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Farmers to Decide Cotton Quotas in Referendum

Cotton farmers will decide the floor price of cotton when they vote on cotton marketing quotas Saturday, December 12. Meade W. McShan, chairman of the Runnels county AAA committee, said this week.

He explained that OPA's ceiling price on finished cotton goods automatically places ceilings on raw cotton but that they did not establish a floor.

"The bottom price is left up to cotton farmers because loans at 90 per cent of parity are effective only when quotas are voted favorably," he continued.

Despite a present 24-million bale supply, cotton prices, which are supported by loans, are higher for the current crop year than they have been for several years. Mr. McShan said that farmers have a choice between planned marketing and loan-supported prices under a "yes" vote and unlimited marketing and no price support under a "no" vote. No government loans can be offered on the 1943 cotton crop if marketing quotas are rejected in the referendum.

The AAA chairman explained that the present law prohibits the offering of government loans in any year in which quotas are voted upon and rejected.

The loan is the means the government uses to support the price of cotton, he continued. The current loan rate in Runnels county is 17.75 cents per pound on 7-8 inch middling cotton. Cotton loans this year are being made at 90 per cent of the parity price of cotton.

Reviewing the effect the loan has had on cotton prices during past years, Mr. McShan pointed out that last year the basic loan rate for the nation was 14.02 cents per pound, while the average price received for cotton was 17.03 cents. Similar figures for previous years were as follows: 1940, loan rate 8.9 cents, cotton price 9.89 cents; 1939, loan rate 8.7 cents, cotton price 9.09 cents; 1938, loan rate 8.3 cents, cotton price 8.6 cents; 1937, loan rate 9 cents, cotton price 8.41 cents.

Supplies of cotton for both military and civilian use are sufficient to last two years but there is not nearly that much food. That's why all cotton farmers are again urged to vote in the cotton marketing quota referendum. Production of food and other scarce war crops should be of primary concern to all farmers this year for the same reason that making war materials has become the chief concern of manufacturers, the chairman said in explaining that the companies which used to make automobiles and typewriters are now making airplanes and machine guns. By holding cotton production within the limits of the nation's needs, dwindling supplies of labor, machinery, chemicals, transportation and storage facilities can be used to the best advantage in producing such crops as peanuts, soybeans, pork, beef, and poultry and dairy products.

"When the boys come back home, it would be pretty hard to explain to them why we kept on growing cotton when they needed food and other things so badly. It's bad enough to be hungry, but it's worse when you have to fight while you're hungry," Mr. McShan said.

Wherever the farmer lives in Runnels county, there will be a polling place nearby in the cotton marketing quota referendum Saturday.

Since every cotton grower in the county should participate in the referendum, we are doing what we can to make it as easy as possible for them to vote by increasing the number of ballot boxes, the AAA chairman said. There will be ballot boxes in the following places: Olen, Rowena, Miles, Maverick, Norton, Wilmeth, Wingate, Winters, Content, Crews, Ballinger.

Here for a visit with her cousin, Mrs. Joe Ostertag, is Mrs. W. F. Hensey, of Fort Atkinson, Wis.

18-Year-Old Group Registration Will Begin Tomorrow

The first 18-year-olds will begin registering tomorrow (Friday) and continue until Thursday, December 17. In the first group will be those who were born on or after July 1, 1924, and not after August 31, 1924.

From December 18 to 24 those who were born on or after September 1, 1924, will register.

From December 25 to 31 registrations will include those who were born on or after November 1, 1924, and not after December 31, 1924.

During the remainder of the war all men who were born on or after January 1, 1925, will register on the day they become eighteen or if that date falls on a Sunday or legal holiday, the day after their birthday.

Registration will take place at the draft board office in Ballinger with members of the board and clerks in the office designated as registrars. This will be the sixth registration in Runnels county and this sign-up will take in a large number of young men in all sections of the county.

As soon as the registrants are signed their papers will be made out and they will be classified for military service and made subject to call.

Lions Will Sponsor Huge Bond Rally At Texas Theatre

The Ballinger Lions Club will sponsor a special war bond rally at the Texas Theatre next Thursday night, December 17. This rally will be in connection with the special effort being made to sell enough war bonds to permit Runnels county to buy a bomber which will bear the name of this county.

First plans for the rally were made at a meeting of the club today (Thursday) and a goal of \$50,000 was set for the sale. A similar rally was held at Winters Monday night at which time approximately \$20,000 in bonds were purchased.

Lions Club committees will work from now until next Thursday in an effort to secure promises from citizens that they will attend the rally and buy bonds. A program will be arranged and an experienced speaker put in charge of the sale.

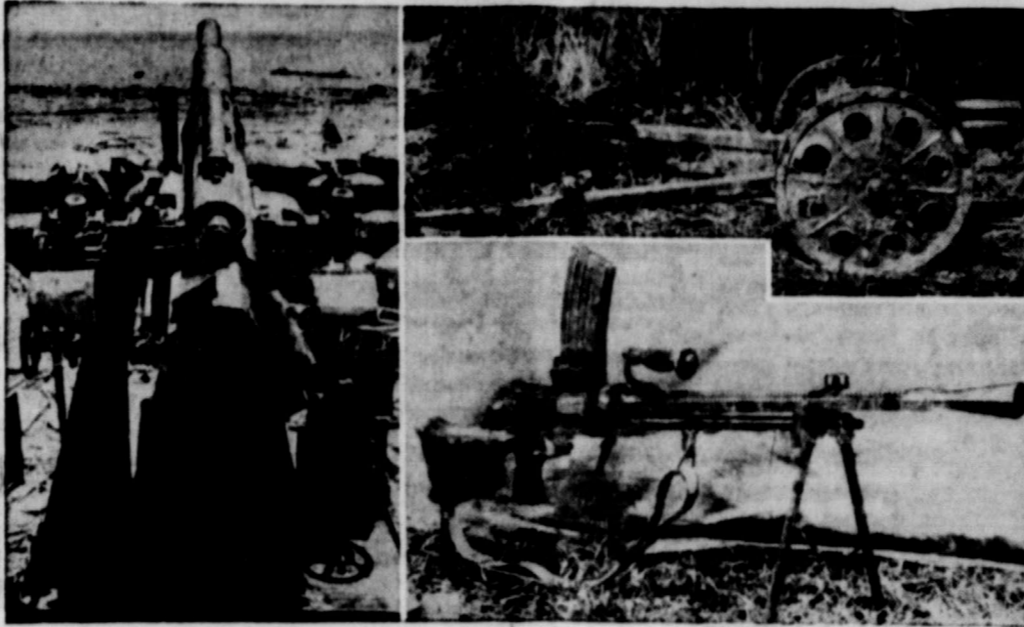
In order to permit children to participate, a stamp booth will be set up at the theatre and the seven "victory girls," headed by Wanda Crager, will have charge of this part of the sale. Children keeping stamp books will be able to make purchases of any denomination stamps at the rally, before entering the show house or as they leave.

Special gift envelopes will be provided for all bonds which are bought as Christmas gifts.

Wayne Morgan, a Ballinger boy who has seen service at Pearl Harbor and was there on December 7 during the sneak Jap bombing, later serving on Midway Island during the furious battle there, and more recently at Guadalcanal, is expected home next Wednesday and if it can be arranged he will be one of the speakers.

Mrs. David M. Jones, of Winters, wife of Major David M. Jones, one of the men who bombed Tokyo with General Jimmy Doolittle, and more recently a leader of bomber squadrons in North Africa, will also appear on the program. Today's news broadcasts stated that Major Jones led the biggest bombing foray of the North African expedition against the Germans in Tunisia.

Equipment Captured By Leathernecks



Three types of weapons captured in firing condition by U. S. Marines during successful landing operations on Jap-held Solomon Islands. Upper gun in Jap 70 mm. piece captured at Battle of Tenaru River, Guadalcanal. Jap "Chatterbox," a light caliber machine gun, lower right, and three-inch anti-aircraft gun, left, were also seized on Guadalcanal.

B. C. D. Helps Ration Board; Launches Three New Projects

The Ballinger Board of Community Development directors were in session Monday night for the regular December meeting at which they discussed a number of important business matters, including: 1. Education campaign to instruct bicycle riders how to follow regular traffic patterns; 2. Assisting in preparing a file of available rooms for rent to wives of cadets coming to Ballinger with their husbands; 3. Cooperation with the Army and Navy Club council in listing homes where cadets can be guests on Christmas Day; 4. Authorizing J. A. Killough to attend a defense school at San Angelo with D. G. Posey from December 14 through 18; Approving expenditure of more than \$100 for help provided rationing board in the rush period; and a number of other items.

The gasoline rationing board last week asked help from some agency and Secretary Killough and twelve women assisted in preparing files and issuing books for additional gasoline. Before this action Nat Williams and approximately 40 teachers worked a number of evenings getting the system lined up. Mr. Killough reported Monday evening that one or two more days would be required to complete the work for people living in all parts of Runnels county.

Chester Cherry detailed plans of a defense school to be held at San Angelo on December 14-18, and asked that the secretary be given time to attend. These schools to be held in various sections of Texas to train a large number of men in vital war work, will have expenses paid by the federal government, the state and cities.

The directors voted to assist Rev. J. C. Johnson in preparing a file of available rooms in Ballinger where cadets' wives might be able to stay. Recent classes here have contained a large proportion of married men and many of the wives come here to live during the training period at the Harman Training Center. Any citizen who would rent a bedroom to these young women is asked to telephone the B. C. D. office or Rev. Johnson and list the room or rooms. The file will be kept at the Army and Navy Club where it will be available to prospective renters.

The directors voted to assist the Army and Navy Club council in making up a list of Ballingerites who would like to entertain one or more cadets from Bruce Field on Christmas. It is believed that few, if any, will have time to return to their homes and an effort will be made to place every cadet (as well as any other service men who might be here at the time) in a home. Those who prefer may entertain soldiers on Christmas eve and the following day, a number having already asked for overnight guests.

Plans were made for the election of directors in January and a nominating committee was appointed to line up twenty-two men for a postcard ballot with eleven to be elected.

A committee will be named in a few days to suggest a change in the by-laws to permit increasing the number on the local planning board. The intention is to add

Veteran of Three Fronts Will Arrive Home December 15

Wayne Morgan, son of O. K. Morgan, hero of three big American battlefronts, is due to arrive home on a furlough about December 15, and will be here for some time. His father received a message from him at San Diego announcing he was back in the states and a number of Ballinger people heard him speak on a radio program produced on the Pacific Coast Tuesday night.

Morgan entered the service some time before the entry of the United States in the war. On December 7, 1941, he was at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and in the thick of the battle there. Later he was at Midway when American and Jap forces met in a mighty battle and the Japs suffered one of their major defeats. Since then he has been in the Solomon Islands with the American marines and if permitted to talk on his arrival home will have much to tell local people about battles in the Pacific.

While attending the Ballinger high school Morgan was a member of the Bearcat football team. He was employed in the mechanical departments of a number of automobile houses here before joining the marine corps.

Tom Caudle, J. D. Reneau and David Caudle returned home Sunday from Junction, where they hunted deer and turkeys a few days. They returned with four big gobblers.

12 O. E. S. Chapters Of Area at District Meeting in Ballinger

On Wednesday an Eastern Star school of instruction was held here with the Ballinger chapter acting as co-hosts with the Christoval, Concho, Eden, Miles, Norton, Paint Rock, Robert Lee, San Angelo, Sterling City, and Winters chapters. These chapters comprise section one of district five.

The hall was decorated with the worthy grand matron's chosen colors of blue, gold and white, and the color scheme was also carried out on the programs and badges.

A tribute to the flag was given by Mrs. Johnnie Barr, of Paint Rock, and Mrs. Kathleen Bailey delivered the welcome address. Mrs. Bertha Stobaugh conducted a parliamentary drill. A musical program was rendered by Mrs. C. L. Kincaid, Miss Kay Evans and Miss Lun Belle Beachum.

Among those present were: Mrs. Hallie Anglin, worthy grand matron; Mrs. Hattie Lucille Donnell, grand examiner; Mrs. Joyce Nance, district deputy grand matron; Mrs. Leon Carr, deputy grand matron; and Mrs. Nina Headrick, member of the grand chapter board of benevolence. Forty-four certificates were granted during the day and evening.

Christmas Season Opened Here With Big Program

Cold weather and gasoline rationing limited the crowd in Ballinger Friday night for the opening of the Christmas season and to attend the war bond rally.

Vari-colored lights were switched on along Hutchings Avenue and Eighth Street at 6:30 and a concert followed by the Ballinger high school band at the principal intersection. At the conclusion of the thirty-minute concert Mayor C. P. Shepherd called the crowd to order and introduced Lieut. Griffin, personnel officer at the Harman Training Center, who acted as master of ceremonies.

R. W. Earnshaw, veteran of the first World War, represented the American Legion in the opening talk. He recalled Christmas of 1918 when he was in France and what this country did for its men in foreign lands. He closed with an appeal to keep the men at the front supplied with the most modern fighting equipment by buying war bonds.

Judge E. C. Grindstaff, representing the Ballinger Lions Club, told of the efforts of this organization and begged all citizens to increase their purchases of bonds and stamps.

George Clements, Rotary Club representative, declared there was nothing left to be done on the home front but to keep the fighting men equipped and the job at home as small compared to that of our soldiers.

Rev. W. A. Erwin, speaking for the pastors' association, brought the force of the war home to his audience and pointed out the duty of everyone.

P. R. Dietz, representing the farmers, emphasized the great job of producing enough food for our own men and our allies. He said this was not enough, however, that the buying of bonds was also the farmer's duty.

Santa Claus, himself, spoke last and appealed to the children as well as the adults to make this a Christmas in which bonds and stamps would be the No. 1 gift.

Following the program show windows were opened and a group of army officers acted as judges. There were many beautiful windows, most of them featuring the bond-stamp idea. A score card was followed, giving 33 per cent to the war theme, 34 per cent to artistic arrangement, and 33 per cent to the Christmas motif.

In class A first prize went to Higginbotham Bros. & Co., second prize to Stone's, and third to J. C. Penney Co. In class B Lee Hardware Co. won first, Western Auto Store second, and J. Y. Pearce Drug Store third.

\$38,741.25 in War Bonds Bought in County Monday

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Bobbie Joe Duke, son of C. L. Duke of Ballinger, route 1, is now an aviation cadet and in the pre-flight school at Maxwell Field, Alabama. Bobbie Joe is a graduate of the Ballinger high school and has been in the army two years. He was serving at Camp Blanding, Florida, when appointed an aviation cadet. In civil life he was a carpenter.

James F. Black, Jr., of Winters, will receive his commission this week-end at an advanced air force training base. The son of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Black, the young man was a radio announcer in civil life. He attended Abilene Christian College and Hardin-Simmons University.

Sam Malone, Jr., is now at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, receiving the second phase of aviation training. Upon completion of this course he will be assigned to duty at some point in the United States. Mr. Malone received primary training at McMurry College, Abilene.

Frank M. Maddox, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Maddox of Lubbock, and a grandson of Mrs. W. T. Padgett of Ballinger, was graduated from the army air force statistical school at Boston on December 5 and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was a corporal before taking the special training.

Bernard Egan, son of Mrs. Thos. Eagan, Ballinger, has completed a special course and became a navy storekeeper, third class, last week. Bernard graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1925 and part of the time since had been a merchant at Dallas. He has been in the service since last March.

Lieut. David L. Floeter, a cadet at Bruce Field, Ballinger, in 1941 and who later graduated at a Texas flying school, was shot down inside German territory in North Africa recently. Another pilot in a fighter plane who saw the crew leave their crashed ship, went back to his base and brought another bomber and fighter escort. The bomber landed, picked up Floeter and the rest of his crew and returned them safely inside American lines.

W. R. Clark received a letter this week from his son, Bobbie Clark, who is at the Midland air school, stating that he had been promoted to staff sergeant. He has been at Midland since enlistment several months ago. Another son, Harold Clark, is a sailor on foreign service, his address being in care of the San Francisco postmaster. Still another son, Linton Clark, has been called to the service and reported at Dallas Monday morning.

Corp. Charles Thorp and wife, Laboratory Technician Cleo Thorp, both of Camp Rucker, Alabama, spent the past week-end in Ballinger on a short furlough. They returned to duty Monday. Corp. Thorp is in the artillery and Mrs. Thorp is in the base hospital.

Bruce Kennedy was at home to spend the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Kennedy. He has been transferred to the 1082nd guard squadron at Concho Field.

Sgt. and Mrs. C. M. Harris, of Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, visited relatives and friends here the past week-end.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Former Ballinger Girl Marries at Home in Winters

Miss Nancy Pyburn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Martin Pyburn, of Winters, became the bride of Lt. Raymond La Du Craig, son of Mrs. R. W. Craig of San Antonio, Thursday evening at six o'clock, in the home of her parents.

Lovely simplicity characterized the service witnessed only by immediate family members and Mrs. C. R. Stephens of Ballinger, the bride's godmother.

The altar arrangement, improvised in the long living room against a panel between doors, was a massed grouping of ferns in graduated heights with beautiful clusters of white-berried mistletoe and tall five-branched floor candelabra holding white cathedral tapers. The Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ballinger, was officiating clergyman for the single ring ceremony. Mrs. Pyburn, mother of the bride, lighted the candles.

The bride, who was given in

marriage by her father, wore a two-piece gold wool frock of youthful design with sequin trim. Her accessories were in the bronze tones and her corsage was of tallisman rosebuds. For "something old" she carried a handkerchief of handmade lace carried by the great grandmother of the bridegroom at her own wedding. For "something borrowed" she wore the silver wings given by the bridegroom to his mother on completion of his pilot training. The diamond in the bride's engagement ring was brought from India by the bridegroom's grandmother, who was a missionary there.

For the reception, which immediately followed the service, added friends from Winters and Ballinger were included. Assisting the bride's parents and the bridal couple in receiving, were the bridegroom's mother and the bride's grandfather, Mr. A. H. VanPelt. Miss Carolee Henslee was at the door to extend formal greetings.

Mrs. Lula Daley presided at the

bride's book, a gift from Mr. Johnson.

An oblong arrangement of white chrysanthemums and fern centered the bride's table which was laid in hand-made crochet. The three-tiered cake, made by the bride's mother, was decorated with white sugar spun rosebuds. Mrs. Homer Stroecker and Mrs. Milton Reynolds presided.

Mrs. Craig, born in Ballinger, was graduated from the Winters High School and completed a course at the Towers Secretarial School in San Antonio. She has been employed in San Antonio as secretary of the Luling Oil and Gas Co.

Lt. Craig was educated in Asheville, North Carolina, and is now stationed at Hondo. The couple will live in San Antonio.

Ballinger guests at the reception were: Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, Messrs. and Mmes. Estes Lynn, Paul Trimmer, and Warren Lynn.

Gift Tea in Winters for Miss Pyburn

Mmes. Carl Henslee, Noel Reid, Homer Stroecker, Milton Reynolds, and Miss Carlee Henslee were hostesses at a prettily-appointed gift tea last Wednesday afternoon in the Henslee home in Winters, complimenting Miss Nancy Pyburn.

Gold and white chrysanthemums decorated reception rooms and centered the lace-laid table. Mrs. Aldridge Collins showed gifts displayed in the sun parlor.

Ballinger guests were: Mmes. C. R. Stephens, Jack McGregor, J. G. Douglass, Estes Lynn, Alex Saunders, Alex McGregor, Paul Trimmer, K. V. Northington, Elma Mann, and Warren Lynn.

Federation Day Observed by Shakespeare Club

A discussion of "The American Federation in Foreign Countries" by Mrs. J. B. Stripplin and a comprehensive report of the recent state convention of Texas Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. Ernest Caskey, club president, were features of the program on "Federation Day" given for the Shakespeare Club meeting last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. C. R. Stephens gave a parliamentary drill.

The club voted to buy a \$500 tuberculosis bond and to dispense with the annual Christmas party to spend the money on some selected worthy charity. The resignations of Mrs. Ed Schuchard and Mrs. Ila G. Furgason were accepted. The picture, won for the art activities of the club last year, was shown and hung. Mrs. Caskey appointed Mmes. B. C. Kirk, C. P. Shepherd, and W. J. Hembree nominating committee members.

Mrs. Wardlaw is Honoree

Mrs. Tommie Hall, Mrs. Jack Williams, and Mrs. Walter Boswell paid their mother, Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw, a pretty compliment last Saturday when they entertained with a morning of forty-two games followed by a luncheon at the noon hour in the Hall home on Eighth Street.

Lilies in the rich autumn tones, berries, and leaves decked rooms and an arrangement of fruits and vegetables centered the dining table. The Mexican theme was emphasized in all game and table appointments and in the two-course menu.

Included were: Mmes. E. W. Stasney, J. Y. Pearce, O. R. Laster, Myrta Harshaw, B. C. Kirk, J. E. Brewer, J. G. Douglass, Hamp Byler, D. R. Hall, Bruce Creasy, J. C. Johnson, E. L. Hagan, F. M. Pearce, E. P. Talbot, A. J. Thorp, Claude Stone, J. W. Blasdel, John Weeks, W. B. Woody, O. C. Sykes, Q. V. Miller and Paul Trimmer.

Agnew Home is Scene of Cadet Wedding

The Wilke Terrace home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew was the scene of a pretty wedding ceremony Saturday evening at nine o'clock when Miss Edith Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orville V. Smith of Asteo, New Mexico, became the bride of Aviation Cadet William F. Hatley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hatley of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Twenty-two white tapers burned in tall branched floor candelabra in inverted V-shape against triple arched windows in the living room to form a background for the arrangements of ferns in graduated heights making the lovely improvised altar.

Mrs. Joe Paxton played softly as the candles were lighted, and continued with accompaniments for the pre-nuptial solos "At Dawning" by Cadman and "Because" by d'Hardelet, sung by Miss Kay Evans. She used the Lohengrin procession and a few bars of the Mendelssohn march following the nuptial vows. The Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor of the First Methodist Church, read the double ring ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Agnew, wore a two-piece frock of wine velvet and small matching hat. Her only ornament was a single strand of pearls and her corsage was of gardenias.

Miss Earlene Webb, maid of

honor, wore a black crepe dress trimmed with black lace insertion insets. Her accessories were black and her corsage was of red carnations.

Aviation Cadet Jim Hastin was best man.

For the informal reception Miss Cora Ellen Sims of Paint Rock laded punch from the fern encircled crystal bowl, placed at one end of the lace-laid table, and Miss Patricia Lawrence cut the two-tiered all-white cake which was decorated with valley lilies and topped with a tiny lily arch from which hung dainty cellophane wedding bells. The reflector was surrounded with sprays of maiden hair fern. White tapers in crystal prism candelabra burned on the buffet. Marilyn Agnew presided at the guest register.

Following her graduation from high school, Mrs. Hatley has been employed by the Tennessee Valley Authority in Knoxville, Tenn. Prior to his entry into the armed services as an aviation cadet, the bridegroom attended the University of New Mexico. He is a member of Class 43 D at Bruce Field.

Two Compliment Recent Bride

Mrs. Warren Lynn and Mrs. J. G. Douglass were hostesses Monday morning in the Douglass home on Broadway, entertaining with an informal morning coffee to compliment Mrs. Raymond Craig of San Antonio, the former Miss Nancy Pyburn of Winters.

Lovely yule decorations combined with potted plants in the red tones gave added charm to reception rooms where the hostesses, the guest of honor, and her mother, Mrs. J. Martin Pyburn of Winters, received.

The centerpiece for the dining table laid in hand-made Normandy lace was centered with a beautiful oblong massed arrangement of vivid red pyrocaanthus berries and red Xmas balls. Mrs. C. R. Stephens presided at the silver service and Mrs. Frank Pearce served red heart-shaped salad molds. Mrs. James Wear and Mrs. Alex McGregor assisted in the dining room.

Each guest brought her favorite recipe and these were presented Mrs. Craig by Mrs. Lynn.

Others included: Mmes. J. F. Currie, Estes Lynn, Oscar Pearson, J. Y. Pearce, B. C. Kirk, C. J. Lynn, L. R. Tigner, Jack McGregor, Harry Lynn, Elma Mann, Lula Daley of Winters, C. P.

Shepherd, K. V. Northington, M. B. Wardlaw, Leslie Baker, E. W. Stasney, Tommie Hall, Malcolm McGregor, Victor Miller, J. C. Johnson, Paul Trimmer, Jack Williams, and Miss Sammie Padgett.

Luncheon for Craigs

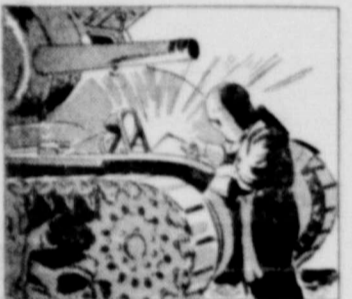
Mr. and Mrs. Estes Lynn were hosts at an informal noon luncheon Monday to compliment Lt. and Mrs. Raymond Craig of San Antonio, and Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyburn of Winters.

Lt. and Mrs. Craig left Tuesday for San Antonio.

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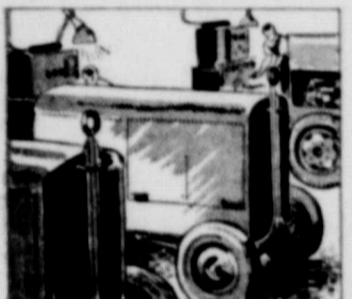
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ALL of us believe that the men and women in Military Service are entitled to the right of way for the holidays. Furloughs will be liberally granted, enabling many of them to be with their loved ones for a few days.

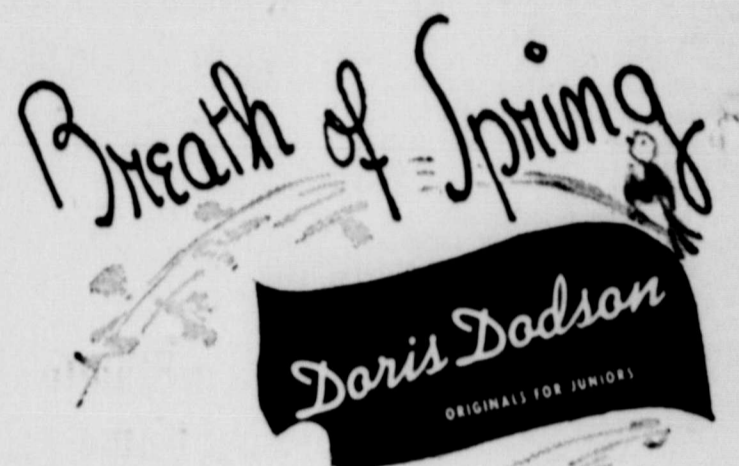
Transporting these folks will tax train facilities to the utmost. So we are asking the civilian population to refrain from traveling by train, particularly from December 15th to January 15th, unless absolutely necessary. There just isn't enough equipment to serve everybody. Maybe later on you can go if you must—while the fighting forces are chopping the Axis down.



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Spectacular 'Iceland' Brings Sonja Henie at Skating Peak

Superbly staged skating scenes with Sonja Henie at her best make "Iceland," billed in midnight preview at the Texas Theatre Saturday night, as well as on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 13, 14, 15, the best film offering the Norwegian star has yet appeared in.

The intriguing plot is balanced by the splendid skating of Miss Henie and entourage. The story has to do with the manipulations of the skater's family to marry her off in a hurry to the first taker so that her younger sister by "Icelandic" tradition may be free to marry the wealthy son of a herring merchant.

There is a skating sequence which at least rivals, and probably surpasses all others done by Miss Henie. It is in three parts, China, Panama and Hawaii. Some of the finest "dance" skating Miss Henie has ever done and some of the most attractive costumes ever seen on an ice floor make this sequence something to remember.

The supporting cast includes John Payne, Jack Oakie, Felix Bressart, Osa Massen, Joan Merrill and Fritz Feld.

Sleuth Yarn and Spy Thriller Two Feature Attractions at Texas Tomorrow and Saturday
"The Glass Key," by the noted detective story writer, Dashiell

Hammett, and "Careful, Soft Shoulders," which concerns axis spies, are the two feature-length films at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. The bill also contains several short subjects.

Mystery, in the best Dashiell Hammett manner, spiced with suspense, action and romance, is said to be all present and accounted for in "The Glass Key."

The film version of the best-selling novel stars Brian Donlevy, Veronica Lake, and Alan Ladd, supported by Bonita Granville, Richard Denning, Joseph Calleja and William Bendix.

Virginia Bruce and James Ellison have an exciting time of it with a gang of spies in "Careful, Soft Shoulders." The action is fast, furious and often hilarious, as Virginia becomes indignant at the Jap attack on Pearl Harbor and decides to do something about it. Being a young lady with romantic inclinations, she thinks the best way to aid Uncle Sam and, at the same time, have an exciting time is to become a streamlined Mata Hari.

The support includes Aubrey Mather, Ralph Byrd, Sigurd Tor, and Charles Tannen.

Ballinger-Stamford Football Game Will Be Broadcast Friday

Arrangement were made this week to have the Ballinger-Stamford game broadcast Friday afternoon. The Ballinger High School Athletic Association, the Farmers & Merchants State Bank and the West Texas Utilities Co. are to sponsor the program, and the entire game, starting in Stamford at 2:30 p. m., will be heard from station KRBC, Abilene. The broadcast will include a short warm-up period for giving the line-ups, the season's records and other information, also a description of the color acts between halves.

At periods when time is called on the field, commercials will be read promoting the sale of war bonds and stamps in Runnels county and the effort being made to place the name Runnels county on a bomber by the purchase of \$175,000 in war bonds.

A large number of people will go to Stamford Friday, leaving here about 9:30 Friday morning and returning after the game. There will also be a large number left at home and the three sponsors were anxious to make the game available to them over the radio.

Officials had been secured the first of the week, reserve seat tickets placed on sale here and at Stamford, and Tuesday snow melted there following the fall during the past week-end.

Wm. Gallia, of Rowena, transacted business in Ballinger Wednesday.

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Values up to \$7.95 in this group

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- Cream Sachet
- Coats—Spring or Winter
- Dresses
- Robes
- Lingerie
- Slack Suits
- House Coats
- Draperies
- Towel Sets
- Shopping Bags
- Perfume
- Handkerchiefs
- Dress Material
- Blouses
- GIVE HIM
- Shirts
- Ties
- Sweaters
- Pajamas
- Lounging Robes
- Bill Folds
- Loafer or Leisure Coats
- Leather Jackets
- Hats
- Sex
- Mufflers
- Shaving Sets
- Brushes
- Tie Racks
- Overcoats
- Suit of Clothes
- Shoes
- Tie Holders
- Watch Chains
- Underwear
- Raincoats
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Mass Immunization Against 2 Diseases Asked by the State

The state health department through the county health nurses is urging the protection of the public health in time of war by mass immunization against certain diseases. At the top of the list is stressed the importance of vaccination against smallpox and immunization against diphtheria in schools of the state.

These mass immunizations were conducted a number of years ago, many cooperating through the schools. After several years it was thought the education effect would cause the practice to be continued indefinitely but inspections of pupils reveals that there are many attending school who have never been vaccinated or received toxoid for diphtheria.

Miss Myrtle Reddell, Runnels county health nurse, has completed inspections in 28 rural schools of the county and found the immunization needed in many schools. Such a program would receive the hearty cooperation of the state health department but would need much local organization and planning. School boards have the power to make it compulsory that students be vaccinated and immunized before

attending school but few in this county have made this a rule.

The office of civilian defense has been requested by the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor to cooperate in the conference of state and provincial health authorities of North America in a nation-wide campaign for immunization of all children above the age of nine months against smallpox and diphtheria. It is intended to start the program immediately and continue until all have had treatment against the two diseases which are absolutely preventable.

Eugene Loika, student of the University of Texas, will be home on December 17 to spend the holidays with his parents and other relatives.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.



Edward Arnold, Ann Harding Top Cast in 'Eyes in the Night'

A blind detective and a "seeing eye" dog provide a novelty in mystery thrills in "Eyes in the Night," which, with Edward Arnold, Ann Harding and Donna Reed, is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 13, 14, 15.

Arnold, as the blind sleuth, battles enemies in darkness, relying on his sense of hearing, foils a spy ring and solves a murder, utilizing hearing, touch and instinct with which blind persons make up for lack of sight.

The story deals with an inventor, played by Reginald Denny, his wife, played by Ann Harding, who recently returned to the screen, and Miss Reed. An actor Miss Reed is interested in is murdered, Arnold is called in. He traces the murder to a spy ring watching Denny and seeking the secret of his war invention. The gang finally imprisons Arnold, Denny and his family in their home. Arnold fights the gang in the dark, while his dog escapes and gets a note to the authorities. A dramatic climax solves the mystery and reconciles the two women.

Principals include Allen Jenkins, Stanley Ridges, Barry Nelson, Rosemary DeCamp, Mantan More-

land, Reginald Sheffield, and Eric Rolfe.

Friday, almost human police dog, enacts Arnold's faithful guide.

HUNG JURY DISCHARGED IN BAKER ESTATE CASE

No petit jury venire has been summoned for the last two weeks of the present term of 119th district court here. Judge O. L. Parish will be here for the remainder of the term which ends December 26, and will hear all non-jury cases that may be ready for trial.

A jury was selected Monday in the suit involving the estate of Mrs. Nettie Baker, deceased, and most of Monday and Tuesday was used in submitting evidence. Arguments were completed Tuesday evening and the case handed the jury about 8 o'clock. At 10 p. m. the twelve men reported they were unable to agree and were dismissed for the night, being reassembled Wednesday morning. At noon, still failing to reach an agreement, the jurors were discharged.

For the remainder of this, the long term of the year here, there will be little business and the minutes will be closed the day after Christmas.

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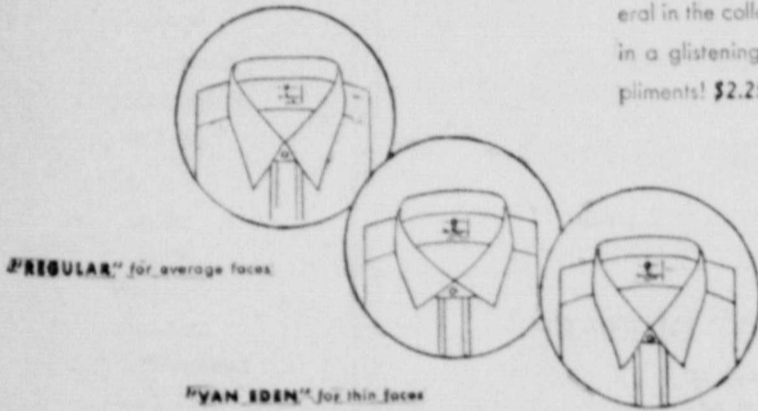
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EYES IN THE NIGHT
EDWARD ARNOLD - ANN HARDING
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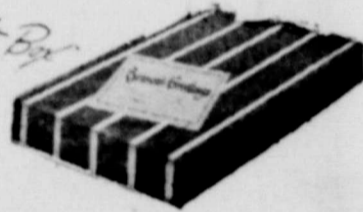


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HIGGINBOTHAM'S

Maj. Murchison Given Rotary Membership by Local Club

The Ballinger Rotary Club in meeting Tuesday noon authorized the sending of ten copies of The Ledger to men in foreign service. This action was taken after K. V. Northington quoted from a letter received from a Ballinger boy now serving in the Solomons who said the nicest thing any person back home could do would be to send the home-town paper to a soldier far away.

A list of ten boys in overseas service is being selected and will be put on the mailing list at once. The letter pointed out that the paper might get there slightly old, but it would still be news from home.

Honoring all service men from Runnels county, the club voted honorary membership to Major Ross Murchison, now serving at Camp Swift, Texas. This honor was accorded him for all men wearing the uniform because of his holding the highest military rank of any from this county and because of his long period of duty in the armed forces. He was advised by letter of the awarding of the membership and he will be able to attend any Rotary Club meeting in the world while he is in the nation's service.

Walter F. Mueller was elected to membership in the club under the classification of sheet metal worker. The program this week was presented by Boy Scout troop 30. Wellington Pearce, Claude R. Stone, Lanham Flynt, Jimmy Agnew, Antonio Alvarez, J. H. Parrish, Bob Parr, and Eldon Moody entered the room in uniform bearing the colors, spoke the pledge of allegiance to the flag, gave the Scout oath, and took charge of the program.

Lanham Flynt spoke on the scout uniform and the large handkerchief was used for a number of different types of bandages. Ernest Moody troop 30 scoutmaster, expressed appreciation for the splendid financial support by Ballinger business men. He explained that this money went into a general fund of the Concho Valley council and the only way to get it back was through scout-

ing. He pointed out the need of leaders and the small number of 30 to 40 boys receiving training because of this fact. It was estimated that there are slightly less than 200 boys in Ballinger eligible for Scout training. He urged more interest, more leadership and thereby get back all our money and even more.

Tom Agnew, national committee-man, discussed the need of Scouting and told of the great work accomplished at camps. He pointed out the importance of getting boys into the work when they were about 12 and 13 years old, because their interest was better and it gave longer training before they were over age.

ATTENTION OF FARM TRUCK OPERATORS IS DIRECTED TO RECENT REQUIREMENTS

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 9.—County agricultural agents in Texas are helping acquaint owners of farm trucks with the new government orders which vitally affect them, says George E. Adams, vice-director and state agent of the A. & M. College extension service.

A new regulation of the office of defense transportation requires a certificate of war necessity for the operation of farm trucks as well as other trucks, busses, and taxis. The regulation becomes effective November 15.

"The extension service is interested in helping farmers and ranchers conserve their equipment for war purposes," Mr. Adams explains.

Certificates of war necessity will govern a truck's maximum mileage or minimum loads, or both, and no operator subject to the order will be able to obtain gasoline, tires, or parts without a certificate. Enforcement officers of all states and political divisions have been authorized to report violations of the order.

Owners and operators of farm trucks and other commercial vehicles will make application for their certificates on forms supplied by field officers of the ODT. They will also be required to keep records of their operations.

Work Done on 44 Blocks of Streets; Collections Good

The city street department has done a large amount of work on dirt and caliche streets during the past few weeks. Ditches on the hill at city park were opened. Third Street was graded from the Sanitarium to Crosson Avenue, ground was levelled around buildings at the municipal airport with a grader and 44 blocks of dirt and caliche streets were bladed and dragged.

Collections by the various departments of the city were good for the month, a total of \$8,032.20 being taken in. This was distributed as follows: 1942 taxes, \$5,947.25; delinquent taxes, \$120.97; penalty and interest, \$19.74; water, \$1,733.25; water farm receipts, \$71.94; plumbing, \$17.50; sanitary, \$118.50; fines, \$2.85; and dog taxes, \$50.

Assistance was given by city employees during the past month to preliminary details of laying the 8-inch water line from Ballinger to the Harman Training Center; also to the state highway department in preliminary surveys on the road to Bruce Field.

Water consumption in the city last month averaged 249,000 gallons daily, and at the airfield 37,136 gallons daily was used.

Short courses in the fundamentals of radio are operating now or are contemplated at Marshall, Paris, Texarkana, Wichita Falls, Duncan Field, and Austin, with the University of Texas as sponsor. Women are particularly urged to enroll, since manpower is already short in the field of radio, R. W. Warner, professor of electrical engineering, announced.

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MEAT RATIONING ON FARM SAID NO GREAT HARDSHIP WHEN TOTAL CONSIDERED

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 9.—Self-rationing of meat to two and a half pounds weekly for each person isn't such a hardship when the total for the year is reckoned, says Roy W. Snyder, of the A. & M. College extension service. He's the extension animal industries specialist. The full quota would give one person 130 pounds each 12 months. The average consumption of meat in the United States in 1941 was 146 pounds.

Snyder suggests that the difference of 16 pounds—less than five ounces weekly—can readily be offset by good management in the home. Poultry and fish, along with liver and other portions of meat animals are not subject to restriction. Used a little more freely these staples would provide satisfying substitutes for beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton.

As the self-imposed rationing applies to farm families, Snyder says they can kill the meat they need to supply two and one-half pounds weekly for each adult. A fat 225 pound pig will cut out about 100 pounds of meat which can be cured. In addition, there will be about six pounds of spare ribs and five pounds of sausage.

To avoid the usual congestion of meat at hog butchering time, Snyder suggests staggering the slaughtering program. Where two hogs normally have been killed and cured for the year's meat supply, he recommends butchering them at intervals of three or four weeks. This would reduce the amount of meat which ordinarily must be consumed as fresh. This includes the liver, the head when properly cleaned and trimmed, some of the bone meat, and feet, especially the portion below the knees and hocks.

"The family who wishes to help all it can in the emergency will cure all the pork suitable for such treatment," Snyder counsels.

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BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Catherine Clappitt and Marjorie McGregor

Assemblies
The assembly program for last Thursday and Friday were motion pictures. Thursday, December 3, the pictures were: "The Woodwind Choir," "Sand," and "Fire Prevention." The pictures shown Friday were: "Australia Goes to War," "A Visit to Yucatan" in technicolor, and "You Can't Shoe a Horse Fly" a technicolor comedy. This was supposed to be one assembly but the films did not arrive on schedule.

Pearl Harbor Day
Pearl Harbor Day was observed in Ballinger high school Monday, December 7, by a special assembly. Mr. Lindsey asked the students to stand for two minutes of silent prayer to honor the United States armed forces who were at Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941.

Norma Baker was mistress of ceremonies. She discussed the first anniversary of the U. S. at war. Marjorie McGregor played a medley of war songs. Betty Jean Harper then gave a talk on the war since 1941, how production had been speeded up and the war effort of the nation in general.

Norma Baker then asked the question, "What have the thirty United Nations done to aid the war effort?" She called on each country and the student representing that country rose from the

audience and gave a report on each country's achievement.

There were four other students who spoke from the platform. Buster Gabbert spoke on "Freedom of Speech," Earline Webb on "Freedom from Want," Bobbie Nunley on "Freedom of Religion," and Fred Carroll on "Freedom from Fear."

The students rose and pledged allegiance to the flag, led by Reid Caskey. As a conclusion to the program, "Remember Pearl Harbor" was sung by the entire student body.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS
Friday night, December 4, the pep squad of junior high school sponsored a dance at the Army and Navy Club which was chaperoned by teachers and parents. Games were played on the first floor while dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening on the second floor. F. F. A. boys were in charge of refreshments. The affair was attended by a large crowd and all declared they had the time of their lives.

Wednesday all students drew names for gifts to be placed on the Christmas tree, December 18. A big time is planned for this day which will feature a Christmas program. Santa Claus and all Christmas trimmings. The Christmas program will last all Friday afternoon.

Who's Who
He was born in San Saba on July 10, 1927, and moved to Bal-

linger a few months later. He is 5 feet 9 inches tall and is a strawberry blonde. His ambition is for a political career. He is not fickle as his girl has been his steady since he was in the fifth grade.

REFUGEES ESTABLISH FACTORIES IN BRITAIN

LONDON, December 9.—Recent statistics show that Britain has nearly 300 factories, concerned in about 100 different industries, established by refugees from the various countries now occupied by Germany, since the war broke out.

One hundred of these factories are on crown property and they represent a capital of some \$3,000,000. Ninety per cent of the 40,000 people of Belgian, Dutch, Polish, Norwegian, French, Czech, Italian, Austrian and German nationality are at work in the war effort of Britain.

NINE DROWN TRYING TO BEAT FERRY'S TIME ACROSS RIVER

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 9.—Trying to make better time than the ferry over the Rio Negro (river) below Choele Choele, Argentina, eleven persons entered a rowboat and nine were drowned when it overturned. Only the ferryman reached the bank and he rescued a child out of a family of eight on the boat.

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TOMATOES No. 2 can 10c	BEETS Kurer's Sliced 2 cans 19c
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CREENS Poke Salad No. 2 can 10c	OATS Crystal Wedding 3-lb. box 27c

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Facial Tissue Astree 200 count 10c	Oleomargarine Rio 1 lb. 17c
Soda Crackers Excell 2-lb. box 19c	PLENTY OF CHRISTMAS TREES
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	
Pink Grapefruit each 5c	CARROTS 2 bunches 15c
ORANGES Texas each 1c	COCONUTS Fresh Each 13c
TOMATOES Texas 2 lbs. 15c	SQUASH White or Yellow 2 lbs. 15c
APPLES Jonathan doz. 25c	AVOCADOS 2 for 27c
LETTUCE Nice and Firm 2 heads 19c	ORANGES Giant 2 for 13c
New Potatoes 5 lbs. 23c	

Market Specials

Seven Steaks or Chops . . . 1 lb. 29c	ROAST Beef Chuck Lb. 27c	OYSTERS Extra Large Pt. 53c
PLATE RIBS For Roast or Stew Lb. 20c	BOLOGNA Sausage Large Lb. 23c	PORK SAUSAGE Lb. 30c
		WHOLE HAMS Cured Lb. 45c

Bearcats Go to Stamford For Regional Title Game

The Ballinger Bearcats will journey to Stamford this week for the regional football championship of region 3. School officials met in Abilene Saturday afternoon to arrange terms of the game along with the time and place and failing to reach an agreement for either town, the toss of a coin decided the place with Stamford winning the toss and taking the game. Time was set for 2:30 Friday afternoon and the winners of one bi-district game in the region each will meet for the final game of the year.

Stamford won the right to meet the Bearcats in a game Friday at Crowell which they won 9 to 0 in a last half victory. The teams battled scoreless in the first half but a touchdown and a field goal paved the way for a victory in the last half.

The Bearcats will enter the game slightly favored to win. Their season's record has been better than that of the Stamford team, although both have won all their class A games. Stamford has a decided edge in reserve material but both coaches are expected to stick pretty close to their starting line-ups in the entire game.

Ballinger won the right to play in the regional game by defeating Dublin here Thanksgiving Day by a score of 66 to 6. The two weeks rest since that time has benefited the Bearcats giving several injured boys time to get back into good physical condition. Striplin and Wright were both oked this week and running in their regular positions. Caffey, McWilliams and other minor injuries were also in fine condition and all will be able to enter the ball game and do their share in any play called.

Ballinger will likely take only fifteen men to Stamford and the starting line-up will probably be: Hembree, center; Harville and Batts, ends; Buxkemper, W., and Richards, tackles; Buxkemper, J., and McWilliams, guards; Striplin, Routh, Wilson and Wright, backs.

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9-Point Hunt Club Serves Venison To Defense Guard

The Nine-Point Hunting Club entertained the entire Texas Defense Guard company Monday night of last week with a venison supper. A few guests were included to make a total of 74 people served.

Out-of-town guests included Major Emmett Cox, Captain Henry Batjer and Captain James D. McKinley, of San Angelo. Local guests besides members of the guard company were Fred Harman and Sergeant Fennell.

Officers of the company were on kitchen police and served the men with Lieut. W. O. Wallace chief cook. The club served venison brought home recently from the annual hunting trip to Mason county.

Members of the club are Chester Cherry, K. V. Northington, W. O. Wallace, W. B. May, O. C. Sykes, Joe Eubank, D. G. Posey, W. J. Hembree, and Bill Sykes.

Tuesday evening the club members were hosts to their families at the annual dinner at which time the men cooked and served the dinner. K. V. Northington was master of ceremonies and each club member told of killing his first deer.

R. W. Earnshaw was master of ceremonies Monday evening and after the meal and program the company reported for regular drill. The work also included pictures of hand-grenades and bombs.

Mrs. Mart Bannowsky has been in San Marcos for the past month, visiting relatives and friends. The last week was spent in San Antonio, visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bannowsky, who have a fine baby girl. Both mother and baby are doing nicely.

A Tribute of Love

In Memory of Our Beloved Mother **EMMA JOST**

You are gone from us, dear Mother, and we will always miss you, but we know you are happy in your new and heavenly home.

You have left us dear Mother, who was always so kind and true. You were with us in sorrow and pleasure, and 'tis lonely without you. Why the Lord had to take you, we will never understand, but He needed another Angel to join his golden band.

When we think of your dear face and see your vacant chair it seems that our sorrow is more than we can ever bear. Some day we shall come to meet you, for we know that we shall die. May the circle be unbroken in that beautiful home on high. Till then, dear Mother sleep in heavenly peace, for we expect to meet you where troubles all shall cease.

P. W. JOST AND CHILDREN 10-11-4



SPORTS

Following the

The Ballinger Bearcats, rated by many sport writers and football officials as perhaps the best class A football team in Texas, have a job to live up to Friday in Stamford. So far this year they have met only one fair football team of this class, that being the Brady Bulldogs. At Stamford the going will be harder and the Bearcats will be put to their first real big test of the year. With a running, passing, blocking and kicking attack plus a good defensive ball club, they are expected to live up to their reputation.

Wright is over a hip injury which caused him much trouble in the Dublin game. Striplin has recovered from a hurt in his left shoulder, right hand and right leg and will be ready Friday. Routh was oked after being removed from the Dublin game with a head injury, and other members

HINTS ON KEEPING MILK PASSED ON BY SPECIALIST

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 9.—Homemakers have been inquiring how to keep milk—whether after the cream from the top has been used to pour the milk into a clean pitcher or leave the remainder in the original bottle. Louise Bryant, specialist in home management for the A. & M. College extension service, answers by saying the original bottle is the best container for milk. The supply should be kept covered in a refrigerator. Left-over milk should not be poured back into the bottle, but should be kept separately and used promptly. It is also inadvisable to mix new milk with old except for immediate use.

Adolph, Benito and Hirohito—The three blind mice. Make them run with ten percent of your income in War Bonds every pay day.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother. We especially want to thank the pastors and the Christian Mothers Sodality of Olfen and we wish to thank all for the beautiful floral offering and kind words of sympathy.
May the blessings of God rest upon you all.
P. W. Jost and daughter,
Elsie Jost
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Jost
Mr. and Mrs. Elo Jost.
10-11-4

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Important Problem Performed by Local Defense Guard Unit

Men of the local unit of the Texas Defense Guard did a practice problem during the drill period Monday evening. Plans had been made for this special work in advance by the officers and non-commissioned officers of the company, the city of Ballinger and surrounding territory having been divided into different sections, or defense zones. These zones were under the guard of specific squads.

All the vital installations of this section were included in the zones and Monday night was the first time any of the zones had been put under guard for any length of time. Each squad was rushed to its position and later was inspected by officers and sergeants of the company. The practice work was in preparation for a more serious problem which will be held later and without advance advice to any of the squads.

This function of the defense guardsmen is only one of many such activities looking toward prevention of possible sabotage. Officers stated that it was needless to point out the importance of such functions, for in time of trouble these defense areas are of the utmost importance.

The critique of the problem is to come at the next drill, this (Thursday) evening, when the various sergeants give their impressions of the thoroughness of the squads they inspected. Attendance was practically perfect at the Monday evening period, all men reporting in their new winter uniforms.

Coach Felton T. Wright ranks the 1942 Bearcats as the best team he has ever coached. Coach Wright not only considers the ability of this team but takes in the attitudes of the boys who are playing because they want to and like it.

Luncheon-Business Meeting a Month Voted by Pastors

Ballinger ministers met Monday for the first session of the new year, elected Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, president; Rev. Wayne Sears, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, secretary, and decided to meet once a month for a luncheon and business session.

Regular meetings are scheduled to be held during the ensuing year on the first Sunday after the first Monday in each month. The group will assemble at 12 noon at the Central Hotel for a program

and business. An invitation has been extended to all pastors of local churches to become members of the organization and join in the fellowship and affairs dealing with the religious life of the city. The association extended thanks to the former president, Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and the former secretary-treasurer, Rev. J. C. Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. A welcome was extended to the new pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rev. W. E. Shipp, who only recently moved to Ballinger.

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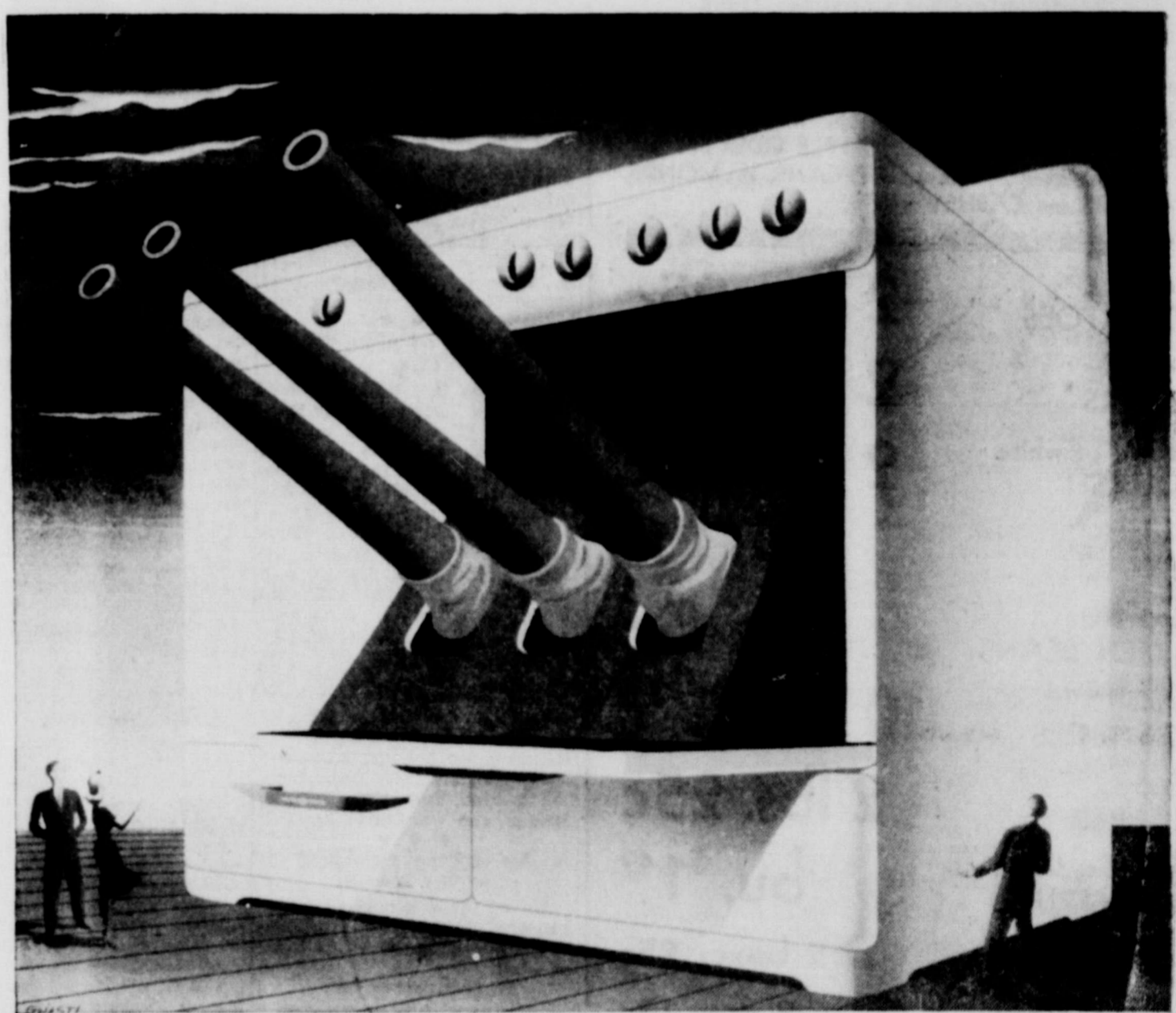
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Women's, Society and Club News

Mrs. Oran Dean is Honoree
Mrs. B. M. Strebeck, Jr., and Mrs. Ralph Burris were hostesses last Friday afternoon to compliment Mrs. Oran Dean, entertaining in her home on Tenth Street.

Gifts were presented from a decorated Xmas tree and a chicken salad plate was served with cake and hot chocolate to: Mmes. Bert Morgan, L. L. Clark, P. P. Holton, Edward Wilson, Barney Watkins, Ernest Miller, Fred Tappee, John Reese, J. Lester Ohlhausen, Ross Smith, Fred Moncrief, R. L. Sutphen, A. H. Wiesepape, J. P. Owen, Marvin Clark, Leamon Bell, J. W. Jones, Max Phillips, Lee Moreland, Ted Caudle, Halley Gibson, and Misses Bernice Smith and Pat Bell. Others sending gifts were: Mmes. Bill Bell, J. Dexter Eoff, Alton Williams, O. K. Jacob, Jewel Dean, Augusta Bethany, Horace Atkipp, H. E. Jones, W. L. McMillan, Jones Parish, Virtie Lewis, Mabel Brown, Annie Dickinson, W. H. Embry, Wallace Seipp, Oakley Clark, Clem Blackmon, D. Smith, Hobson, Misses Dorothy Miller, Eunice Phillips, Dona Lee Cole, and Wanda Crager.

Mullers Compliment Houseguest
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Muller were hosts at a small dinner party in their home Monday evening to compliment their houseguest, Mrs. Lambert G. Wilder.

Mrs. Wilder and her husband, who will soon receive his commission as a Flight Officer at the Army Air Force Advanced Glider Training Detachment in Stuttgart, Arkansas, were students of Mr. Muller in the Civilian Pilot Training program he conducted at Bergen College, Teaneck, New Jersey. Mrs. Wilder was the only girl student.

Other dinner guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hackman, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crawford, and Lt. Gale Griffith.

Hayride for Young People's B. T. U.

A hayride from the First Baptist Church on Eighth Street to the third crossing on Elm Creek was an enjoyable social affair for the young people's B. T. U. and their guests last Saturday evening planned by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, Mrs. Clarence Morton, and Mrs. J. H. Endacott.

A huge campfire was built and wieners roasted and served with beans, potato salad, cookies, and coffee. The festivities concluded with games and a sing-song in the church parlors.

Present were: Misses Jerry Stanley, Jean Flynn, Melba Bankston, Dorothy McMillan, Mary Lou Riding, Virginia Nance, Marjorie Muncey, Tommye Mansell, Betty Jean Harper, Mary Ann Morgan,

Would Change Our Small Change



Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the U. S. mint, chats with Sen. Robert Wagner of New York, chairman of the senate banking and currency committee, when Mrs. Ross appeared before that committee to testify. The group is considering a request for authorization to substitute other materials for the strategic metals now used in minor coinage.

Nancy Connor, Mary Lynn, Ellen Jo Early, and Owen Morgan; Aviation Cadets Frank Baker, John Hardman, Floyd B. Kifer, Louis A. Heindl, John Borger, William Greer, Graham Guyton, J. P. Hickey, Marcus Jones, James E. Faul, Wallace Lindberg, Robert L. Barad, Charles Barnett, Maynard Johnson, Harry Aderholt, George Bennett, and Allen Larsen; Bob Richards, John A. Killough, and Richard Hembree.

Mrs. Earnshaw Entertains Contract Club

Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Wednesday afternoon in her Wilke Terrace home.

Red pyroantha and nandino berries were combined with waxy magnolia leaves at vantage points about rooms and to form oblong centerpieces for the table and buffet. A red moided salad, sandwiches, and fruit cake cookies were served with hot chocolate.

High and low score trophies went to Mrs. Tom Agnew and Mrs. Troy Simpson, bingo to Mrs. K. V. Northington, and a traveling award to Mrs. Alex McGregor. Others included: Mmes. John Weeks, Myrta Harshaw, Nat. Williams, J. A. Schnable, Harry Lynn, E. W. Stasney, Ross Murchison, L. R. Tigner, J. B. Striplin, and Claude Stone.

Xmas Party for Baptist Ruth Class

Mrs. Theo Bell and Mrs. Mark Davis were hostesses to the Baptist Ruth Class Tuesday evening, entertaining with the annual Christmas party in the Bell home on Ninth Street with Mrs. Roy Worley named guest of honor.

Colorful yule decorations with a lighted tree were used in the living room while pink roses flanked by pink tapers were used in the dining room. Gifts were exchanged and a shower of gifts presented Mrs. Worley.

A dessert plate was served with spiced tea. Others present were: Mmes. E. F. Lawless, Oren Chandler, George West, Otis Jacob, Fred Moncrief, Joe Eubank, Stanley Price, Ralph Burris, Dick Ayres, Bill Duncan, Paul Kirk, Malcolm Morgan, and Wix Currie, Jr.

Ace of Clubs Entertained by Mrs. Sommer

Ace of Clubs members were guests of Mrs. Edward Sommer Wednesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Lovely Christmas scenes gave added beauty to rooms and a huge lighted candle centered the dining table. All game appointments were in the holiday theme. Marilyn Sommer assisted her mother in serving a salad plate with spiced tea.

Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., won high score prize and Mrs. W. J. Hembree and Mrs. R. C. Bledsoe binged. Others were: Mmes. H. G. Agnew, Virgil Reynolds, D. O. Henson, W. O. Irby, and W. E. Moss.

Know Your Neighbors in Saylor's Home

Mrs. Dee Saylor entertained Know Your Neighbors in her home on Ninth Street Wednesday afternoon.

The Xmas season was evidenced in all room decorations where members were engaged in individual handwork, and in the sandwich plate served with fruit cake and hot chocolate at the tea hour.

Included were: Mmes. L. C. Adair, Joe Flynn, Rothal O'Kelly, John Barton, E. S. Cox, Malcolm Morgan, J. H. Endacott, LeRoy McAulay, Cecil Jones, Jack Nixon, Sr., Bill Clark, and Ernest Moody.

Party and Dance Sponsored by Junior High Pep Squad
Junior high school pep squad girls sponsored a party and dance last Friday at the Army and Navy Club, which was attended by about 150 students.

Bingo, ping-pong and other games were played in downstairs rooms while dancing upstairs was to nickelodeon music. The senior high F. F. A. chapter sold cold drinks and candy.

Adults attending were: Messrs. and Mmes. Clebert L. Kincaid, W. E. Elkins, J. M. Williams, Tom Agnew, W. B. Woody, L. Heniger, Lee Parker, Stanbridge, F. T. Wright, W. J. Hembree, Mmes. O. C. Sykes, Graves, K. K. Hoffman, U. S. Heavenhill, Nat. Williams, Naomi Keithley, Misses Lillian Knowles, Luna Bell Beachum, and Daphne Griffith.

Two Entertain Sew and Chat

Mrs. Fred Middleton and Mrs. Leon Russell were hostesses to the Sew and Chat Club last Friday afternoon in the Middleton home on Eighth Street.

Decorations for rooms, where members knitted for the Red Cross, were in the Yule theme. A dessert plate was served with coffee.

Included were: Mmes. E. C. Tinsley, M. A. Foy, Leyton Hill, G. R. Causey, W. R. Murphy, Jr., J. C. Ward, Tom McEntire, W. O. Middleton, and Henry Moody.

Mrs. Joe Forman is Guest Speaker for First Baptist W. M. S.

Mrs. Carl Black was presiding officer for the regular business and inspirational program held by the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon on Eighth Street. Reports of officers, committee and circle chairmen were heard and Circle 4, of which Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr., is chairman, was awarded the attendance banner.

Mrs. Joe Forman, one of Ballinger's most outstanding spiritual leaders, was guest speaker and talked on "Christianity—the Solution to World's Problem." 45 were in attendance.

Hayride and Dance for Honeysuckle Girl Scouts

Honeysuckle girl scouts included guests Friday evening for a hayride which culminated in an informal game affair and dance at the country club.

A large star hung above the mantel which was decorated with mistletoe and other greenery.

Chaperones were: Miss Lillian Knowles, sponsor, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, and Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wright. Others were: Carolyn Cheatham, June Wright, Joyce Boswell, Faydene Baker, Betty and Sue Parks, Charlotte Miller, Virginia Routh, Claudia Burke, Betty Lou Morrison, Bobbie Tunnell, and Joanne Glover; Bob Sykes, David Middleton, Jackie Russell, John Weeks, Earnshaw, Jimmy Agnew, Audrey Frazer, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., Howard Matteson, Bob Northington, L. W. Paris, Don Hirschfeld, and Harold Richards.

Shultz-Christopher Wedding Announced

Mrs. Beas Shultz of Paint Rock has announced the marriage of her daughter, Tomy Shultz, and S. Gevers Christopher, son of Mrs. T. S. Christopher of Austin. The wedding was read by the Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ballinger, at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving morning in the home of the bride's mother in Paint Rock.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, Dick Hadley, wore a dress of powder blue crepe with tan accessories, and her corsage was of gardenias.

Mrs. W. R. Christopher of Austin was matron of honor. She wore a gold frock with corsage of white carnations. Guy Morrison was best man.

The groom's mother was the only other out-of-town guest for the ceremony and for the buffet dinner which followed.

Mr. and Mrs. Christopher are at home at 803 Phillips Avenue.

First Christian W. M. S. to Observe Woman's Day

Plans for the special annual program to be given in observance of Woman's Day on Sunday evening, December 20, were made at a meeting of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society held Monday afternoon in the church parlors with Mrs. M. A. Foy presiding and twelve members attending. The offering will go to foreign missions.

A Christmas box of cookies, canned fruits and vegetables will be sent to the Juliette Fowler Orphan home in Dallas. Fifteen missionary books were reported read.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS
By Davis Stewart

Bond Sale

To boost the sale of war stamps and bonds, the primary grades under the supervision of Miss Ruth Morgan will have charge of the program next Thursday night, December 17. Admission will be any denomination war stamp or bond. Even though gas rationing has gone into effect, we are expecting a large crowd, so don't let Uncle Sam down.

Donation of Books

We wish to show our appreciation and thanks to Mrs. Floyd Mackey for the eleven fiction books that she donated to our library last week. They are being enjoyed immensely by the entire school.

Homemaking Club Organizes

The Norton chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas met on Monday, December 7, to elect officers. The following were chosen: Lewis Hensley, president; Guyneil Morgan, vice-president; Doris Mary Allan, secretary; Charlene Carlton, treasurer; Toni Will, reporter; Ouida Merle

Sharpes, song leader; Martha Eunice Sparkman, accompanist; Geraldine McDorman, historian; Mattie Landers, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Janie B. Hull, advisor.

Birdies
David, are you sure you've read all that book?

Oh! Oh! Oh! Shame on Magdalene and James.

Jack, do you really have a new hat? Miss Mathis, make Scott leave it alone.

By the way, Rudolph, who is your girl?

Doris Mary, what color is your face???

Miss Mathis, what do you want for Christmas, a car, four tires, or a C rationing book?

More Foods in Bulk Forecast for 1943; Other Changes Due

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 9.—During 1943 homemakers can expect to buy many foods in bulk which they formerly bought in more convenient cans. Sauerkraut is one food, for example, which likely will be sold only in bulk during the year just ahead, says Louise Bryant, specialist in home management for the A. & M. College extension service.

Planning meals by the week and taking war-time adjustments into consideration will increase the homemaker's efficiency, the specialist believes. She predicts that before the end of 1943 housewives may make their soup at home or buy it at her neighborhood grocery store and take it home in a jar or bucket. Manufacture of canned soups has been curtailed because of uneconomical use of tin cans.

Miss Bryant says eliminating the frills in packaged foods and other household articles may be

expected, too. Soap will have fewer wrappings, and there will not be as many types and sizes of containers on the grocer's shelves.

Looking at adjustments in the clothing field, Miss Bryant says consumers need not expect many major changes in 1943, but 1944 may offer many problems. In the year ahead homemakers will find fewer cottons on the market, less rayon and wool goods, and more "blends" of wool and synthetic fabrics. Articles such as galoshes must be "duration goods," that is, they must last for the duration.

"There are some new mixtures, fibers and articles on the market," Miss Bryant says, "but they are still in the experimental stages, so don't believe all the claims made for new articles and materials on the market."

TWO NEW ZEALANDERS ESCAPE NAZIS TWICE

CAIRO, December 9.—Two New Zealanders, twice captured by the Nazis, once in Crete and later in Libya, escaped both times. Corporal R. E. Ridell, of Auckland, and Ben Hooker, of Waihi, roamed the hills of Crete seven weeks after the first escape before they got a boat and made their way to Egypt. Several months later they were prisoners of the Germans in Bardia when the British captured the city and released them.



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Extra Nice GREEN BEANS	1b. 15c
White POTATOES	10 lbs. 29c
Fresh GRAPES	2 lbs. 25c
Texas Seedless GRAPEFRUIT	bu. \$1.49
Mince Meat	2 boxes 25c
English Peas Dry Pack	2 cans 15c
Peaches	No. 2 can 21c
Tomatoes	No. 2 can 10c
Corn Whole Grain	No. 2 can 15c
Meat Salt	50 lbs. 79c
Salt Morton's Sugar Cure	10 lbs. 85c

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Fancy CHUCK ROAST	lb. 25c
Large—all meat BOLOGNA	lb. 22c
Fed Calves LOIN STEAK	lb. 28c
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Tire Inspections Are Compulsory By January 31

Oscar Harber, clerk of the Runnels county rationing board, calls attention of all automobile owners that all tires must be inspected by an authorized station not later than January 31. Part of the registration blank for each car was retained by the owner and this form must be taken to the inspector so that a report can be made on every tire.

Practically all tire dealers and many filling stations have qualified before the board for this service which is a rigid requirement of the gasoline rationing plan. Unless tires are inspected it will prevent further supplying of gas for the automobile.

Mr. Harber also calls attention to the fact that persons with no sugar ration book and who expect to purchase coffee must secure the book not later than December 15, the final date for issuing war ration book No. 1.

He further warns that these books where coupons are good for coffee purchases must be for those 15 years of age or older on the date of registration. In cases where No. 27 coupon has been removed from a book of any person under 15, war ration book No. 2 will be denied.

A new regulation has been received on ceiling prices of Christmas cookies, mincemeat, fruit cake ingredients, and other holiday items not commonly sold during March. Merchants selling these items may obtain complete information at the ration board office.

Arthur Giesecke and Bill McGregor are on the Ziegler ranch in Mason county this week, hunting deer.

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Sunday:
9:30 a. m., Young People's League.
9:45 a. m., church school. Classes for all ages.
11 a. m., morning worship. Sermon subject, "The Potter and His Wheel."
7:30 p. m., evening worship. Sermon subject, "The Joy of Salvation."

Monday:
The Auxiliary meets in circles:
No. 1 with Mrs. Leonard Stallings at 4 p. m.
No. 2 with Mrs. M. H. Wormuth at 4 p. m.
No. 3 with Mrs. E. W. Stasney at 4 p. m.
Business Women's Circle with Mrs. C. R. Stephens at 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., prayer service.
8:15 p. m., choir practice.

The public is cordially invited to all worship services.
J. C. JOHNSON, Pastor

First Methodist Church
Sunday, December 13, 1942:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Intermediate and Youth Fellowship, 7:00 p. m.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, December 13:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
11 a. m., sermon by pastor. "Thine Own—First Chronicles."
Baptist Center Fellowship service men, 5 p. m., Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, church hostess.
6:30 p. m., Christmas pageant by Training Union.
Sermon by pastor at 7:30 p. m., "Wanted—Encouragement to God's House—Second Chronicles." The public is invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church
U. S. A.
Sunday, December 13, 1942:
9:45 a. m., church school, Roy L. Hill, general superintendent.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.

French Fascists Inspect Troops



This photo, published in a German propaganda magazine, shows Pierre Laval with Marshal Petain, aged chief of state of France, as they inspected troops at Vichy before the Nazis took over what was left of France. Petain solemnly named Laval fascist dictator and Petain's presumptive heir to replace Admiral Darlan who "sold out" to Allies.

7:00 p. m., evening worship.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ
Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:45 a. m., preaching service.
11:45 a. m., communion service.
6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.
7:30 p. m., evening service.
Monday:
4:00 p. m., ladies Bible class.

Foursquare Church
(104 North Twelfth Street)
"Where you're a stranger but once."
Services:
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Sunday, 11 a. m., morning worship.
Sunday, 8 p. m., evangelistic service.
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., prayer meeting.
Saturday, program practice, 3 p. m. (All children come for practice.)

All well-wishers, friends and members urged to attend these services.
REV. AND MRS. LALE E. GREEN, Pastors

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Worship, 11 a. m. and 6 p. m.
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J. T. SIMMONS, Minister

St. Mary's Catholic Church
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First, third and fifth Sundays at 8:00 a. m.
Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m.
Mass during the week, 7:00 a. m.
H. A. SEITTERS, O. M. I. Pastor.

Church of Christ
(1109 Ninth Street)
Services:
Sunday, 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.
The minister will preach at both services Sunday.
You are always welcome.
L. W. HAYHURST, Minister

Church of the Nazarene
(Ninth and Harris)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
N. Y. P. S., 7:15 p. m.
Evening worship, 8:15 p. m.
WAYNE SEARS, Pastor

Church of God
(Corner Strong and Sixth)
Church school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Junior meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Young People's meeting, 7:30 p. m.
Evening evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday prayer service, 8:00 p. m.
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"Adopt a Family" Plan for Christmas To Local Needy

Needy families in Ballinger are being listed and are to be assisted during the Christmas season. The customary "adopt-a-family" plan will be followed again this year, and organizations, Sunday school classes and individuals are asked to look over the list, select families and provide their needs during the holidays.

Employees of the local welfare office state that the list will be somewhat smaller than in previous years but added that there are a number of families who are really in dire circumstances and could use anything. These people have mostly had hard luck during recent months and clothing, fuel, and anything for the Christmas dinner will be appreciated by them and

will be their only opportunity to have a little cheer while others celebrate.

Jobs are more plentiful and most people are earning more than in a number of years. Illness and other causes put some in circumstances that require aid from others if there is any evidence of Christmas in their homes this year.

A number of groups have inquired concerning a list of needy families and this is being prepared and will be found at The Ledger office from this week-end until December 24.

Those who intend to help are urged to come to this office, check the family or families they are to care for from the list to avoid duplication of effort and make it possible for all the needy to receive gifts.

Mrs. Sam Wellhausen returned to her home in San Antonio Monday after a visit here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Wellhausen.

LONDON WOMAN IS FIRST RAILWAY COP IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Phyllis May Porter is the first policewoman on the London North-Eastern Railway. She carries a card which authorizes her to act as constable "on and in the vicinity of railway stations, works and undertakings in England and Wales." She has not used her uniform, as she has been doing detective work, watching for luggage thieves and other tricksters. If the need arises, she can step into a room in a railway station and change her appearance entirely.

For Allied victory—buy bonds.

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San Angelo Morning Times	6 Days	BOTH \$6.20
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Abilene Morning News	7 Days	BOTH \$7.70
Ballinger Ledger		
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Our chain of joyous, untroubled Christmases is broken. This Christmas will be different... but we can still make it a good one.

All that Christmas means to us is in peril today and may be lost to us unless we dedicate ourselves wholly to the task of winning the war.

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Ballinger people joined the nation Monday in observance of the first anniversary of "Remember Pearl Harbor." The fire alarm sounded at 11:05 and everyone paused for two minutes in silent prayer for the men in service, for a final and complete victory, and the restoring of peace to the world. Monday was largest single bond buying day in the nation and at local banks and the post office citizens called throughout the day to make purchases. Some left checks at local banks last week, asking that the bonds be issued Monday bearing the date of December 7. This is an effective answer to the Japs who treacherously attacked Pearl Harbor and with 105 planes wrought great damage on our navy, army and equipment.

Runnels county people have received tuberculosis seals from state headquarters for use during the Christmas season. These seals are valued at \$1 per square and those receiving them are asked to put the money in the return envelope and send it to the state headquarters. This money is used in the fight against tuberculosis and a percentage is retained in this county for educational work, clinics, X-ray diagnosis, and in obtaining hospitalization for those found with active symptoms. Don't neglect this important duty. The health of the nation is never more important than in time of war when only the able-bodied are capable of serving their country.

Every patriotic Runnels county citizen would take pride in knowing that somewhere over Germany, Italy or Japan was a bomber bearing this county's name. This will be possible if enough bonds are bought in a single month, and this month an effort is being made to purchase \$175,000 in bonds to have a bomber with the name "Runnels County" painted on its side. It is a big task, however, and requires the cooperation of every citizen. Even the children with their stamp books can help and every person with a supply of stamps on hand is urged to turn them into bonds in December.

B. H. S. Students' Program Theme Is Pearl Harbor

Ballinger citizens observed the first anniversary of the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japs Monday with a two-minute stoppage of work and silent prayers for the men in service and especial those who died on December 7, 1941.

Students of the Ballinger high school devoted a thirty-minute assembly period to a program recalling this fateful date. The program began with a two-minute silent prayer, after which Miss Norma Baker presented numbers. Miss Baker recounted the United States' losses in men and equipment and at the conclusion of her remarks Miss Marjorie McGregor played "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Miss Betty Jean Harper spoke on "What Have We Done Since Pearl Harbor" and described the great strides taken by this government in the first year of war.

Reports were then given by representatives of the thirty nations in the allied camp. In each report the strength of the ally's army, navy, air force and total war materials were listed as well as present military preparations and training underway.

Herbert Fulcher talked on "Freedom of Religion," Buster Gabbert on "Freedom of Speech," Miss Earlene Webb on "Freedom of Want," and Fred Carroll on "Freedom from Fear."

The entire student body recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag and closed the program by standing and singing "Remember Pearl Harbor."

Miss Harper struck a chord close to the hearts of the students in her report of the first year of the war when she referred to the drafting of boys of 18 and 19. Many of those in the high school will enter this group soon and plan to enter the service about the end of the present school year.

Downtown a large group gathered Monday morning at the First National Bank, where a short pause was made at 11:05 and Rev. J. C. Johnson offered a prayer. In a number of other business houses two-minute programs were held with employees assembled for a brief prayer and memorial service.

Joe Palooka says—



"Hey, you're folks, don't forget to go over the top with that 10% for New Year's!"

10% for War Bonds every pay day!

Fighting French Heroes Honored



General Alexander, commander in chief of the British Middle Eastern forces, recently decorated a number of Free French officers and men who distinguished themselves at Bir Hacheim. At top Free French infantrymen are shown as they were reviewed by the C-in-C. Lower photo shows General Alexander inspecting speedy Bren gun carriers and crews.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

A salesman for a wholesale drug house at Waco arrived in Rising Star last week traveling on a large two-wheel gasoline scooter. He stated that his firm had bought six scooters and the salesman would remain on the road for the time being by the use of these vehicles.

The Winters States Bank was one of the first in this section to subscribe to the victory loan asked by the government, taking \$100,000 in bonds. Banks of the nation have been called on to invest in and help advertise the newest type of securities offered by the treasury department.

Concho county home demonstration club women are studying Christmas foods at their early December meetings and watching Christmas feasts in their early some interesting demonstrations. Preparing Christmas delicacies without the usual amounts of sugar, coffee, cream and a number of other items scarce creates difficult problems for the housewife this year, but Concho county women are meeting the issue with new methods.

Bank deposits in Comanche have set an all-time high, customers have almost two million dollars in banks of the city. Money continues to pour in from the sale of peanuts and other crops and farmers and business men alike have sizeable balances. In addition to the cash on deposit many have made large investments in war bonds.

WPA truck crews arrived in Menard county last week to begin a county-wide collection of scrap metal. A number of junk drives have already been held in the county and large shipments made. It was stated, however, that there are many tons still on farms and ranches and this will be hauled by WPA trucks to shipping points.

Fort Stockton observed "Remember Pearl Harbor" Day with a military parade and other events. Cadets from the flying field there.

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ing center. The mother and four other children, three daughters and one son, are remaining at Sweetwater.

Units at Camp Bowie have perfected plans for Christmas programs to continue for two weeks. Pvt. Lloyd Pantages will direct presentations and a large number of talented soldiers will be rehearsed for special roles. Merchants and citizens of Brownwood are cooperating.

County's Teachers Cancel Meetings Until End of War

Dale Douglas, superintendent of the Norton school and president of the Runnels County Teachers' Association, was in Ballinger Saturday and announced that no more meetings of the association would be held during the war.

A program had been planned for Ballinger and a speaker secured but due to gasoline rationing and the work of registration by the teachers the meeting was cancelled and the executive committee voted not to hold another meeting for the duration.

Mr. Douglas stated that the county superintendent had been given the power to name and call a nominating committee at the end of the war, to call a meeting of the teachers and nominate officers for a resumption of meetings and programs. He said the present officers had no intention of trying to kill the organization by cancelling all meetings during the war but that such action was thought best in view of the circumstances.

Teachers in all schools of the county are members of the association and regular meetings with excellent attendance have been held in the past. Programs have been planned and presented which featured outstanding educators of the state.

DEHYDRATION SUBSTITUTES FOR STRATEGIC MATERIALS IN PRESERVING FOODSTUFFS

AUSTIN, Dec. 9.—Dehydration furnishes the answer to the problem of preserving foodstuffs without using such strategic war materials as tin, steel, and rubber, Dr. O. B. Williams, professor of bacteriology at the University of Texas, declares.

War has always brought progress in food preservation, he said, citing the invention of canning during the Napoleonic wars, and the successive advances in

this field during the Civil and first World wars.

Since cans require small amounts of tin and larger amounts of steel, and since glass containers must be sealed with rubber gaskets, dehydration looks as the real solution to war problems of food preservation. Dehydrated foods are shipped easily and in little

space, Dr. Williams points out. Luis Bartlett, university engineer, has built an improved dehydration machine for fruits and vegetables, and Dr. Jet Winters, professor of home economics, is analyzing the vitamin content of dehydrated foods under a U. S. department of agriculture grant.

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And grownups will understand why there isn't the usual supply of electric appliances which in the past have made such swell Christmas gifts.

It dates back to a Sunday morning—December 7, 1941. Since then the wonderful electric train, with its light and whistle and all the bright shiny cars, has gone into guns, planes, tanks and ships. And the factories that used to make electric refrigerators, stoves, sweepers, radios, irons and the like all are doing war work.

In our showrooms are a few small appliances that may be given as Christmas gifts. But, before buying, be reasonably sure they are needed.

The electric power which drives tiny trains for boys like Jimmy also is helping to drive the massive machines that make tanks, guns, bombers and ships. But we planned ahead, and made certain that West Texas had plenty of power. Today every war plant—and every home—in West Texas has ample electric light and power, whenever and wherever needed.

This great abundance of electric power, under the American system of free enterprise, means production—and production in this modern-day war means victory. Then the real Christmas train will come again... and Jimmy will get his 'lectric train!

Letters to Santa!



"I want war bonds and stamps this Christmas."

West Texas Utilities Company



Saves time all around.

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Will you wish you had remembered in time to send a present to the neighbor's boy in service?
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Will you wish you'd bought someone a less-lavish present, and spent the money for more things, for more people?
There's still time to plan a GOOD Christmas, a cheerful, warm Christmas, for a lot of people, while continuing your regular War Bond buying.
That's the kind of Christmas we have planned here at Woodroof's. Come in and let's tell you about it!



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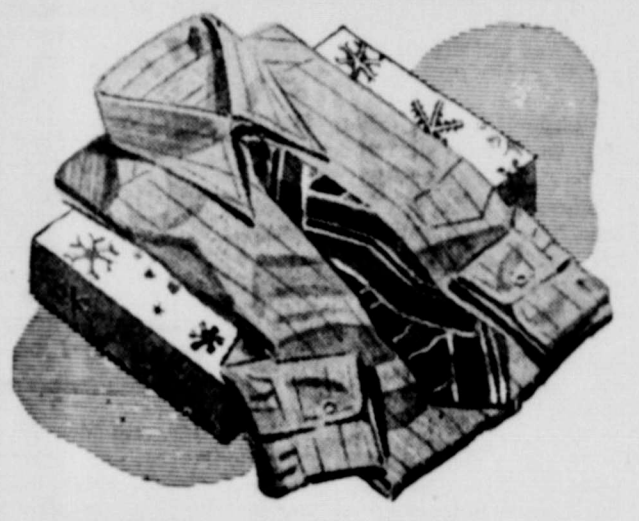
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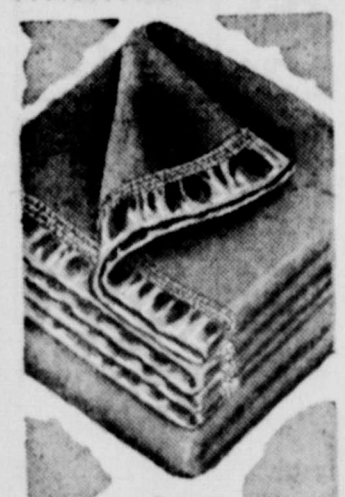
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Slides or Pumps
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Colors: Tan and Brown, also Black
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FOR SALE—Farmall regular tractor, on steel, with Planter, Cultivator and Triple-Disc. J. A. Killough, Ballinger, Texas. 5-14-H

FOR SALE—Threshed Ferguson seed oats for sale, seventy-five cents per bushel. Free from Johnson grass. Phone 4012. C. C. Gray. 26-31*

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FOR SALE—Piggy sows and springer heifers. C. W. McAden, South Ballinger. 3-21*

FOR SALE—Four room house on four lots at Talpa. Cash or will take in good milk cow. Price \$500. J. B. Pratt, 605 Fourth Street. 3-31*

FOR SALE—Polled Hereford bull, three years old. Not a rambler. P. R. Dietz. 3-31*

FOR SALE—One jack, a few horses, and a mule. Mrs. H. L. Tooker, Winters, Texas. Phone 3912, Ballinger. 3-31*

FOR SALE—Bundles hegar, 3c bundle. See Leroy Bryan, nine miles northeast Norton. 3-41*

A Suggestion Fuller Brushes make practical gifts for Christmas. Include them on your shopping list. E. L. DEWITT, Phone 437, 809 Ninth Street. 3-31*

FOR SALE—Practically new Maytag washing machine. Mrs. Gus Ramsey, phone 1279. 11*

WANTED—Job on ranch or stock farm. Experienced. J. C. Carter, Maryneal, Texas. 10-31

Farm for rent to man with tractor. Mrs. Tom Gibson, Ballinger star route. 10-31*

FOR SALE—One jack, a few horses and mules. Want to give away a good half Collie dog. Mrs. H. L. Tooker, Winters, Texas. Phone 3912, Ballinger. 10-21*

WANTED—To rent a farm. Young married man exempt from draft. C. J. Lange, Rowena, Texas. 10-31*

FOR SALE—Second year crop of cotton seed for planting, \$1.75 per bushel. Call 853802. 11*

FOR SALE—Or Trade: Two young mares; good milk cow fresh; twenty solid mouth ewes. L. F. Loika, Ballinger, Texas. 10-31*

About 160 acres black land farm, plenty water, lots improvement, close in, good buy. Frame building, 20x42, cheap. Wm. Gallia, Rowena, Texas. 10-11*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment at 301 Thirteenth Street. No children or pets. 10-11*

LOST—Near Methodist church on Tenth Street one five gallon oil can, one funnel. Return to Gulf Oil Co. and receive reward. 10-11*

Plymouth coupe, new tires, price \$200. See O. K. Morgan. 10-31*

FOR SALE—24 cows from 2's up, 15 spring calves, 160 head ewes, 3's to 5's, 260 acre lease. H. T. Marcus, Valera, Tex. 10-21*

WANTED—Quilting to do. Mrs. Addie Edmiston, Thirteenth and Broad streets. 10-31*

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FOR RENT—Several furnished bedrooms. Phone 179. 10-11*

DEATHS

Joseph J. Beck
Joseph J. Beck, 59, died at his home, 812 Park Avenue, Sunday morning at 6:30 after brief illness. Death was attributed to a heart attack.
Decedent came to Ballinger 23 years ago to become Santa Fe agent and made home here ever since. Prior to moving here with his family, he was employed by the Santa Fe railroad at Brownwood.
Mr. Beck served in many capacities in Ballinger and until recently was active in civic affairs. He served at various times with the chamber of commerce and was a leader in promoting and directing the Runnels County Fair for a number of years.
Survivors besides the wife include a son, Joe Beck, Jr., of Ballinger; his mother, Mrs. W. B. Beck, Brownwood; two sisters, Misses Alla and Clara Beck, Brownwood; a brother, Bryan D. Beck, Corpus Christi; and two grandchildren.
The body was taken to Brownwood Sunday at 1 o'clock and for a short time was at the home of his mother, an invalid. Later it was taken to the Austin-Morris funeral home where funeral services were conducted by Rev. Karl H. Moore, pastor of the First Baptist Church. Interment followed in a Brownwood cemetery. Pallbearers were railroad men and close friends of decedent.
King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

As U. S. Rangers Arrived at Oran



This photograph, radioed from London to New York, and sound-phoned to Chicago, shows United States Rangers and equipment arriving at a beach near Oran, Algeria, in boats as they prepared to occupy the French possessions on the north Mediterranean shore. In between the two key ports, Algiers and Oran, American landings encountered only slight resistance and made deep penetrations. This is one of the first pictures of land operations to arrive in America.

31 Runnels County Men Get Physicals For Army Service

The Runnels county draft board received orders this week not to send any more men over 38 years old to army centers for training. This order caused three to be withdrawn from a group leaving this week and will affect future quotas of this county.
A group of 31 was sent to Abilene Tuesday morning for physical examinations and the men were due back for a two weeks' stay at home before induction. Practically all of the men were 20 years old and some were married. The board had to include a few recently married men of this age in order to fill the quota.
Two men will report at Fort Bliss, El Paso, this week-end and left here this morning by bus for the gate city. Two others, Lee Roy Hubach, Winters route 3, and Jessie Christopher, colored, of Ballinger, have been ordered to report at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells.
Volunteers reported to the local board this week include the following:
Robert W. Strother, San Angelo, navy
Carroll L. Mullins, San Angelo, army enlisted reserve
William E. Perkins, Austin, naval reserve
James A. Ballew, Winters, navy reserve
Ben W. Denny, Ballinger, naval reserve
Harley E. Ryan, Winters, army air force reserve
Lloyd T. Clifton, Winters, army air force reserve
Robert L. Young, Jr., Miles, army air force reserve
Cordie C. Paske, Rowena, army
Otto C. Grandin, Miles, second lieutenant, army reserve
Neyland D. Compton, Norton, army air force reserve
Men of 18 and 19 who have already registered will be available for the January quotas. It was stated at the local office. Paper work on the last registration has already been completed and the board has classified the men and assigned order numbers.

WEDDINGS

Burk-Trammell
Miss Jessie Trammell, daughter of J. A. Trammell, prominent Talpa ranchman, became the bride of George W. Burk Tuesday afternoon, December 1, in a ceremony performed at the home of the Rev. M. C. Golden on Eighth Street.
The bride is well known in Ballinger and the groom has been an employee of Weeks Drug Store for the past several years.
The young couple will make home at 1000 Broad Street.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jobe, of Fort Worth, are entertaining a fine baby daughter, born Friday, Mrs. Jobe was formerly Miss Clara Mae Forgye and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Forgye of this city are grandparents. The mother and baby are both doing nicely.
George Ross Causey, Jr., was born Friday morning at the Halley & Love Sanitarium to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Causey. The young man weighed 8 1/2 pounds upon arrival and he and his mother are doing nicely. Papa Causey is up and about, looking after the Christmas rush at Perry Bros., with a deeper interest in Santa Claus than ever before.

B. C. D. Helps

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five members, all farmers and a stockman, to the board which at present is comprised of five business and professional men.
Members of the safety committee will seek the cooperation of the state highway patrol to work with them and school officials in an educational campaign for bicycle riders. Dr. J. Dexter Eoff, chairman of the committee, said there seemed to be some confusion in regard to traffic regulations for these riders and as a result they were going and coming in all directions. A patrolman will explain how riders are to follow regular traffic, stay on the right side of the street, not ride on sidewalks, go to corners for regulation turns, etc.
Committee reports took up the remainder of the time of the meeting.

ENGLISH WOMAN'S JOB SAID HARDEST IN WAR EFFORT

HULL, England, Dec. 9.—Mrs. Edna Hind, 23, wife of a Hull longshoreman, has the hardest job of the war, according to neighbors. She works eight and a half hours a day, bending and twisting steel bars as a blacksmith's striker in a factory. Henry Bretherick, the blacksmith, says Mrs. Hind is as good a workman as his former striker, now ill. She is small, strongly built, uses a 12-pound hammer to shape steel bars into munitions. She gets \$10 a week.
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Work Order Here For New Highway To Harman Center

Earl Beavers, senior resident engineer for the state highway department, was in Ballinger the first of the week with a work order for the army access road to be constructed from the Harman Training Center to Ballinger. Actual construction will begin as soon as an 80-foot right-of-way is secured.
The route of the road was selected by army engineers and the county will name a three-man commission who will inspect the route and determine the value of the land, to be bought by the city. As soon as the land for the road is made available work will be started by the state highway department with federal funds being used for the construction.
The road will be a straight route from Bruce Field to where it connects with the Ballinger-San Angelo highway. One fairly large drainage structure will be necessary over a small creek and three 8 by 6 foot concrete openings are specified for this span.
The work will be speeded as much as possible until the road is completed.
Good progress was being made this week on laying the 8-inch water line from Ballinger to the flying field. All pipe had been

received and was being strung along the route. A ditch-digging machine was due here the latter part of the week and will be put in operation from the Colorado River to the field as soon as it arrives. In this ditch will be placed the concrete-asphalt pipe now being strung.

Other materials to be shipped are the pumping machinery for the station on Hutchings Avenue and at the field, storage tanks, fire hydrants, and a number of other smaller items.

Miss May Good has returned from a two weeks' visit in Fort Worth, Cameron and Houston.

Curtis Harber, who is stationed at the army airfield at San Angelo, was here the past week-end for a visit with his grandparents.

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Scharletta Caffey

Scharletta Caffey, one-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Caffey, died at the family home, four miles south of Rowena, Monday morning at 9:30 from pneumonia.
The father is now in the army and stationed at the AAF bombardier school, San Angelo. Mrs. Caffey and the baby were making home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Preidecker.
Survivors include the parents, one brother, and the other grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Caffey.
Funeral services were held at the King-Holt chapel Tuesday afternoon, Rev. Frank Lammert, pastor of Zoar Evangelical Church of Rowena, officiating. Interment followed in a Rowena cemetery.
Pallbearers were Hudson Herring, Chester, Billy and Curtis Caffey.
King-Holt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. J. H. Webb

Mrs. J. H. Webb, 78, died at the Halley & Love Sanitarium this (Thursday) afternoon at 1:30 after being seriously ill for only a few days. She was admitted to the hospital for treatment Tuesday afternoon.
Decedent had been a resident of Runnels county for the past 41 years and most of that time lived at the family home, 10 miles southeast of Ballinger on the Colorado River. Her husband died in August, 1941.
Survivors include two sons, Vernon Webb, Ballinger; Earl Webb, Bryan; two daughters, Mrs. C. B. Hines, Orlon; Mrs. Phillip Kobey, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; fifteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.
Funeral services will be held at the King-Holt chapel Friday afternoon at 2:30, Rev. G. C. Bowman, pastor of the Bethel Methodist church, and Rev. John Merritt, pastor of the Talpa Methodist church, to officiate. Interment is to follow in the Runnels cemetery.
Pallbearers will be J. H. Shellburne, Mead McShan, Chester Cherry, Paul Richardson, C. E. Maedgen, and J. T. Brandon.
King-Holt Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

BALLINGER FIREMEN GET CHECK FOR \$25

The Ballinger fire department received a check for \$25 from Mrs. G. G. Odum the past week-end in appreciation of the fine work done when called to the Central Hotel to combat a fire. The blaze, in the basement of the building, was extinguished with only a small amount of damage.

RATIONING OF TIRES AND TUBES TIGHTENS IN CUBA

HAVANA, Dec. 9.—Cuba has tightened rationing of tires and tubes, and private cars are not eligible unless they are the property of physicians and habitually used for professional purposes. Also omitted from the list of eligibles are the president of the republic and cabinet members. The Havana government will allow preference to consular and diplomatic officers stationed in Cuba only if similar preference is allowed Cuba's representatives in the respective foreign capitals.
Commercial vehicles are ineligible unless used in the republic's basic industries—dairy products, meat, sugar, tobacco, coffee and minerals. Tires will be denied to persons against whom preventive measures have been taken because of nationality or persons sympathizing with the enemy.

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