 27 years, died at her home there Monday, December 13. She had been in ill health several years.

Funeral services were held last Wednesday at the Winters Methodist church, and interment followed in Fairview Cemetery where her husband was buried in October, 1927.

Decedent came to Texas from Alabama in 1877 and settled near Mexia. Mr. and Mrs. Stokes moved to Winters in 1910 and made home there ever since.

Survivors include five sons, Lynn and H. G. Stokes, Ballinger; Will Stokes, Brownfield; Homer Stokes, San Antonio; R. L. Stokes, Lubbock; two daughters, Mrs. J. C. Meredith, Lubbock, and Mrs. W. T. Sudberry, Winters; a niece, Mrs. W. H. Shepperd, Abilene. Thirty grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren also survive.

### CHASTAIN BROTHERS GO TO SISTER'S FUNERAL

Mrs. W. S. Robertson, of Dallas, sister of W. W. J. L. and Wainwright Chastain, of this city, died in a Dallas hospital this (Wednesday) morning. Word was received here by relatives, and the three

brothers, accompanied by Mrs. M. C. Cobb, of San Angelo, a sister, left for Dallas this afternoon to attend the funeral.

Decedent was reared in Ballinger, but for many years has been making home at Dallas. She visited here numerous times in recent years.

### FEAST LASTS FOUR DAYS

BUDAPEST, Dec. 22.—Four days and as many nights passed before the 380 guests at a wedding feast in Kiralyhalom had enough to eat. They consumed 25 wedding cakes, 700 roast chickens, 160 turkeys, 40 sucking pigs, 29 sheep, 500 gallons of wine, 100 gallons of brandy. In accord with local custom the newly married couple did not quit the party until the last guest had departed.

### CAT FOILS COBRA

PRETORIA, Union of South Africa, Dec. 22.—Joseph Smith, a farmer of Klipbankforstein, has a cat that proved one too many for a cobra. The farmer routed the reptile from his chicken yard and it escaped into the garden, where a cat barred its way. It tried to slither past, but the cat jumped in front of it. The snake reared its head as if to strike, but the feline foe held its ground. By that time the farmer arrived and killed the serpent with a club.

Soviet explorers have found gold mines in Central Asia which were worked in the bronze age, and which would yield more gold.

"When you get something for nothing, someone gets nothing for something."

# Merry Christmas

**Guaranteed Eggs** . . . Dozen **27c**  
Best Spread

**Oleo** . . . 2 lbs. **25c**  
A-Y Sliced

**Bread** White or Full 16-oz. **5c**  
Steam Boat Whole Wheat Loaves

**Syrup** . . . No. 10 Pail **49c**  
Ocean Spray Cranberry

**Sauce** . . . 2 17-oz. Cans **25c**

Genuine Sunkist Navel **Oranges**  
288 Size Dozen **19c**  
½ Box **\$1.69**

Extra Fancy Delicious Apples  
Box—Any Size \$2.25  
Large 138 Size Doz. **25c**  
Extra Fancy Winesap Apples  
Large 138 Size Doz. **19c**

Shop for Two Days Closed All Day Saturday, Christmas Day

Large, Bleached **CELERY** Stalk **9c**

Large **COCOANUTS** Each **7½c**

Late Howe **CRANBERRIES** lb. **13c**

Texas **CAULIFLOWER** Each **10c**

Monterey **Chocolates**  
2 lb. Box **75c** | 4 lb. Box **\$1.29**

Fancy Queen Mixed **Candy lb. 10c**

Hershey's **Candy Bars** 3 Bars **10c**

Wriggley's Assorted **Gum** 3 Pkgs. **10c**

Chocolate **Drops** 2 lbs. **29c**

True Fruit-Flavor Orange **Slices** 2 lbs. **29c**

Peanut **Brittle** 8-oz. Slab **10c**

Peppermint **Sticks** Big 8-oz. Stick **10c**

Again Safeway Leads the Field With a NEW LOW COFFEE PRICES

**Airway lb. 15c**      **3 lb. Pkg 43**  
**Edwards' lb. 23c**      **2 lb. Can 45c**

Dromedary **Fruit Cake Mix** 16-oz. Can **35c**

Black Beauty **Popcorn** 2 lbs. **19c**

Sour or Dills **Pickles** Quart Jar **15c**

100% Pure Pork **SAUSAGE** Seasoned Just Right lb. **19c**

**Shoulder Roast** Fresh Pork lb. **18c**  
**Beef Pot Roast** lb. **15c**  
**Sausage** Mixed Pork 2 lbs. **25c**  
**Bulk Shortening** lb. **10c**  
**Dry Salt Bacon** lb. **16c**

Baltimore Standards **OYSTERS** A Real Treat Pint **29c**

**Powdered Sugar** 2 lbs. **15c**

Little Cook **Mince Meat** Pkg **9c**

Hallowa **Dates** 2 lb. Brick **25c**

We have a fine selection of No. 1 Quality **Turkeys and Fat Hens**

**Hams** Black Hawk Tendered Half or Whole Pound **22c**

Zep. Rindless Sliced **BACON** **22c**

## SAFEGWAY STORES

HER CHRISTMAS CAROL

"I'd rather have stockings and most of all I want"

**MOJUD**  
Clariphane  
SILK STOCKINGS

It's the song women all over the country are singing these days. For every woman longs for the luxury of lots of silk stockings. And millions of women prefer the exquisite beauty and the long wearing qualities of Mojud... "I stockings the screen stars wear."

**Special Price for 3 Pairs**

Our Holiday Sale Closes Friday Night

1 pair **89c**—3 pairs **\$2.37**  
1 pair **\$1**—3 pairs **\$2.75**  
1 pair **\$1.15**—3 pairs **\$3.00**  
1 pair **\$1.29**—3 pairs **\$3.40**

**Bettis & Sturges**  
Ballinger's Exclusive Ladies' Store

Kitchen Craft Will Help You Avoid Baking Failures

6 lb. Sack 26c  
12 lb. Sack 45c  
24 lb. Sack 83c

48 lb. Sack **\$1.45**

**Harvest Blossom**  
24 lb. Sack 79c  
48 lb. Sack **\$1.35**



## Club Women and Girls Show Many '37 Accomplishments

Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, has completed her annual report which will be sent to the extension service at College Station. In her report the activities of thirteen girls' 4-H clubs and twelve women's home demonstration club are tabulated. The clubs had a total enrollment of 452 members and 44 demonstrators.

Two major demonstrations, yard and bedroom, were carried on by the women, and garden and bedroom improvement were done by the girls.

Three whole farm demonstrators were enrolled and plans worked out whereby entire families would participate in farm improvement. Two women worked as yard demonstrators and two girls in each family as garden and bedroom demonstrators.

Yard improvement has been carried on in Runnels county since 1932 and more interest has been shown this year than ever before, a large number of requests coming to the agent's office recently for yard plans and aids in doing landscaping. Some of the results in yard work this year follow:

- 219 nursery shrubs planted and living
- 38 native shrubs set out
- 113 shade trees planted and living
- 120 roses planted
- 295 plants rooted from cuttings and seeds
- 20 walks and drives constructed
- 6 sanitary toilets built
- 1 outdoor living room built
- 132 passed on their knowledge of yard improvement to others

The total cash spent on yard improvement was \$155.72.

While yard improvement will not be carried on in the county as a major demonstration in 1938, those who have started will continue their plans. Those enrolled for yard improvement next year will be given assistance by the home agent and also from experienced yard demonstrators.

Bedroom improvement was commenced in the county in 1935. Each year goals for the cooperators are set on different phases of the program and every year more have taken part. Some of the results for the past year are:

- 176 rooms improved
- 9 new bedrooms created from other space
- 26 windows added in bedrooms.
- 157 rooms provided with curtains
- 176 rooms papered or painted
- 118 floors improved
- 25 rooms screened
- 46 hand-made rugs added
- 16 mattresses made at home
- 66 factory-made rugs bought
- 350 pieces of bed linen added
- 26 springs and mattress protectors added
- 110 bedspreads added
- 60 woolen covers made
- 17 dressers or dressing tables added
- 149 dresser scarfs added
- 42 clothes closets built
- 7 bathing centers built
- 10 sets of book shelves built
- 26 lamps added
- 11 houses installed electricity
- 77 chairs added
- 178 pieces of furniture refinished

The cost of these improvements totaled \$2,294.22 and the estimated value is \$2,936.74.

In the 4-H girls' garden demonstrations 211 girls made plans for "other vegetables" sufficient for supplying their families, and 179 planted adequate feet-row space.

### WINS RECOGNITION



John Holmes, who started with Swift & Company as a messenger boy 31 years ago and became president of the company recently. He succeeded G. F. Swift, a son of the founder of the business, as executive head of an organization of 60,000 employees engaged in the dressing of live stock and nationwide distribution of meat, poultry, eggs, butter, cheese and by-products. Mr. Swift will continue active participation in the business as vice chairman of the board of directors.

The yield of vegetables was estimated at 2,999 pounds and the total amount sold was \$70.40. In the canning program 5,634 quarts of vegetables were put up by the clubbers. In addition 561 quarts were brined, 556 quarts of preserves were made, 1,589 pounds of vegetables were stored fresh, and 2,019 pounds were dried.

These vegetables were prepared and served 2,557 times during the year.

In addition to the above work, 41 girls made cold frames, hotbeds or canvas gardens, and 12 installed irrigation systems.

In the girls' bedroom improvement program, 221 bedrooms were improved, 7 created from other spaces, 9 windows added, 219 rooms provided with curtains, 35 walls painted or papered, 25 floors improved, 11 rooms screened, 9 hand-made rugs added, 10 mattresses made at home, 31 factory-made mattresses bought, 171 pieces of bed linen made, 92 springs or mattress protectors added, 29 bedspreads made, 26 woolen covers made, 46 dressers or dressing tables added, 323 dresser scarfs added, 58 clothes closets built, 19 bathing centers added, 73 writing tables provided, 11 book shelves built, 13 lamps installed in rooms, 30 chairs added, 149 pieces of furniture refinished. The total cost was \$1,723.50.

## All-Fun Program Christmas Gift To Tots at Palace

Ballinger children and those from anywhere else who are here Friday morning have a "treat" awaiting them at the Palace Theatre. This is the annual Christmas "party" for children given by W. D. Scales, manager of the theatre, and every child in this vicinity is invited.

Doors of the theatre will be opened at 9 o'clock Friday morning and the program will commence as soon as the seats are filled. Children who desire to do so may bring bundles of fruit, food, clothing or toys for poor Riddies of the city and they will be turned over to a charity organization for distribution.

Donations are not necessary for admission, however, and every tot who comes will be permitted to see the show free. Special films have been booked that will amuse the children. Several excellent comedies and cartoons will be run. All employees of the theatre will be on duty and parents are assured that the little folk will be properly cared for while attending the show.

### CREWS SCHOOL NEWS

By Elvin Mathis

The recent rain has hindered school activities somewhat, but we are very glad to get it. This last Friday the school buses did not run, mostly due to the bad roads. Only about the average of eight to a room attended.

The examinations were held last Tuesday and Thursday. The usual days are Tuesday and Wednesday, but, as the roads were bad Wednesday the tests were shifted to Thursday. According to the best information Florence Berry led in eighth grade history and English, and Billie Mathis led in eighth grade mathematics. Albie Mae Schwartz led in science, Jessie Hay Klutts was first in Spanish I, and Carl Faubion was first in Spanish II. Carl Faubion, Arnold Alcorn and Elvin Mathis led in business.

arithmetic with 100. Arlene Schwartz was a leader in geometry, and Elvin Mathis was at the top, possibly with some others, in government. Vernon Lollar was nearly perfect in history II. Syble Simpson and Florene Berry were tops in their science notebooks with an A-.

The girls' team received a beautiful trophy for getting second place at the Crosseut tournament. This is the first team trophy Crews has received this season and the team is very proud of it. Donnellia Kelly was rated as a guard on the all-tournament team at Crosseut, and Comilow Fortson was placed as an all-tournament forward. Troy ("Dink") Rainwater was rated as a forward on the all-tournament team at the same tournament. All three received a gold basketball each.

A game scheduled for Monday night with Bronte for the boys was dropped due to bad weather and that a first string guard was sick.

The play, "Under Western Skies," will be presented Tuesday night.

and the Christmas program will be staged Wednesday night.

I am wishing a merry, merry Christmas for all.

Mrs. Charles Evans came in Monday from Houston to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Connelly. Mr. Evans will arrive the latter part of the week to join his wife.

Misses Rosemary Lasater and Teddie Wardlaw came in today Wednesday from Austin to spend the holidays with their parents. Both are students of the University of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stengel will visit relatives at Menard during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Stainback and children will move this week to Dallas, where they will make home.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Martin and son will leave Christmas day for their annual deer hunt and vacation. They will return about January 3.

## Our New Year's Resolution

We resolve to show our appreciation for your patronage in the past by serving you better in the future than we have ever served before.

MAY THE HOLIDAY SEASON  
BE A HAPPY ONE FOR YOU

### CITY CAFE

FRED WOODS  
Telephone 165

## A Kindly Wish for You and Yours

May Christmas with its Spirit of Cheer carry you and yours into a New Year of Peace and Contentment.

## Central Hotel

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gosnell

## We Take This Means of Thanking You!

We would like to see each of you personally and to tell you how much we thank you for the part you have played in our successful year.

We cannot do this so we take this means of thanking you and wishing for you and yours happiness through Christmas and the New Year.

## TINSLEY'S GROCERY

Conoco Gas

Telephone 313

## Best Wishes



## Sykes Motor Co.

Dodge and Plymouth  
Phone 505

Other activities taken part in by the girls were the encampment held in July, the publishing of the first club paper in the state by the club reporters, and the securing of camp goods as part of the encampment program.

A 4-H rally was held for girls and boys in November, at which time pins were awarded those who had attained their goals for the year.

The county home demonstration club council section of the report says 1,796 farm families of non-club members were helped by some phase of club work during the year. Early in 1937 a county-wide survey was made to determine the number of adequate gardens, orchards, beef animals, poultry, dairy cattle and other articles for family use.

The council raised money for financing the year book and purchased a four-drawer steel letter file for the agent's office.

David Baker, student of the University of Texas medical school, Galveston, will be at home this week-end to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Baker.



HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

We resolve to serve you better in 1938 than ever before. We shall strive at all times to make our business worthy of your support.

DOSS TOP AND  
BODY WORKS  
Phone 264



## Christmas Greetings

The management and the entire personnel of Higginbotham's join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We sincerely hope that we may continue to serve you throughout the coming year.

## Higginbotham Bros. & Co.





Vamille Behringer, student Western University, Georgia, at home to spend the Christmas holidays.

and Mrs. E. H. Boelsche will spend Christmas with relatives at Kearne and Industry.

# CHURCHES

## CHURCHES

You will always find a warm welcome.

WALLACE JONES, Pastor.

**Ballinger Baptist Church**  
Sunday school Sunday at 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon Sunday at 11 a. m., "Jesus in the Midst."  
Baptist Training Union Sunday evening at 6 o'clock.  
Sunday night at 7 o'clock, sermon by pastor, "The Remaining Jesus."  
Young people home from college welcome "College Home Night."  
"Set for the Defence of the Gospel."  
The public is invited.  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor.

**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, December 26, 1937:  
9:45 a. m., church school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
Sermon by Rev. A. O. Rue, of Mesquite.  
Monday, December 27:  
Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at 4:00 p. m.  
CHARLES H. WARD, Pastor.

**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.  
7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
Teachers' meeting each Wednesday following prayer meeting.  
R. L. HULL, Pastor.

**Church of the Nazarene**  
(Ninth Street and Harris Avenue)  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., J. H. Morris, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.  
N. Y. P. S. at 7:15 p. m.  
Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. Wednesday.  
W. M. S. each Monday at 2:30 p. m.  
JAMES MCGRAW, Pastor.

**Old Fashioned Missionary Baptist Church**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., J. E. Jones, superintendent.  
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.  
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' prayer meeting, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.  
Men's prayer meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:15.  
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30.  
Everyone is welcome.  
MAX WILKINS, Pastor.

**Pentecostal Mission**  
(1001 Tenth Street)  
Services, Friday at 7 p. m.  
Everyone welcome.  
We are built on the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. Come, you will hear nothing more and nothing less than Peter and Paul taught.  
MARTHA GABY, Evangelist.

**Red River Colored by Clay**  
The Red river of the North (there's a Red river in Texas and Oklahoma) is often colored by the clay through which it runs. Hence the name. Rising in Minnesota, it flows 350 miles almost straight north into Lake Winnipeg. In spring the headwaters thaw while farther north it is still frozen solidly. Floods result. Before railroads came the river connected Canada with the Mississippi river. Small steamers went up it to Lake Traverse and thence down the Minnesota river to the Mississippi.

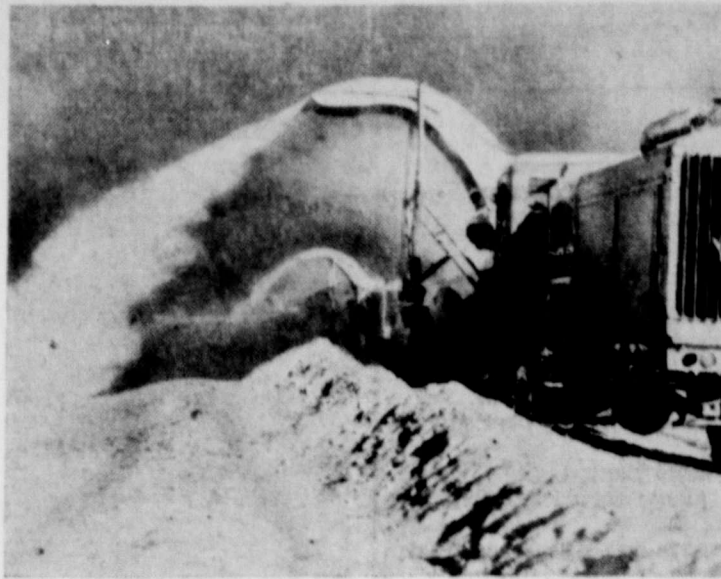
**Frigid Finger Reaches Low**  
New Zealand breaks the rule that glaciers usually stop near the lower limits of perpetual snow, above the timber line. Some of its rivers of ice wind over wooded slopes to end only among tree ferns and other sub-tropical vegetation. Fox glacier reaches down to 670 feet above sea level. Its surface is rough with patches of rock debris and with the sharp ridges of great crevasses.

**Kipling's Autographs**  
The late Rudyard Kipling once was asked by his grocer to pay his bills by check. Mr. Kipling did so, then noticed the checks never came back from the bank. He investigated, found the butcher was selling the checks as autographs. Since the author rarely autographed anything, his name on a check was worth more than the check itself!

**First Lamp Patent in 1798**  
In 1798 the first lamp patent was issued to John Love, of South Carolina. The first lamp was an earthenware lamp with a glass chimney. The second earliest example appeared nearly two decades later, in 1821, and the patent was issued to John W. Schulz and William Trull. Between the granting of these two patents twenty others had been issued.

Be wise—advertise.

## Snow Army Goes on Maneuvers



A unit of New York's mechanized snow army is shown gobbling up a seven-foot drift at Lake Placid, where the new equipment was first tried. This machine, it is claimed, can move 21 cubic yards of snow in 35 seconds.

## BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Kathryn Bell

Address Given by Rev. Morton  
Rev. Clarence Morton, of the Ballinger Baptist Church, spoke to the student body Friday, December 17, during the chapel program.

To illustrate his subject, "Overcoming the Difficulties of Life," Rev. Morton used Helen Keller as an example. "From such circumstances," he said, "she triumphed. To overcome one's difficulties the first step is to expect them; then to prepare for them, and lastly, in order to conquer, one should concentrate on his goal."

### Program Presented by San Angelo Junior College

A musical program was presented by representatives of the San Angelo junior college Wednesday, December 15, during the physical education period. The program, under the direction of Mr. Edwin Nunnally, consisted of Russia and holiday songs by the college chorus; a piano selection by Miss June Swartz; a Christmas reading by Mrs. Rhodes; and a vocal solo, "Song of the Voiga Boatmen," by Dale Leddy.

**Play Previewed**  
"Lena Rivers," the senior play, was previewed for the Ballinger high school student body Thursday, December 16 during the chapel period.

Several scenes were dramatized by the cast after they had been

been introduced by the director, Mr. Ernest Sublett.

### Letters to Santa Claus

"Dear Santa:  
"Just to prove to you that I'm not a selfish little boy, I'm gonna ask you to bring me only one thing for Xmas. I've tried awful hard to get along without asking you for this, but I've failed, so you'll have to help. Please bring me a bottle of something that will help me grow a "handle bar" mustache! Your little 185-pound friend,  
"Ceil (Sugar-Coated) Carter."

"Dear Santa Claus (Oh, Boy!):

"I'm just a little girl, but I want a lot for Xmas. The main thing I want, though, is ice skates. 'What does she want with ice skates?' you're asking. Well, you see it's this way: we're trying to keep the tennis courts in good shape, so I've decided to wear ice skates when I play tennis.  
"Always your friend at Xmas,  
"Maureen (Martha Raye) Duncan."

### Where's That Birdie?

What teacher said that what boy in the senior class was pretty enough to wear a dress? (Let's see—could Miss Metcalfe have said that about Tony?)  
Flash! Gordon has gone and done it, or rather Norma Jean has gone and done it. She deserves a medal for being the first girl to get a date with him.

The etiquette book is quite popular in the library—did you see Luther reading the chapter on "How to Court?"

Pinkie wants to keep his date Sunday nite a secret, so we're doing all we can to help him.

Santa Claus came early to see Evelyn and brought her a new tick-tock for Xmas. Who says there ain't no Santa Claus?

Dr. Horace A. Gustavys arrived Sunday from Houston to attend to business and visit relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lyon, of Wichita, Kansas, will arrive Friday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lyon.

Miss Bitsie Lynn, student of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, came in Saturday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn.

Miss NanEli Jones will arrive Friday from Snyder, where she is teaching school, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jess Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hooper and daughter, Rosemary, will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Uvalde, San Antonio and Marble Falls.

Miss Eleanor Williams, student of the University of Texas, arrived Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams. Miss Mary Grissom, of Abilene, is a guest of Miss Williams for a few days.

Mrs. Garland Parks and Miss Mary Parks, of Dallas, will arrive Friday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. George Kirk.

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## Greetings of Sincerity

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We hope you have a very Merry Christmas and may the past year be the worst you ever have and the New Year the most Prosperous and Happy.

By coming to see us you will make us feel glad that we both live. More and more we appreciate the good people of Ballinger and Runnels county and feel that they are the finest people to be found anywhere.

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Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

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for  
CHRISTMAS  
and the  
NEW YEAR

Many people are happy at this time as they enter into the spirit of Christmas and may we join the throng by wishing our customers Yuletide Joy and a New Year of happiness.

We appreciate your patronage during the old year and look forward to the pleasure of serving you in the New Year to come.

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### Features Added To 1938 Range Compliance Plan

County Agent John A. Barton received information today from College Station that the range program would be continued in 1938. The announcement was made by George Slaughter, chairman of the Texas agricultural conservation committee.

The 1938 program will be similar in most respects to the preceding plan, Slaughter said. Some practices have been dropped from the present plan, and others have been added.

The deferred grazing practice, whereby part of the range is withheld from grazing for a six months period to allow natural reseeding, long recommended by A. & M. College pasture authorities, was popular with ranchmen. Increased emphasis will be placed on this practice and ranchmen in 1938 may earn 60 per cent of their range building allowance by this method instead of 33 per cent in 1937, Slaughter indicated.

The range building allowance has been changed from a straight \$1.50 per animal unit to \$1 per animal unit plus two cents per acre of range land.

Erosion and run-off control will again be featured through pay-

ments for contour listing, furrowing, or subsiding, and by construction of spreader dams and terraces.

The construction of dams for water reservoirs, one of the most universally popular practices this year, will be continued under the 1938 program and will be enlarged to include payments for drilling wells, which cannot, however, be located at the range headquarters. Slaughter indicated that all points of the proposed program were subject to change by congress in its present session, although only minor details are expected to be affected by such changes.

### Great for Chest and Throat Colds

When you have a common cold settled in your chest or throat, don't waste time and take chances on old fashioned or surface remedies, you need real medicine. Take Thoxine, the famous throat and cough medicine that so many families are now using. The very first swallow starts relief, soreness is soothed, coughing stops usually in a few minutes, and it also acts internally to help stimulate throat secretions and loosen phlegm. Your doctor will approve the ingredients, all are listed on the carton. Wonderful for children, too. Get Thoxine—and get relief. 35c, 60c, \$1.00. Weeks Drug Store.

### Infants React to Sound More Than to the Light

Every child when born is both deaf and dumb. From such an inauspicious beginning the normal child's auditory powers begin to function, and are closely related to the development of voice and speech, observes a writer in the Washington Post.

Hearing begins from the first day, occurring when the baby's cries force air through the Eustachian tubes of the mouth to the middle ears. This filling with air of the middle ears causes them to respond to vibrations of sound against the eardrums.

Once the sense of hearing is developed, it is very acute and remains so, unless the ear is attacked by disease or is injured. For instance, infants react more definitely to sound than to light. A strong light may only cause a sleeping baby to turn in order to avoid it. But a loud noise will awaken the baby, and perhaps frighten it or throw it into convulsions. Therefore, quiet is imperative for the small child during its rest.

Practically all babies are born with normal ears and prospects of good hearing. A small number, because of hereditary weaknesses, or other prenatal cause, may be born with defective hearing and speech organs. Determination of this lies solely with the family doctor or an ear specialist.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke will spend Christmas in San Antonio and Cuero, visiting relatives.

### High School Band Rules Announced; 60 Begin Course

Band instruction is getting underway nicely in the Ballinger school system and many new members are being recruited for the Ballinger high school band No. 2.

For the present bandmen who are capable of playing will be kept in band No. 1 and regular rehearsals will be held to have them ready for concerts at all times. Band No. 2 will be composed of beginners and will be given instruction by sections and as a group until they are ready to take their places with the older and more experienced musicians.

New instruments have been arriving daily and within a short time a membership of approximately 60 will compose the organization.

School authorities have announced the following rules to govern band instruction:

1. The band will be counted as any other class in the school system.
2. The same principles of conduct will be applied and the same discipline administered as in any ordinary literary class.
3. The same regulations as to tardiness and absence will obtain as in any other regular classwork.
4. All discipline cases will be reported to the office of the superintendent and instruction given by him to the respective principals since the band is composed of students in all buildings. This method will be followed in order to keep the discipline uniform.
5. Students will be under school authority and school control while taking individual lessons, group lessons, during rehearsals, and on trips out of town as well as special assignments and occasions in town.
6. Students will be graded in their band work and the grades sent out each six weeks along with other grades.
7. The school will furnish rooms for individual teaching, rehearsals, etc. The student will furnish the instrument. The school is to furnish all music, etc.
8. Instruments will be purchased for the students through the regular channels of the school and this save the student the entire discount of forty or fifty per cent.
9. Students become members of the band by voluntary consent and cannot withdraw from it until graduation from high school except upon written request from the parents stating a sufficient reason which meets with the

### CANNING CHAMP



Miss Mary Frances Thompson of Durham, S. C., given the title of national canning champion by the 4-H club congress held recently in connection with the International Livestock exposition at Chicago.

approval of the superintendent of schools.

10. Graduates of the Ballinger high school may maintain membership in the band with the consent of the instructor.

11. Students desiring to begin studying band will be given a test to determine their native ability, their aptitude for music, and their ability to meet requirements before being allowed to begin the work.

12. After this school year the work in band will be affiliated and credit granted high school students toward graduation and college entrance. Students below high school will receive credit for extra-curricula.

13. Some individual and group instruction can be given this year during the school day to students in primary school No. 1, primary school No. 2, and the senior high school.

Mr. Crawford Lemburg and little daughter, Jamie Ruth, of Menard, are here to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Skinner. Mr. Lemburg will join them here for the week-end.

### "Who Wrote Shakespeare?" an Ancient Controversy

The controversy over the authorship of Shakespeare's works had its origin many years ago and appears from time to time. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, cites a writer in the Detroit News, the idea that the plays and poems ascribed to Shakespeare were really the work of Lord Bacon appears to have been first presented by Herbert Lawrence in his work, "The Life and Adventures of Common Sense," (1769). The thesis appeared again in 1848 in J. C. Hart's "The Romance of Yachting," and in the article, "Who Wrote Shakespeare?" printed in Chambers' Journal (August 5, 1852). The first definite claim for Bacon's authorship was set forth in a letter by William Henry Smith, which was printed in extended form in 1857, under the title, "Bacon and Shakespeare." The earls of Rutland, Derby and Oxford have also been declared the real authors, at various times, and Bacon's claim has been extended to include the works of practically all the Elizabethan dramatists. In the United States, Judge Nathaniel Holmes wrote the book, "The Authorship of Shakespeare," and the controversy was continued by I. Donnelly's "The Great Cryptogram," which was based on the theorem that Bacon had embedded in the plays a cipher narrative declaring his authorship.

The various writers based their claims more or less on the following points: 1. It was assumed that Shakespeare did not have the educational or cultural background to write drama, while Bacon did. 2. Similar phraseology in the works of both Bacon and Shakespeare tended to show both to be the work of the same man, but investigation showed that such phraseology was common to all Elizabethan drama. None of the investigators have been able to prove that Bacon or any of the other suggested claimants ever wrote a line of blank verse.

Buster Caudie is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Caudie, of Hatchel. He will return to Texas Technological College, Lubbock, after Christmas and complete his work there at the close of the first term.

Christmas Dinner served Saturday, and our usual extra special dinner served Sunday. MRS. EMMA NASH 22-11

Mrs. R. A. Nicholson and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker and family will spend Christmas at Abilene with Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williams.

John A. Nicholson, of Chicago, join them there for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Schnable spend Christmas at Sweetwater and Sunday Mr. Schnable will go to Shawnee, Oklahoma, to visit his parents a few days.

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## A Merry Xmas

At this time of the year we think of the good things of life and we are reminded of our friends and patrons. We want you to accept our sincere wishes for a joyous holiday season and a prosperous New Year for you.

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Long ago wise men from all the East followed the star which told of "glad tidings for all men" to the tiny village of Bethlehem. Christmas should always be a time of glad tidings, and in spite of strenuous days that are past, let us look with renewed hope to the future, expecting a Happy New Year and then wishing a Merry Christmas.

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So, dad, talk it over with the children tonight and plan now to pool your Christmas money for a gift mother really wants.



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### A Christmas Festival

By Marjorie Howe Dixon

The following outline is suggested for a Christmas program, for a club, or for a school room. It is assumed that a piano will be available. Organ music would be of great assistance.

Prelude—Pastoral Symphony from "The Messiah"  
Chorus—"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

Tableau—"The Three Wise Men." (Joseph and Mary with the Christ Child. Three wise men presenting gifts.)

Music—"We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
Quartet or Chorus—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Tableau—"The Yule Log" (Children dragging in the log.)  
Chorus—"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Postlude—Handel's "Largo."

To this program two or more recitations might be added. "Christmas Hymn," by Charles Wesley (which may be found in

volume 45 of the Harvard Classics, page 574), has a fine ringing air. It begins:

Hark! how all the welkin rings,  
Glory to the King of Kings!

May Use Tennyson's Poem

This might be inserted on the program immediately following the first tableau. Another recitation that would end the program in a fitting manner is Tennyson's "Ring Out Wild Bells to the Wild Sky." The last verse makes an appropriate benediction.

If this were to be held in a church, the somewhat pagan character of the tableau, "The Yule Log," might be an objection. This could be omitted and the carol, "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen" be inserted. Readings from the Scriptures about the Birth of Christ could be given.

The tableau, "The Three Wise Men," could be preceded by a Scriptural reading, too. A tableau should present a definite picture to the mind. It will therefore be most effective if the costumes are full of color and the lighting carefully studied. Colored lights may help, but the scene must not be rendered too dim by too great a use of them.

Suggestion for Tableau

The composition of this tableau must be thought out. Of course, the background will suggest a stable, very crude in its construction. A manger can be forward, beside Mary. Mary in blue with the Christ Child on her knee, with Joseph in dark red standing behind her, might be on a raised platform, at the left center of the stage. At the right would be a group of wise men. A gilded box lying on a cloth would lie at Mary's feet. The first wise man would kneel, the second would carry a box on his arm as if about to offer it, while the third would stand at the rear. Bright colors in the costumes will further assist in completing the picture.

An old print shows the ceremony of the Yule Log. The log is roped and is being dragged by four boys of ten years of age. Their costumes suggest Elizabethan times. They are headed toward a great fireplace (which with wood paneling would form the back drop). On the log sits a youngster of four or five who is being held there

### HUMAN ALARM CLOCK



This enterprising man on a bicycle starts on his morning rounds on the Isle of Thanet, England, with an electric bell attached to the end of a pole which he places outside his customers' windows and rings until he gets an acknowledgment. He doesn't say who wakes him up.

by his solicitous mother.

### Court Fool Amuses Child

A court fool is playing back of here for the child's benefit. At the right a group of older folk are seated about a heavy wood table watching the fun. At the left a grand dame is seated, pointing her stick at the fool. Over her bends a fine gentleman. Another man, and his lady, stand farther back at the left. With the glow of the fire for a background this should present a picture of unusual color and charm.

While this tableau was being presented, Robert Herrick's lines could be recited:

Kindle the Christmas brand, and then  
Till somewhat let it burn;  
Which smokes, then lay it up again;  
Till Christmas next returning,  
Part may be sent whosoever to bed  
The Christmas log next year,  
And when 'tis safely kept, the Fool  
Can do an excellent deed.

### Sheriff's Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of a certain execution issued by the Clerk of the County Court of Runnels County, on the 23rd day of November, 1937, in a certain cause wherein C. F. Braden and R. L. Perkins were Plaintiffs and L. M. Kuhn was defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 2nd day of November, 1937, in favor of the said plaintiffs, C. F. Braden and R. L. Perkins, against said defendant, L. M. Kuhn, for the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Five and 25-100 (\$245.25) Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit. I have levied upon, on December 9th, 1937, at 10:00 o'clock a. m., and will, on the first Tuesday in January, 1938, it being the 4th day of said month, at the Courthouse door in Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of L. M. Kuhn in and to the following described real property, levied upon as the property of L. M. Kuhn, to-wit:

120 acres out of the Valentine Reice Survey 413, Abstract 408, in Runnels County, being the same land described in the deed from Charles C. Ferguson, et al. to Lucy Mary Kuhn, dated December 20, 1937, recorded in Volume 111, page 444, of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas.

And on the said 4th day of January, 1938, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock a. m. and 4:00 o'clock p. m., on said date at said time and place, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right, title and interest of said L. M. Kuhn in and to said property.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Two Hundred Forty-Five and 25-100 (\$245.25) Dollars

### Season's Greetings To Our Patrons

We are appreciative at all times of the year for your patronage and we are glad this season gives us an opportunity to thank you for favors granted us in the past. May we have your continued support.

OUR WISHES FOR A DELIGHTFUL CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF HAPPINESS

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### Continuity of Wedding Ring and Eternal Love

When the bridegroom places the wedding ring on his chosen one's finger and says, "With this ring thee wed," he little realizes the history that lies behind the simple wedding band.

Long before the ring became a symbol of matrimony, it had a mystical significance with the ancients. It was a writer in the Washington Star. The circular continuity of the ring was accepted as a type of eternity and hence of the stability of affection. Often the rings were inscribed with loving wishes.

Coming up to the middle ages, the ring often was used at solemn betrothal ceremonies. Frequently lovers who were about to separate for long periods of time demonstrated their lasting affection by going through the ring ceremony.

Even greater significance to the custom was given by the invention of the linked ring. Made with a double and often a triple link which turned upon a pivot, it could be turned into one solid ring. It was customary to the betrothal. This solemn ceremony was done in front of a witness. The prospective bride and her bridegroom each kept a ring while the witness was given the central one of the trio. When the marriage contract was fulfilled at the altar the three parts of the ring were again united and the ring used at the ceremony.

A custom that has survived in a revised way to the modern day was the habit of engraving simple sentiments in the nuptial hoop. Rhymes to rival Oden Nash were inscribed in many Sixteenth and Seventeenth century wedding rings.

"Our contract was Heaven's act," "In thee, my choice, I do rejoice," and "God Above, Increase Our Love," express the medieval version of the couple's happy sentiments.

Mrs. Howard Parker and baby, of Cleburne, came in Sunday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Miss Myra Tankersley will leave Friday for her home at Mertzon for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Love will go to Florence for the holidays, visiting relatives of Dr. Love.

### VIENNA COFFEE HOUSES ARE EVERYMAN'S CLUB

VIENNA, December 22.—Although Vienna has given the world many good things, from gay music to wieners, schnitzel, or Vienna cutlet, it has reserved the best of all, the

in favor of C. F. Braden and R. L. Perkins, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

W. A. HOLT,  
Sheriff, Runnels County, Texas.  
By Gerald Black, Deputy.  
Ballinger, Texas, December 9, 1937.  
9-16-23-30

Viennese coffee house, for itself.

Here coffee is served in a dozen different ways, and so popular is the beverage that hundreds of coffee houses exist on the sale of it alone. The coffee house has become a combined living room, library and business office, and its proprietor does everything he can to make his patrons feel at home, so that they will stay longer and drink more coffee. He even serves two glasses of water with each cup, so that no one will be obliged

to buy because of mere thirst.

In addition, he has a good selection of foreign newspapers for those who want to read, he provides a little music for those who want gaiety and encourages his customers to talk over their business deals and personal affairs in his coffee house.

During 1900, at the height of the cycling craze in America, more than 1,200,000 bicycles were manufactured in the United States.

### Special Notice To Delinquent Taxpayers

Notice is hereby given to the Delinquent Taxpayers of Ballinger that tax suits have been filed and other suits are now in preparation for filing against Delinquent Taxpayers.

To avoid additional cost and penalties, payment must be made or arrangements made at the City Hall to pay these taxes. We do not desire to proceed with this unpleasant duty, but the Delinquent Taxpayers will be confronted with this situation unless payment is made.

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Special Tax Collector

### GREETINGS AT YULETIDE

May Your Christmas Be Jolly and Your New Year Bountiful

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## The Christmas Spirit

If we have the true Christmas spirit (and we feel we do) we are grateful to our friends and patrons for their favors and courtesies and wish you all the blessings and joys of the season and trust we may have the privilege of serving you throughout the coming year of 1938.



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To Our Customers and Friends:

We would be ungrateful if we did not pause occasionally to express our appreciation to those upon whose faith, friendship and patronage the business of this Bank naturally depends.

Together we have swung once more 'round the circle' and with each passing year we appreciate more keenly what friends mean to us. We trust you have found your association with us pleasant. We shall continue to devote our best efforts to your service.

According to our custom for the past thirty-two years, we will have for distribution

Beginning Monday, January 3, 1938  
Our Calendars for the New Year

### "Mount Rainier--Tacoma"

A reproduction of original painting by H. H. Bagg

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian.

Permit this calendar to find a welcome place on your wall. May the tearing of each leaf bring joyous memories of the month gone by and certain assurance of the blessings and good fortune which await you.

To all our friends, old and new, we wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**The First National Bank of Ballinger**



**V** the ads—save mo'WS  
in the various  
had their Christmas  
Thursday afternoon. Several  
presents were given. Mr. and  
W. T. Gassiot received a  
china set from the tenth and  
eleventh grades.  
An o'possum hunt is planned for  
the two upper grades next Thurs-  
day night. While we were planning  
the hunt, Eldred Davis asked if  
we could eat all the o'possums we  
caught, and his wish was granted.  
However, we are not compelled to  
eat it unless we want to.  
Florence Berry, Billie Mathis, and  
Elvin Mathis were the only ones  
in school with an A average.  
Florence had as good an average  
last month as this, but the other  
two had to pull up for the coveted  
honor.  
Several students listened to the  
broadcast of the Longview-Wichita  
Falls football game Christmas day.  
Longview won 19-12, in a game  
which was filled with thrills from  
start to finish.  
A good Christmas program was  
given last Wednesday night.  
Several of the first and second  
graders had small "speeches" and

songs. The seventh graders gave  
the famous play entitled "The  
Christmas Carol." The most  
impressive part of the program  
was "The White Christmas," a  
pageant which was given by the  
high school.  
**Card of Thanks**  
We wish to take this method of  
expressing our sincere thanks and  
appreciation to those who shared  
with us their deeds of kindness;  
their sympathy, the floral offer-  
ings; and anything in thought or  
deed that tended to lighten our  
sorrow and grief stricken hour  
during the death and burial of  
our dearly beloved wife and  
mother.  
May heaven's blessings rest upon  
you is our prayer.  
W. E. (Ebb) Jones and  
family.  
Russell Thomson, of Houston, is  
here for a visit with his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Thomson.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. May have  
returned from San Antonio, where  
they spent Christmas with rela-  
tives and friends.  
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**Speaker at Rotary Meeting Talks Oil And By-Products**

Petroleum and by-products was  
the topic for a very interesting  
talk delivered at the Ballinger  
Rotary Club meeting Tuesday by  
S. D. Jay, representative of the  
Humble Oil Company, at Fort  
Worth. Mr. Jay specializes in  
lubrication but discussed all  
products made from petroleum at  
the luncheon.  
The speaker recalled that the  
first producing well in the United  
States was brought in in 1857 at  
a depth of 69 feet. For several years  
following there were only 502 bar-  
rels of oil produced in this country  
which he compared with the 1,811-  
106,000 barrels in 1936 of which 22  
states in the United States pro-  
duced 61 per cent. Texas alone  
had production of 437,280,000 bar-  
rels in 1936.  
After reference to the various  
by-products he added two which  
he said seemed to him a part of  
the petroleum industry. Taxes was  
the first item enumerated and he  
quoted figures to show that taxes  
on gasoline alone averaged \$32 per  
car in the United States last year.  
The other item was the employees  
of the major companies who have  
worked without labor troubles  
because of the fair treatment  
accorded them by their employers.  
J. A. Williams, Humble agent in  
Ballinger, was in charge of the  
program.

**CHURCHES**

**Church of Christ**  
(Eighth Street, Bonsal Avenue)  
Bible classes, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning service and sermon at  
11 a. m.  
Young people's meeting, 6:15 p. m.  
Evening service at 7:00 p. m.  
Ladies all-day meeting each  
Monday. Bible study 4 p. m.  
Mid-week service, Wednesday,  
7:15 p. m.  
"Hospitality Abounds."  
CLARENCE BRYANT, Minister.  
**First Presbyterian Church**  
(301 Broadway)  
Sunday, January 2, 1938:  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Morning worship, 11 a. m.  
Young people's vesper meeting,  
6:00 p. m.  
7 p. m., evening service.  
DWIGHT A. SHARPE, Pastor.  
**First Methodist Church**  
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11 a. m., sermon by the pastor.  
7 p. m., sermon by pastor  
"A Friendly Church."  
MARCUS M. CHUNN, Pastor.  
**First Christian Church**  
(Broadway and Murrell)  
9:45 a. m., church school.  
10:50 a. m., communion and  
worship service.  
7 p. m., evening service.  
Monday, 3 p. m., ladies' meeting  
at the church.  
You will always find a warm  
welcome.  
WALLACE JONES, Pastor.  
**Ballinger Baptist Church**  
Start the New Year right—  
attend church.  
Sunday school Sunday at 9:45 a. m.  
Sermon Sunday at 11 a. m.,  
"The Glory of Going On."  
The R. A. chapter meets Sunday  
at 1:30 p. m.  
Baptist Training Union Sunday  
evening at 6 o'clock.  
Sunday night services at 7  
o'clock. The pastor preaches on  
"Frontiering for Heaven."  
The Sunbeam Band meets Mon-  
day at 2:20 p. m.  
The W. M. S. meets Monday at  
4 p. m.  
Deacon's meeting Monday night  
at 7 o'clock.  
Wednesday night at 7:15 the  
Sunday school council meets, and  
message by pastor.  
We extend to our fellow Metho-  
dist pastor, Bro. Chunn, heartfelt  
sympathy in the home-going of his  
mother. May the God of all grace  
comfort.  
Sunday morning Prof. Herbert M.  
Preston, head of the violin depart-  
ment of Hardin-Simmons Univer-  
sity, will be our guest musician.  
You are cordially invited to wor-  
ship with us.  
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor  
**Eighth Street Presbyterian Church**  
Sunday, January 2, 1938:  
9:45 a. m., church school.  
11:00 a. m., morning worship.  
Sermon by pastor  
7 p. m. sermon by pastor  
Monday, January 3:  
Ladies' Auxiliary will meet at  
4:00 p. m.  
CHARLES H. WARD, Pastor.  
**Church of God**  
(Corner of Sixth and Strong)  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m., S.  
H. Skeiton, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.  
Young people's meeting at 7 p. m.  
7:30 p. m., sermon by pastor.  
Prayer meeting each Wednesday  
evening at 7:30 o'clock.  
Teachers' meeting each Wednes-  
day following prayer meeting.  
R. L. HULL, Pastor  
**Church of the Nazarene**  
(Ninth Street and Harris Avenue)  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.,  
J. H. Morris, superintendent.  
Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor.  
N. Y. P. S. at 7:15 p. m.  
Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by pastor.  
Prayer meeting at 8 p. m.  
Wednesday.  
W. M. S. each Monday at 2:30  
p. m.  
JAMES MCGRAW, Pastor.  
**Grace Baptist Church**  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., J. E.  
Jones, superintendent.  
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.

Evening service, 7:30 p. m.  
Ladies' prayer meeting, Tuesday  
afternoon at 2:30.  
Men's prayer meeting, Tuesday  
evening at 7:15.  
Mid-week prayer service Wednes-  
day evening at 7:30.  
Everyone is welcome.  
MAX WILKINS, Pastor.

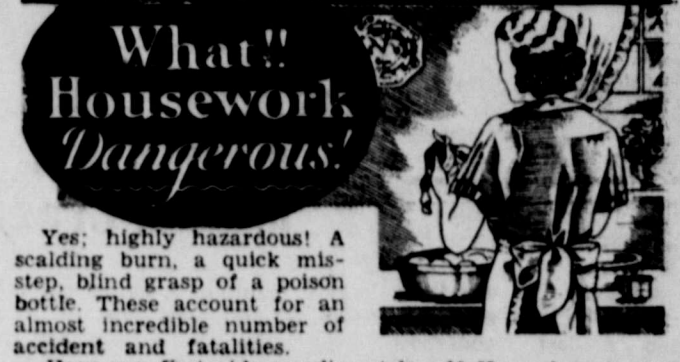
**Pentecostal Mission**  
(1001 Tenth Street)  
Services, Friday at 7 p. m.  
Everyone welcome.  
We are built on the foundation  
of the Apostles and Prophets.  
Come, you will hear nothing more  
and nothing less than Peter and  
Paul taught.  
MARTHA GABY, Evangelist.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Gray spent  
the holidays in Wichita Falls,  
visiting relatives and friends.  
Maurice Bartlett, of Fort Worth,  
spent Christmas with his parents,  
Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Payette  
visited friends at San Angelo  
during Christmas.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. Seipp and  
daughter returned Monday from  
the Rio Grande valley, where they  
spent the holidays with relatives  
and friends. They also visited  
points of interest in northern  
Mexico.

Victor Miller, student of John  
Tarleton College, Stephenville, is  
at home to spend the holidays  
with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Q.  
V. Miller.  
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scales spent  
Christmas at Abilene, visiting  
relatives.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Scales spent  
Christmas at Eastland, visiting  
relatives.  
Felton Davidson, of San Angelo,  
transacted business here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Foy were  
guests of friends at Electra and  
Breckenridge during the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Lusk and  
little daughter, of Coleman, were  
here Christmas to visit relatives.  
Mrs. A. R. Jones and Mrs. Z. A.  
Snell went to Lubbock for the  
Christmas holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McCarver,  
of Brownwood, spent Christmas in  
Ballinger, visiting relatives and  
friends.



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You will really enjoy the taste—more like spring  
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guarantee.

**BE WISE! ALKALIZE!**

**BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB**

The Bethel home demonstration  
club met in the home of Mrs. T. A.  
Crockett December 21, with a  
number of members present, and  
Mrs. Ellen Sims, Mrs. O. L. Sims,  
Mrs. F. M. Williamson, Mrs. Randel  
Campbell and Mrs. Cope, all of  
Paint Rock, as visitors.  
The members voted to be respon-  
sible for the Christmas in the  
home of a needy family.  
After the business session a  
social hour with a Christmas tree  
followed by games was enjoyed by  
all present.  
Delicious refreshments were  
served.  
The next meeting will be at the  
home of Mrs. E. Koenig January  
6, 1938.  
Dr. and Mrs. Horace Gustavus  
left today for Houston, where they  
will make home.  
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forman visited  
during the Christmas holidays  
with relatives at Valera.

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**First National Bank**  
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To Our Customers  
and Friends:

We would be ungrateful if we did not pause occa-  
sionally to express our appreciation to those upon whose  
faith, friendship and patronage the business of this  
Bank naturally depends.

Together we have swung once more 'round the cir-  
cle' and with each passing year we appreciate more  
keenly what friends mean to us. We trust you have  
found your association with us pleasant. We shall con-  
tinue to devote our best efforts to your service.

According to our custom for the past thirty-two  
years, we will have for distribution  
**Beginning Monday, January 3, 1938**  
**Our Calendars for the New Year**  
**"Mount Rainier--Tacoma"**

A reproduction of original painting by H. H. Bagg

Calendars will not be mailed. Children must have  
written order from parent or guardian.

Permit this calendar to find a welcome place on  
your wall. May the tearing of each leaf bring joyous  
memories of the month gone by and certain assurance  
of the blessings and good fortune which await you.

To all our friends, old and new, we wish you a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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Is Due to Constipation**  
Often one of the first-felt  
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That's the sensible way—  
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**Happy New Year**

Again let us thank you for the pat-  
ronage and favors of 1937. As you  
tear the last leaf from the 1937 cal-  
ander make a New Years resolution  
to trade at Tunnell's in 1938.

Hills Bros. or Folger's <b>Coffee</b> 2 lb. can <b>65c</b>	Crystal White <b>Soap</b> 6 Bars <b>25c</b>
Pude Maid, Mexican Style <b>Beans</b> In chili sauce, No. 1 can <b>10c</b>	<b>Palmolive</b> Bar <b>7c</b>
Pure Maid <b>Chili</b> 10-oz. can <b>15c</b>	Crystal White <b>Soap Chips</b> 5 lbs. <b>43c</b>
Pure Maid <b>Tamales</b> lb. can <b>15c</b>	<b>Super Suds</b> Red Package <b>10c</b>
Pecan Valley <b>Blackeyed Peas</b> 15-oz. can <b>10c</b>	

<b>10 Pounds Potatoes 19c</b>	<b>8 Pound Carton Crustene 85c</b>
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P. & G. Soap 6 Bars <b>25c</b>	Del Monte <b>Pears</b> Bartlett Halves No. 2½ can <b>25c</b>
Oxydol Large Pkg. <b>25c</b>	Del Monte <b>Pineapple</b> Sliced Crushed No. 2 can <b>20c</b>
Camay Bar <b>7c</b>	Del Monte <b>Peaches</b> Sliced Halves No. 2½ can <b>25c</b>
Dreft Large Pkg. <b>25c</b>	Del Monte <b>Peas</b> Early Garden No. 2 can <b>20c</b>
	Del Monte <b>Spinach</b> Natural Green No. 2 can <b>15c</b>

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