

Mosquito Elimination Program Underway; Millions are Killed

The city commission is cooperating to the fullest extent in the mosquito control program here and for the past ten days has had crews working in every section of the city and at some spots outside the corporate limits. K. V. Northington, city secretary, stated that the workers had found millions of mosquitoes and breeding places and that at least another week would be required to complete the city's part of the campaign.

Water under culverts, stagnant pools along the creek and river and other places have been found to be breeding places where mosquitoes by the billions could come from. A spray has been made up and the crew is carefully inspecting and treating every spot that shows infestation.

Within another ten days, Mr. Northington believes all breeding places will be eliminated where the city has jurisdiction and it will be up to the property owners, especially those with cisterns to continue the work.

Chief Holder on an inspection tour here last week found breeding places in all cisterns he looked at, and urged that every cistern in Ballinger be treated if citizens wanted the city to be free of these pests.

The B. C. D. and other agencies are assisting in the campaign in every way possible. A few people declared their cisterns were not infested but Mr. Holder gave the opinion that every one in town should be treated.

Dousing with kerosene will not contaminate the water in the least, he said, and would eradicate the mosquitoes.

A careful inspection has been made at the municipal dump grounds and all cans and other vessels containing water have been corrected.

MORE MOTORISTS ASKED TO LIST THEIR AUTOS BY SHARE-THE-RIDE CLUB

The share-the-ride club, sponsored by the Ballinger Board of Community Development is receiving a number of calls and numerous rides have been arranged in the past three weeks. However, there are more requests from people wanting rides than there are from motorists making trips.

On the list this week were the following:

Party wanting to go to Dallas next week.

One wanting to return from Ft. Worth by the first part of next week.

Party wants to go to Oklahoma week of July 15.

Couple wants to go to Coleman Sunday morning.

Car going to San Angelo each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, with room for three passengers.

Anyone making a trip who has an extra seat in his car is urged to telephone No. 39. Every effort will be made to get drivers and passengers together for the convenience of both. There is no charge for this service.

POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE MAKE BIG GAIN IN SECOND QUARTER. BEST IN HISTORY OFFICE

Receipts at the Ballinger post-office gained approximately two thousand dollars in the first six months of 1943, \$1,559.39 of this amount being taken in in the quarter comprising April, May and June.

Postmaster Tom Caudle completed his second quarterly report at the close of business on June 30, which was one of the best in history of the local office.

Quarterly reports for 1943 and comparisons for the same periods in 1942 follow:

	1943	1942
First quarter	\$7,818.74	\$7,390.00
Second quarter	8,833.92	7,274.73

EIGHT METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE AT GLEN ROSE CAMP

Rev. W. E. Shipp and O. G. Morrison returned Monday afternoon from Glen Rose, where they had been to accompany eight members of the intermediate department of the First Methodist Church to the annual encampment there.

Those attending this week are: Cordie Lou Forney, Freddie Woods, Patsy Bell, Nelda Sanders, Mary Evelyn O'Neill, Bobby Tunnell, Betty Lou Morrison and Marilyn Joyce Bowden.

The young people will be at Glen Rose all this week attending special programs and taking courses in church work. They will return home Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Bailey will leave next week for a trip of several weeks in the East. She will attend an ashrum at Lake Winnepausaukee, New Hampshire, to be conducted by Dr. E. Stanley Jones and other prominent Christian leaders. She also will visit several eastern cities and points in Canada.

Adrift 131 Days



Fish and rainwater was the complete diet of Poon Lim, this 25-year-old Chinese sailor, while he drifted on the Atlantic for 131 days with only a raft between him and Davy Jones' locker. His ship had been torpedoed.

SOUTH BALLINGER HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The South Ballinger home demonstration club met Tuesday, July 6, in the home of Mr. Virgil McShan. Following the business session Miss Tankersley gave a program on feeding in an emergency such as floods, storms and bombings. She gave an immediately emergency menu as well as hints on estimating amounts.

The next meetings will be in the home of Mrs. J. W. Jones on July 20. Shadows will be revealed.

A delicious refreshment plate of punch and cookies were served to the following: Mmes. J. C. Reese, B. M. Batts, George McMillan, Brian Jennings, J. Boothe, C. D. Harris, Fred Moncrief, Douglas Barnett, Harold Routh, Newman Smith, Miss Tankersley, and Betty Lou Batts.

SPECIALIST SAYS RABBIT MEAT PRODUCED QUICKLY. ADDS VARIETY TO MEALS

COLLEGE STATION, July 7.—Rabbits are marching to the rescue of the meat shortage. According to R. E. Callender of the A. & M. College extension service, rabbit fryers are produced quickly, and "the home use of their fine grain, pearly white nutritious meat will add variety to the family diet."

Callender, who is extension game management specialist, says that rabbit raising requires little space and equipment, and may be carried on in city back yards as well as on the farm. Only 90 days are required after the doe is mated until four or four and a half pound fryers are ready for the skillet. With proper feeding the young are ready for consumption at about two months.

Out of 51 definite breeds of domestic rabbits Callender suggests New Zealand whites, New Zealand reds, Flemish gians and Chinchillas as among the best suited for beginners who desire to produce meat and fur. White rabbits of the larger breeds make excellent meat and their skins usually bring top prices, he explains. All pelts should be saved and marketed. Home production may be started with young rabbits or bred does, but normally one male and two females might be sufficient for a beginning.

Hutches, which may be built or scrap material, should be adapted to the requirements of two mature does. Outside measurements should be approximately 30 inches width, 20 inches height and 10 to 12 feet length. A V-shaped hay rack made of 3/4-inch poultry wire may be placed in the center to serve both compartments. A slide trough eight inches wide and one inch deep beneath the hay rack will hold grain and catch hay leaves. Self-cleaning type floors are best made with one- to two- inch slats, or with half-inch mesh hardware cloth.

A home-mixed grain and protein ration, supplemented by bread scraps, fresh vegetable trimmings, or home-grown vegetables and roots provide proper feed. Additional information may be obtained from county extension agents.

House guests in the S. M. Jonas home this week are Miss Nadene Jonas and Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Jonas, of Deming, New Mexico, and Mrs. R. C. Slaughter, sister of Mr. Jonas, of Hobart, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings visited their parents at Brownwood the fourth and fifth. They were accompanied home by their nephew, Ed B. Gilliam, 3rd, of Goldthwaite, who will visit here this week.

E. E. King visited with Mrs. Edgar Boelsche in Temple Monday and returned home that evening. Mrs. Boelsche was called to Temple to be at the bedside of her mother, who is seriously ill. Lieut. Boelsche, stationed at Sacramento, California, will join Mrs. Boelsche at Temple Friday.

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France's Future in Their Hands



Gen. Henri Giraud and Gen. Charles DeGaulle, leaders of two French factions trying to unite in a fight against the Axis, are pictured shortly after DeGaulle arrived for a consultation. Seemingly, all that stood between the union of the two groups was DeGaulle's demand that he be given a high post in Giraud's North African government.

The Men Behind the Gun



Looking like characters from a futuristic adventure strip, members of a gun crew stand ready at battle stations inside a turret aboard the 31,000-ton British battleship, Malaya. Their weapon is a 15-inch gun—the same size as the guns aboard the 22,000-ton British battleship, Repulse, which was sunk on December 5, 1941, by the Japanese.

Hundreds Offer Home to Soldier's Waifs



Their father is in the army and their mother is ill in the South, so the four bright-eyed brothers pictured at top were waiting at the Children's Aid society in New York for someone to give them a home until their parents can come back. Hundreds responded to their plea expressed via a newspaper. Among them was William G. Heiss, millionaire oil man shown at bottom. Heiss is a Greek-American who has contributed over \$1,000,000 to Greek war relief.

Jap Scores Bullseye but U. S. Fliers Safe



Officers and crewmen of a Liberator B-24 bomber are pictured beside their plane somewhere in the Southwest Pacific shortly after raiding a Japanese base at Gasmata, New Britain. A Jap Zero pilot scored a bullseye through the center of the bomber's marking star but failed to bring the plane down. Four other heavy bombers took part in the raid.

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No. 508

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS STATE BANK

at Ballinger, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 30 day of June, 1943, published in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper printed and published at Ballinger, State of Texas, on the 8 day of July, 1943, in accordance with a call made by the Banking Commissioner of Texas pursuant to the provisions of the Banking Law of this State.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	\$ 339,338.30
Loans secured by real estate	21,153.01
Overdrafts	4,218.76
Bills of Exchange	15,034.24
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision there	492,322.39
Other bonds and stocks owned, including stock in Federal Reserve Bank	40,000.00
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	3,750.00
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	864,181.00
Total	\$1,795,997.70

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus Fund	30,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,029.48
Reserve for Contingencies	5,075.00
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	69,258.14
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	1,393,804.34
Individual Time Deposits due after 30 days	14,132.28
Public Funds, including Postal Savings	179,387.39
Cashier's Checks and Certified Checks Outstanding	811.07
Total	\$1,795,997.70

STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF RUNNELS

We, Mrs. J. F. Currie, as President, and Edward Sommer, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Mrs. J. F. Currie, President
Edward Sommer, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of July, A. D. 1943.
(Seal) Thos. G. Patteson, Notary Public, Runnels County, Texas.
CORRECT—Attest:
R. E. Bruce, R. W. Bruce, C. H. Wylie, Directors.

RECAPITULATION

Assets	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 318,291.31
Overdrafts	4,218.76
Banking House	15,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,000.00
Other Real Estate	3,750.00
Cash and due from Banks	\$864,181.00
Bonds, Warrants and Stocks	532,322.39
Commodity Credit Corp. Loans	42,200.00
Bills of Exchange	15,034.24
Total	\$1,795,997.70
Liabilities	
Capital Stock	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus	30,500.00
Undivided Profits, net	3,029.48
Reserve for Contingencies	5,075.00
Deposits	1,687,283.22
Total	\$1,795,997.70

Garfield Stars in 'Air Force,' Factual Story of Pacific War

The army air force tells its own story on the screen of the Texas Theatre beginning Saturday night in midnight preview, in "Air Force," the first factual account of the army's part in the air war over the South Pacific.

The departmental archives were thrown open with reservation to Director Howard Hawks. Major J. Theron Coulter and Major Sam Triffy were assigned as technical advisors to Director Hawks, who flew fighting planes himself in World War I, and has produced the outstanding air thrillers, "Dawn Patrol," "Only Angels Have Wings" and "Ceiling Zero."

John Arnold said to tell the facts—how the Yanks had to take it on the chin, and keep taking it, and then started to dish it out to the Japs.

The film features John Garfield, Gig Young, Harry Carey, George Tobias, Arthur Kennedy, James Brown and John Ridgely. But the starring role is assigned to "Mary Ann," a B-17, known as a Boeing Flying Fortress. Although this is her first starring role in a screen story, she is far from being an unknown quantity. She comes with press notices from all over the world testifying to her great range and power. Her assignment in "Air Force" turned out to be an arduous and exciting experience, but, according to advance reports, she made the grade and rendered a sensational performance.

Jane Withers as Song-and-Dance Girl, and Hopalong Cassidy at Texas Tomorrow "Johnny Doughboy," featuring Jane Withers in a musical, and "The Leather Burners," in which Bill Boyd again portrays the astute "Hopalong Cassidy," are the two feature-length films at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. In addition are several short subjects, comedy, news reel, cartoon, etc.

Miss Withers sings three solos in "Johnny Doughboy," a duet with Pat Brook, and four ensemble numbers. The songs include "You Do My Eyes a Favor," "There Takes a Guy Like I," "Baby's a Big Girl Now," "All Done, All Through," "Give the Kids a Chance," "The Victory Caravan," and "Johnny Doughboy."

In "The Leather Burners" Bill Boyd again rides as "Hoppy" in roaring, high-gear action drama and once again provides spine-chilling moments for his admirers of long-standing and his new fans.

Supporting players in this tale of rustlers vs. ranchers include Andy Clyde, Jay Kirby, Victor Jory, George Reeves, Shelby Spencer, George Givot, Bobby Larson, Hal Taliaferro and Forbes Murray.

A. & M. DAIRYMAN SAYS GRAINS IN STIFF DOUGH STAGE BEST FOR SILAGE

COLLEGE STATION, July 7.—The next 90 days will be the peak silage-making period in Texas. To make good quality silage such feeds as corn, grain sorghums and sweet sorghums should at least be in the stiff dough stage, says E. R. Eudaly, dairyman for the A. & M. College extension service. It is better to have the grain getting hard provided the majority of the leaves still are green. When leaves are burned up they contain no vitamin A. Likewise, if the leaves are green and the grain is in the milk stage there is no vitamin A content.

The feed should be packed into the silo so as to exclude excess air. If it is chopped with a cutter the pieces should be in half inch lengths or less and distributed in the silo with pieces of stalk and leaves well mixed. If an ensilage cutter isn't available the trench may be filled by "shindling" in the feed in bundles. This is done by putting down a layer or bundles lengthwise of the trench. The second layer should be lapped half way on the third, the third half way on the second, and so on.

Whether chopped silage or bundles are used, the trench should be filled one foot above the level of the ground for each four feet of depth in order to prevent the contents from settling below the level of the ground. Covering the trench, first put on a five or six inch layer of dirt and wet it thoroughly. A second layer of equal depth should be placed over this, but should not be wet. Trench silos should be constructed to provide drainage.

Eudaly says that if the leaves of the feed being put into a silo are green and the stalks contain enough sap or juice to run out when twisted, water need not be added. If it is drier than this add enough water to make the silage feel damp when a handful is squeezed.

In filling a trench silo the packing can be done with a tractor or hoars.

WOMEN'S CLOTHING TO BE SIMPLER FOR DURATION, A. & M. SPECIALIST STATES

COLLEGE STATION, July 7.—Clothing is catching the war spirit. A new government conservation order means there will be an increase in the output of clothing for women and children from the available supply of cotton, rayon, and wool.

For the duration women can expect to be well dressed in simple clothing, says Mrs. Dora R. Barnes, clothing specialist for the A. & M. College extension service. She explains that the control on materials for dresses is planned so that peg-top skirts and evening skirts will be narrowed down. And to help save material, trimming allowances will be figured on the square inches of fabric used in a dress.

Bows, ruffles, revers, jabots, and the like are restricted in width and thickness, and cuffs are to be made with only two buttons and button-holes. For two-piece suits, double-breasted fronts and bi-swing backs have been abandoned on jackets. Pockets have been limited to two, although more flaps for more "false" pockets are permissible.

The specialist says culottes, as well as reversible, lined, or quilted skirts are gone for the duration.

There are other changes in fabrics which homemakers may expect. For instance, percale and dress goods that weigh four ounces per yard with a thread count of 80 in the warp and 80 in the filling may no longer be made for civilian use. These materials—favorites among homemakers for children's clothes and house dresses—are needed for the manufacture of such things as underwear for the armed forces and surgical goods.

JAMES WEAR WILL REMAIN COUNTY OPA CHAIRMAN; 2 RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTED

Mark McGee, state ration board head, was here last week for a session with members of the local OPA board and price panel. Misunderstandings and charges of various nature were brought before the meeting for investigation by the state OPA representative and at the close of the meeting he announced that he would take the matter under consideration.

James A. Wear received a letter Tuesday morning in which Mr. McGee requested that he continue to serve as chairman of the Runnels county board and urged that other members give of their time in carrying on this important wartime work.

Two resignations have been submitted by board members and accepted and these positions will be filled soon by the state OPA office.

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EXTRA! DID YOU KNOW... That for every soldier landed overseas FIFTEEN TONS of supplies and equipment must be provided... This is only one of the many answers to the question "Why don't we invade Europe?" You'll find the answer to many more when you see... TEXAS Next Wednesday and Thursday July 14-15

'Air Force'



Scene from Warner Bros. "Air Force," featuring John Garfield, at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 11, 12, 13.

Auto Owners Urged To File Applications For New 'A' Books

Application forms to renew present "A" and "D" gasoline rations are available to filling stations and banks in Ballinger and elsewhere in Runnels county. OPA boards are urging all automobile and motorcycle owners to pick up copies, fill them out and mail them to the ration board as soon as possible. Present "A" books expire July 21 and the Runnels county board hopes to have all new "A" books mailed to the car owners prior to that date.

Announcement was made this week that Christmas packages may be mailed to soldiers overseas, from September 15 to October 15. The packages may not be more than five pounds in weight, fifteen inches in length and 36 inches in length and girth combined. They should be marked "Christmas gift parcel" and only one package will be accepted for mailing by or on behalf of the same person or concern to or for the same address during any one week.

The OPA announced that more pork, lamb and mutton and less beef will be available for civilian consumption during the three months period beginning July 1.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club met with Mrs. Marion Hays on Thursday, July 1. The business session was conducted by Mrs. Claude Simmons, president. A program on "Making the Most of Our Appearance" was given by Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent.

A shower was given for one of the members and refreshments were served to eleven members and six visitors.

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2 Big Shows GINGER JANE'S A big girl now... and she steps out with the army in a swelluva show that's wacky with khaki! Jane WITHERS -In- "JOHNNY DOUGHBOY"

Hoppy's A Hurricane... Of lightning action and smoking six-guns as he clears the range of racketeers! WILLIAM BOYD as HOPALONG CASSIDY -In- "Leather Burners" WITH ANDY CLYDE • VICTOR JORY Cool! As a Mountain Lake Allied Round the clock bombing of Axis bases... in the News. TEXAS Friday and Saturday BUY AN EXTRA BUCK IN WAR STAMPS DURING JULY

Quality of Texas Wheat Improves In 5-Year Period

COLLEGE STATION, July 7.—The quality of Texas wheat has greatly improved over a five-year period, and this year's crop is expected to continue the progress, in the opinion of E. A. Miller, agronomist for the A. & M. College extension service.

Mixtures of hard red winter and soft red winter wheats in Texas shipments practically have disappeared, he explains. A survey made by U. S. department of agriculture marketing specialists reveals that in 1937, 237 carloads of mixed wheat were reported in Texas. No shipments of mixed wheat were reported at markets in 1942. The previous year there were 15 cars of mixed wheat.

A greater decline in smutty wheat is something for Texas growers to be proud of, Miller says. A total of 894 carloads of smutty wheat were reported for Texas during 1937, and in 1942 the number was down to 32. The "low year" for smut was in 1941 when only six carloads of damaged wheat were reported. This is due to a large extent to increased seed treatment for smut. Continuing this treatment will keep smut damage to a minimum.

A new variety, Comanche, which is a cross between Tenmarq and Oro, likely will become popular as soon as enough seed is available because of its good baking qualities, better yield and test weight than Tenmarq. There will be a fair supply of Comanche but not enough to meet the entire demand.

Wheat varieties, as well as the combine-type milos, the new waxy white kafir, and an improved sudan grass were discussed at a series of grain-grading schools held recently under Mr. Miller's direction in Vernon, Plainview, Amarillo and Perryton. The school at Lubbock was under the direction of Dr. A. W. Young, head of the agronomy department at Texas Tech. Aggregate attendance was 233. Cooperating in the meetings were local county agents, grain inspectors, Texas Tech, the agricultural experiment station, triple-A, and the Texas Wheat Improvement Association.

The 1,111 navy engineers and pre-medical students assigned to the University of Texas for training under the new V-12 program must stay within three blocks of the campus during the week, and "bounds" for their week-end liberty is a five-mile radius of the capitol building.

Ninety-six cents out of every dollar goes for War expenditures. The other four cents goes for Government expenses "as usual."

Read the grocery ads and save.

DOUBLE FEATURE No. 1 RED BARRY -In- "Carson City Cyclone"

No. 2 H. B. WARNER JOHN ARCHER -In- "City of Missing Girls"

Plus Chapter 5 G-MEN "THE BLACK DRAGON" And Cartoon

TEXAS Friday and Saturday BUY AN EXTRA BUCK IN WAR STAMPS DURING JULY PALACE Fri.-Sat.-Sun.

Mickey Rooney Has Lead Role In Saroyan's 'Human Comedy'

Tender and great is the story of human people as brought to the screen in the M-G-M film, "The Human Comedy." Eagerly awaited by many, the story, written by William Saroyan, is to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, July 10, 11, 12, 13. In it Mickey Rooney is said to give the outstanding dramatic performance of his long career, leaving behind him the unique characterization of Andy Hardy in the series of the same name.

"The Human Comedy" deals with family life in a typical American small town. The Macauley family, for instance, is poor in worldly goods, but spiritually rich. Ma Macauley, portrayed by Fay Bainter, is a widow, and her eldest son, Marcus, played by Van Johnson, is a private in the army. Mickey Rooney is the second son. He gets a messenger's job in the local telegraph office, working after school, so that he can help out at home. His work calls for him to meet people—all sorts of people—and to get to know them. He learns much from Frank Morgan, who gives a telling account of himself as an old broken down telegrapher, and James Craig, the

philosophical manager of the office. There are comic moments, tragic incidents and tender love scenes, all deftly interwoven in this inspiring story. Craig handles the romantic angle effectively as Marsha Hunt, daughter of the rich banker, plays up to him as "her man."

Other members of the cast include Donna Reed; Jack Jenkins, film's newest child discovery; Dorothy Morris, Mary Nash, Rita Quigley, Darryl Hickman, Barry Nelson, Henry O'Neill, Katharine Alexander, Ann Ayars, and John Craven.

Despite gasoline rationing, sales of Texas filling stations during May were up 26 per cent over May a year ago, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports.

WAR HORSE Put Your Payroll Savings on a Family Basis Make 10 per cent Just a Starting Point WARREN WARNER'S "WAR HORSE" John Garfield, Harry Carey, George Tobias, Mary Ann, Johnny Doughboy, Hopalong Cassidy, Red Barry, John Archer, City of Missing Girls, G-Men: The Black Dragon, Texas, Palace

