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Ballinger Schools Granted \$17,733 in Federal Funds

Supt. Nat Williams was notified the past week-end that presidential approval had been given the application of the Ballinger schools for aid through the federal works agency in the sum of \$17,733. Application for this was made several weeks ago and was recently passed by the state office and sent to Washington for final approval.

Funds are available to schools for cost of maintenance and operation of facilities in territories where there are training programs and where costs and school enrollment have been increased.

A similar application was made last year and the local schools were granted \$7,684. It was this money that made it possible to bring teachers' salaries in line with other schools of this region. At the opening of the term this year another application was made as soon as a general survey could be made and the application was approved in the full amount.

The money will be paid into the local school treasury quarterly.

The additional funds will greatly aid the local school board in maintaining the faculty standards and the high type of work done here.

All Red Cross Yarn Issued to Knitters; Rush Work Urged

All yarn for the new Red Cross knitting quota has been issued and work has been started by many knitters to have their garments completed and ready for shipment before the deadline, January 15. Yarn was issued here Saturday afternoon, many women calling to get the material and instructions.

Supervisors stated that issuances were made at Winters, Miles, Wingate and Rowena, and that all yarn was in the hands of knitters. In issuing the material some person received too much and each knitter is asked to check and see if she has the extra balls. The following is required for the various garments: 6 balls for a sweater, 4 for a muffler, 2 for one pair of gloves, 5 for two helmets. Anyone with more than the amount for garments undertaken is asked to contact Mrs. Troy Simpson, local supervisor.

Those who have made afghan blocks from scrap yarn are asked to turn in the completed pieces so the afghans can be finished and shipped to hospitals, probably to McCloskey General Hospital, at Temple, where numerous local soldiers are being treated.

Miss Jean Endacott has gone to Brady, where she will be manager of the Western Union office. She reported there Tuesday.

Miss Inez Sawyer, of Cuero, is the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Giesecke this week.

Mrs. S. J. Dorshaw, who has been here several weeks visiting her son, Cadet Jack Dorshaw, will leave Monday for her home in Philadelphia. For the past week she has been a guest of Mrs. Emma Nash.

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Cash is Received For School Lunch Rooms of County

County Superintendent Ernest Caskey this week received a check for \$279.09 from the war food administration which is to be applied to the cost of operating school lunch rooms in this county for the last half of October. Hereafter he is to receive approximately \$600 monthly to be used for this purpose and the amount will be distributed through all those operated in schools of the county.

In addition to the cash grant, Mr. Caskey said this county would also get shipments of surplus foods from the WFA distributing department. Recently 29,000 pounds of Irish potatoes were received here and other shipments may come in later in the year.

At present there are 15 lunch rooms being maintained in the county, 9 of which are in common district schools. Mr. Caskey said over 1,000 pupils were eating their noon meals in these lunch rooms each school day.

With the new grants maintenance will be considerably easier and the project will be continued with even more taking advantage of the hot noon meals. In the Ballinger lunch room about 300 pupils are being fed at noon daily and the cafeteria is being operated successfully on a 20-cent charge.

Ballinger-Crowell Game to be Heard Over Station KRBC

The Ballinger-Crowell regional championship football game will be broadcast tomorrow (Friday) afternoon, starting at 2:20. The first ten minutes will be used to give the starting line-ups, color and other game arrangements with the kickoff at 2:30. Station KRBC at Abilene will handle the broadcast with a play by play report of the entire game and a special description of the between half color thrown in by a separate announcer.

The Bearcats left here this afternoon at 12:30 for Stamford where they had reservations for the night. This afternoon late they will limber up on the Stamford field, the scene of last year's championship game. Early tomorrow morning they will go on to Crowell to await game time.

The Ballinger band and pep squad will leave at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning and will drive straight through to Crowell, arriving there about 1 p. m. and in time for the game. Tickets have been on sale here the past two days with a good number of takers.

The Bearcats are crippled for the first time this year, being without the services of the regular end, Hendricks, and with McWilliams ailing with light influenza.

ADAIRS AND GUEST ATTEND CONCHO FIELD GRADUATION

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair and daughter, Margaret Ann, and Mrs. Jennie Riebe, of Warsaw, Wisconsin, who was a house guest of the Adairs last week, attended graduation exercises at the SAAAT in San Angelo last Saturday. Small Margaret Ann pinned bombardier wings on Fred Riebe of class 43-15. A commission was also granted the cadet, Lt. Riebe, the highest ranking man in his class, was the first man on the platform after the student officers.

All Ballinger Unit Soldiers Previously Reported Missing Now War Prisoners

Killough to Head Boy Scout Drive Scheduled Here

The annual campaign for maintenance funds for the Ballinger Boy Scout organizations will be conducted here Thursday, December 16, with J. A. Killough as general chairman, it was stated today by Frank Pearce, Colorado River district finance chairman. The campaign will start with a "dawn patrol" breakfast Thursday morning and the committee hopes to finish up with a "victory coffee" that evening.

Scouting has reached a peak in Ballinger this year with three troops sponsored by the Rotary Club, Lions Club and a group of citizens, and a new Cub pack being organized.

Scoutmasters serving these troops are George Newby, troop 29; Oscar Batts, troop 30; and Rev. Edward B. Postert, troop 42.

Chairman Killough is selecting squadron leaders and crews on this "offensive in the interest of youth." E. C. Grindstaff, Nat Williams, Tom Agnew and Frank Pearce met Monday to perfect plans for the drive.

Christmas Mailing Must by Completed Within a Few Days

Postmaster Tom Caudle this week called attention to a number of rules governing the mailing of Christmas cards and parcels. He declared the normal mail handling was equal to the Christmas rush of previous years and that is the reason for early mailing and numerous restrictions this year.

Those sending Christmas cards to men overseas or to an A. P. O. address should send them first class with a 3-cent stamp affixed. In fact all cards should be sent with first class postage to insure prompt and proper handling. The 1/2-cent rate is for advertising matter.

Mr. Caudle also urges the mailing of Christmas packages this week-end in order to insure delivery before Christmas. Packages mailed later than this deadline date probably will not reach their destinations and be delivered in time for Christmas, the postmaster said. Also he declared that the mailing of Yuletide cards as late as has been the custom in the past will certainly not permit them to be delivered until sometime after Christmas as it will be impossible to handle them.

County H. D. Council To Exhibit Products Of '43 Achievements

The exhibit, expansion and education committees of the Rannels county home demonstration council were in session here recently and made plans for placing exhibits in Ballinger and Winters. These phases of home demonstration work were covered by the clubs this year.

The exhibits will include home food supply, fruit and vegetable canning, meat canning, dried foods, storing meat in oil, home improvement, slip covers, upholstery, reseating chairs, war work such as Red Cross sewing and knitting, hospital bags. Other displays will feature sugarless cookies, cakes, etc.

The exhibits will be placed in stores on December 9 and will remain there several days. In Ballinger one of the large windows at Higginbotham Bros. & Co. will be used, and another display will be seen at Winters and at Norton.

The public is invited to make a thorough inspection of the displays. Clubs of the county have carried on a big program during the past year and their achievements will be on show for all to see.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Erwin and Mrs. B. H. Erwin have returned from Savannah, Texas, where they attended the funeral of a relative last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Appleby have returned here after a plane trip to Nebraska.

All Rannels county men in the 36th division previously reported missing in action, are now prisoners of war. The last to be heard from was Sgt. Rufus W. Ransbarger, and this morning his father, Albert E. Ransbarger, got a telegram from the war department saying he was a prisoner in Germany.

The men were all reported missing in action since September 13, the fourth day of the invasion of Italy and many local friends believe they were all taken together. When part of the group was reported prisoners and others not heard from it was feared some had not survived the fierce battle and were unaccounted for. The five messages received this week makes it certain all are prisoners of war.

A telegram was received Wednesday afternoon by A. G. Wallace, father of Pfc. Robert G. Wallace, informing that he was a prisoner of war.

Mrs. Ruth Bailey received a message from the war department informing that her son, Sgt. W. S. Bailey, was held prisoner. His wife, a nurse at San Angelo, was also advised at the same time.

Later in the day a message was received by Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Burk, announcing that their son, Pfc. J. P. Burk, was a prisoner. Mrs. B. B. Campbell, of Hatchel, mother, and Mrs. Lawrence Dewees, wife, received similar messages Wednesday morning, telling that Pfc. Lawrence Dewees was a prisoner of war. This information had been transmitted from the German government through the International Red Cross.

Dewees was reported missing in action along with the others in company C, 142nd infantry, 36th division, and had not been heard of until Wednesday.

The telegrams announcing the capture of Bailey and Burk came on December 7, two years after Pearl Harbor and America's entry into the war.

SURGICAL DRESSING MATERIAL EXPECTED AT CENTER SOON

Work in the Red Cross surgical dressing center is expected to be resumed some time next week and all class members will be notified when the material is received to start the new rush quota. Mrs. R. T. Williams, supervisor, has received a bill of lading on the shipment and expects it to arrive any day.

Work will be started at the first possible work period and all who can are urged to assist in getting the quota finished before the deadline.

Extra work periods may be arranged in order to complete the quota on time and workers are asked to cooperate with other class groups and work whenever possible.

Mrs. Lena Gay More, of Brownsville, spent Sunday here with Mrs. Della Halley.

Let's Include Cadets in Christmas Plans

EDITORIAL.
Ballinger citizens are reminded as they make plans for Christmas that there will be several hundred aviation cadets here this year who will be a long way from home and with very little to do. During the past two Christmas seasons, since the coming of cadets to Bruce Field, every man in uniform has had an invitation into a home for Christmas, where he could relax, enjoy family environment and have a good home-cooked Christmas dinner.

It is hoped this year will be no exception. It is a small thing to do and practically every home is preparing for a Christmas dinner and it would be no more trouble to take care of from two to four more. The visit of these soldiers will add a little more to the enjoyment of Christmas in the homes where they are invited, and the end of the day will find those who entertain them a little happier.

Bruce Field officers hope these invitations will be extended and they have announced that all the young men will have open post on this day of days. Any who would like to have the boys as guests over the week-end may also be able to make the arrangements.

A majority of the boys in training here are hundreds of miles from home. Some will be spending their first Christmas away from their loved ones, and at best it will not be too happy for them. They will appreciate joining the family unit for the Christmas dinner, at the Christmas tree, and in other activities of the day, and it will help them to return to the post in better spirits.

Cards are being prepared which will be passed out through the churches and by other groups. Local people are urged to sign these cards at once, indicating the number who will be entertained, and if they know cadets, signifying the ones they have already invited personally, or indicating preference of boys from any section they would like to have. The important thing is to sign the cards soon, so all boys may be assigned and the hosts instructed when and where to pick up their guests.

Parents and Friends Visit Cadets Here During Past Week

During the past week a number of parents and friends have been in Ballinger for visits with cadets in training at Bruce Field.

Mrs. N. R. Henderson arrived Friday from Whitewater, Wisconsin, to visit her son, Cadet J. N. Henderson. She returned Sunday night to her home, where she is engaged in the insurance business.

Mrs. L. R. Grandy, of River Forest, Illinois, and Miss Edith Barnett, of Evanston, Indiana, arrived Saturday for a visit with Cadet R. S. Grandy. They returned to their homes Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Frazier, of Columbus, Ohio, arrived November 26 to visit their son, Cadet Phillip M. Frazier. They left Monday for their home, Miss Letty Roegge, of Columbus, Indiana, spent the past week-end here, visiting Cadet Frazier at Bruce Field.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Dennis Perkinson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, came in Friday to visit their son, Cadet Stanley C. Perkinson, who has just been released from the hospital. They left for home Monday.

Mrs. Olive Domely, of Marlette, Michigan, arrived Sunday for a visit with her son, Cadet Robert D. Domely. She plans to return home December 13.

Mrs. Eldon Wayne Carter, of Kansas City, Mo., arrived Thursday for a visit with her husband, Cadet Eldon W. Carter. She plans to remain here while he is in training at Bruce Field.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fine, of Brooklyn, came in Saturday for a visit with their son, Cadet Robert D. Fine, who had just returned from the Goodfellow Field hospital where he was treated for an injured ankle. Mr. Fine, manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., of New York, praised Ballinger and its people highly. He stated that citizens here lived by their motto that Texas was a state of hospitality. He especially praised Bruce Field and the great work being done there with the young men.

Mrs. Roy Glasscock, of Gays, Illinois, and Miss Mary M. Bence, of Windsor, Illinois, arrived Friday to visit Cadet David G. Glasscock. They also spoke highly of Ballinger and the friendliness of the citizens. They both declared they were delighted to know the boys are so well taken care of at the local flying field. They plan to return here for another visit on December 13.

Betty Jean Palmer and Geneva Watkins, of Sweetwater, have returned home after a week's visit with Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Minix, Jr., and family.

Ballinger Men Attend Aviation Conference

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Eleanor Thorp, Sp. (T) 3c, and Ruth Weyerman, Sp. (T) 3c, both members of the Wave detachment at Corpus Christi, spent the past week-end in the home of Mrs. Thorp's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams.

Mrs. Thorp left Corpus Christi today for San Francisco, where she will take a course in special devices. To be there two weeks, she will return to Texas in time to get a short furlough home. She was selected with two others from her entire department for the special training at San Francisco.

Eugene V. Waechter, CM 3c, with the seabees in the Hawaiian Islands, reports that he is working hard but doing fine. Recently he visited a cousin, Earl Hamilton, in the army, and they had a fine time together. He had already received his Christmas packages.

Letters were received here this week from Sgt. Mavrin Hanz, of Rowena, who is in the 1036 signal company in India. On duty there a long time, he has written friends many interesting letters from that area.

Mrs. Lawrence Dewees, of Ballinger, whose husband was reported missing in action a short time ago, has received word that her brother, Pfc. James Paske, is a prisoner of war in Germany. He had been reported missing for some time and the message that he was missing was the first since he became missing. Mrs. Dewees is the former Miss Pauline Paske.

An exciting story is told which concerns Lt. Don Taylor, of this county. Lt. Taylor is a grandson of R. P. Taylor and the late Uncle White Turner, of Norton. He lived here for a number of years and attended the Ballinger schools but enlisted in the air forces at Alpine, where he was attending school at the time.

The Liberator bomber of which Lt. Taylor was a member of the crew had bombed Rabaul and was speeding away when a Jap Zero appeared out of the clouds and opened fire. He was intent on a suicidal mission and many of the bullets hit the bomber, injuring some of the crew. Taylor and the other pilot were both injured and the navigator took over while their wounds were dressed. Taylor then took the controls and a little later the No. 1 engine went out and this was followed by others until all four had stopped. The former Nortonite glided the big plane down and into the water after most of the crew had bailed out just in front of an American destroyer. Another plane followed the stricken ship down and remained to see the rest of the crew, including Taylor, in a life raft, and then went for help. The men were later picked up and taken to a hospital. Taylor was wounded in the face, according to reports reaching here, and has not been heard from since November 5. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Taylor, now reside at Alpine. While residing here the young man was employed at the J. C. Penney store.

Lt. L. J. ("Pinky") Byers came in this week for a visit with relatives and friends. Lt. Byers has just received his wings and commission. He took primary flight training at Bruce Field.

Lt.-Com. LeRoy Nicholson was in England on November 11, according to a letter received here December 2 by his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson. He is on duty on a merchant ship.

Morris Nicholson, son of Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, was promoted to the rank of major on December 1, according to a letter received this week by his mother. He is on duty at the air supply station, Dayton, Ohio.

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Cal Adair, aviation committee chairman of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, and J. A. Killough, secretary-manager, returned Wednesday night from Amarillo, where they attended the Southwestern aviation conference. Approximately 400 attended the conference from all parts of the United States.

The Ballinger representatives declared they heard speakers of national prominence tell of things to come immediately after the war that are almost unthinkable. They said it was up to every town the size of Ballinger to make its citizenship air-minded and plan for cooperation with air lines so the towns can be included on these routes.

Speakers stated that the securing of airlines during the post-war period would be similar to that of the pioneer days when communities sought railroads. In addition to the main lines, feeder lines will form a network all over the nation to serve the smaller towns with the service in keeping with the need.

The private use of planes after the war was touched on, it being predicted air travel would supersede other means of transportation to a great extent. Small planes are now being developed and are past the experimental stage, it was asserted.

It was said that every town would have an airport in the post-war period. Many will have two, one for private planes and the other for commercial machines only. When the war ends there will be millions of fliers and it was forecast that 500,000 privately-owned planes would be in service in the not too distant future. It was estimated that 50,000 commercial planes could handle the traffic.

The Ballinger aviation committee will start at once assembling information on air mail, probable passenger and freight traffic and other items. It is also planned to conduct an educational campaign to keep citizens informed in regard to future aviation possibilities.

Cities in which military air training schools are located are beginning to make plans on how the airfields can be utilized after the war.

Christmas Seal Sale In Rannels County Encourages Leaders

Early returns in the Christmas seal sale being sponsored by the Rannels County Tuberculosis Association are highly encouraging to those in charge of the 1943 campaign.

Leaders appeal to those who have received seals in the mail to send in their checks as soon as possible and to those who have not bought to do so through other channels. These cheery little stamps should be affixed to all Christmas letters, cards and parcels, the committee said. The 1943 seal pictures a small girl watching Santa Claus drive across the sky and is an appealing portrayal of the Christmas spirit.

This association is performing a vital work in Rannels county and past records reveal many worthwhile accomplishments. The only support is from the sale of seals and for this reason every individual is asked to buy more than usual in order that the wartime program can be stepped up during the next twelve months. The threat of the increase in this disease during war is the cause for urgent need of buying this year.

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Women's, Society and Club News

First Methodist W. S. C. S. Elects Officers

Mrs. E. C. Tinsley, retiring president of the Methodist W. S. C. S., presided at the regular monthly business meeting held Monday afternoon in the Doss Bobie Class room at the church on Tenth Street.

Mrs. Joe Forman gave a Christmas devotional. She also announced that the quiet hour on Wednesday evening, December 22, from 6:15 to 7:45 would be dedicated especially to family groups praying together wherever they may be. It was voted to make a special

offering to a superannuate preacher.

Officers elected, who will begin active duties January 1, were: president, Mrs. J. G. Douglass; vice-president, Mrs. E. L. King; corresponding secretary, Mrs. C. P. Shepherd; recording secretary, Mrs. J. W. Guyes; connectional treasurer, Mrs. V. R. Clark; and local treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Dickinson. Secretaries are: spiritual life, Mrs. Joe Forman; supplies, Mrs. A. B. Legate; Christian social relations and local church activity, Mrs. Ford Taylor; missionary education, Mrs. Y. B. Griffiths; litera-

ture and publications, Mrs. Tinsley; student work, Mrs. J. B. Striplin; young women, girls, and children's work, Mrs. Sam Behringer; baby specials, Mrs. W. O. Middleton; and publicity, Mrs. Troy Simpson. Nominating committee members were: Mmes. Dickinson, Forman, and W. O. Middleton.

Shakespeare Club Observes Federation Day

"The Federation's Contribution to Health and Safety" was the topic discussed by Mrs. C. R. Stephens last Thursday afternoon at the regular meeting of the Shakespeare Club held at the Army and Navy Club. Mrs. E. D. Walker gave a parliamentary drill and Mrs. E. C. Caskey, club president, gave the delegate's report from the recent state convention of Federated Women's Clubs held in Austin.

Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, program committee member, announced that Mrs. Charles Bailey would be guest speaker at the Christmas program December 16. Mrs. Bailey will talk on "Religion's Place in the Coming Peace."

Mrs. Stobaugh had an interesting display of wax and candelier plants brought from a recent trip to the Big Bend country. At the time she was there, a representative from the Johnson's Wax Co. was making a thorough survey of the plant's possibilities. Fifteen active members and Mrs. J. Y. Pearce, an associate member, were present.

Graduation Dance for 44D

Members of Class 44D aviation cadets at Bruce Field were honor guests at a formal dance Friday evening at the Army and Navy Club. Sponsors were the military personnel and instructors and their wives and members of the Army and Navy Club committee.

Besides an elaborate crepe paper decoration in the Air Corps colors of blue and gold, the holiday season was suggested in two small decorated Christmas trees placed at each side of the stage where the letters 44D adorned the curtain valance.

Dancing was enjoyed to the music of an orchestra composed of Abilene young people. Other informal entertainment features were provided by request responses for songs and other instrumental music by talented cadets. Carnation corsages were favors for dates.

Instructors' Auxiliary Gives Afternoon Tea

Members of the Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary included all wives of Bruce Field instructors as guests last Thursday afternoon when they were hostesses at a prettily appointed afternoon tea in their down-town club room.

Christmas decorations were featured about the attractively furnished room where Mrs. M. A. Wheeler, president of the group, extended formal greetings and presented other officers, Mmes. Louis Bergman, Gub Hibler, and W. P. Norris. She also introduced

Mrs. Scott Hartgrove of Paint Rock, who gave a clever review of "Mr. and Mrs. Cugat," by Isbell Scott Rorick.

The lovely lace-laid table was centered with a reflected arrangement of blue and silver tinsel balls and tall blue tapers burned in crystal prism candelabra. Mrs. Donald Nichols presided at the silver service and Mrs. Frank Smith served sandwits and fancy sandwiches.

Mrs. Hartgrove received a gift remembrance.

First Baptist W. M. U. Observes Lottie Moon Xmas Offering

Annual observance of the Lottie Moon Christmas offering and Week of Prayer for foreign missions was made by the First Baptist W. M. U. at four special services last week held at the church on Eighth Street.

The afternoon programs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday had as their theme "Thy God Reigneth." A comprehensive study was made of achievements and needs for all foreign mission fields. Special prayers, music, devotionals, and Scripture readings also were presented at the three meetings directed by Mrs. Carl Black, Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, and Mrs. W. J. Hembree. Mrs. James Wear is president and Mrs. Mark Davis is Missions chairman.

At the Wednesday evening meeting Mrs. J. H. Endacott, young people's secretary, was assisted by Y. W. A. Sunbeams, G. A. and R. A. sponsors, Mmes. Alton Underwood, C. E. Maedgen, Wesley Whitman, Charles Hambrick, Robert Lowry, and Alta Mae Hirschfeld in presenting the theme "Christmas for Christ."

O. E. S. Has Special Meeting for Initiation

Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of Eastern Star had a special called meeting Friday evening in the chapter room to conduct initiatory rites for Robert Bigham.

Mrs. Thelma Gabbert, worthy matron, was in the East to preside and Paul Petty, worthy patron, gave the impressive lecture. Mrs. Velma B. Halley gave a report of the recent General Grand Chapter meeting in Chicago, which she and Dr. Halley attended.

Others present were: Dr. Halley, Mmes. Ora Willingham, Luna Mae Foy, Kathleene Bailey, Rachel Boswell, Lydia Norwood, Effie Hulsey, Halley Parker, Frances Zedlitz, Dale O'Neill, Rama Saunders; Misses Olga Schawe, Griffie Atkins, Agnes Globber, and Marie Norwood.

Joseph Oscar Schott is Seven

Joseph Oscar Schott was honor guest on his seventh birthday anniversary last Sunday afternoon when his mother, Mrs. Oscar Schott, assisted by his grandmother, Mrs. E. C. Schott, Mrs. Chester Afflerbach, Mrs. J. K. Nicholas, and Mrs. Lynn Candler, gave a party for him at their home on Fifth Street.

Carols were sung and games played. Contest winners were Dorothy Ann and Carolyn Affler-

bach of Winters, and Billy Moonen.

At the refreshment hour, the pretty white decorated cake, which was topped with tiny pink candles, centered the lace-laid table. Others were: Patsy Zappe, Mary Lou, Francine, Virginia and Ethel Hoelscher; Jerry Candler, Charles Afflerbach, Billy Flynt, Junior and Rosalie Nicholas, Edna Laverne Calvert, Marjorie, Marilyn and Carolyn Schott.

Chester Afflerbach Honored on Birthday

Chester Afflerbach was honored on his birthday last Sunday when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. Afflerbach, gave a prettily appointed family dinner in their home on Broadway.

The all-white decorated cake, which formed the table centerpiece, was served as the dessert course. Others present were: Mrs. Afflerbach and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Afflerbach and children, Dorothy, Ann, Bobby, and Carolyn; of Winters; Mrs. Joe Spill, Mrs. Simeon Cottelle, Miss Tony Ulrich, and Miss Louise LeMond.

Business and Missionary Meeting for First Baptist W. M. S.

Mrs. James Wear directed the business period for the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street. After the watchword, led by Mrs. Wear, and a prayer by Mrs. A. F. Brock, routine reports of officers and standing committee chairmen were heard.

Mrs. Mark Davis, general missions chairman, and Mrs. E. F. Lawless, community missions chairman, directed a pantomime which gave a vivid presentation of the work to be done by workers from a woman's missionary society in any community. Mrs. Roy Worley was the reader and Mrs. J. A. Norwood played piano background music. A large cross dominated the scene where pictures were portrayed by Mmes. Joe Beck, Jr., Arthur Crockett, M. M. Alexander, Malcolm Morgan, Fred Holliday, Ed Lengefeld, J. H. Endacott, James Wear, T. J. McCaughan; and Joy Lengefeld and Dora Jean Lawless.

Others present were: Mmes. E. P. Talbott, R. M. Lowry, B. C. Kirk, E. L. DeWitt, A. S. Love, A. O. Bartlett, J. W. Blasdell, Emma Speer, Ernest Moody, R. D. Jack-

son, Jack Carroll, Elmer Shepperd, J. C. Cook, Calvin Roberson, W. H. James, Everett Witter, Weldon Howell, Mattie Holliday, W. E. Harvey, Ted Whitehead, Melvin Patterson, Lee Maples, Alton Underwood, and Cam Blackmon.

Joint Birthday Celebration Held for Two Girls

Wilma Lois Duke and Mary Ruth Pape celebrated their birthday anniversaries Saturday afternoon with a party given by their mothers, Mrs. W. S. Duke and Mrs. A. S. Pape, in the home of Mrs. Duke. Joe A. Wolters received the prize for winning in the most games.

The birthday cake, iced in white with pink decorations and candles, was cut and served with ice cream to: Jessie Mae Henderson, Edna Muriel Smith, Wilmogene Dewees, Lanelle Witt, Joyce Lee, Ernestine Reeves, Barbara Berry, Janet McShan, Juanelle Johnson, Barbara Wilkie, Mary Ruth Pape, Wilma Lois Duke, Duane Baxter, LeRoy and Bil Collins, Emmett Wilkie, Joe A. Wolters, John Walter and

Nina Pearl Duke, Mrs. Pauline Dewees and the hostesses.

First Christian Society to Observe Woman's Day

Annual observance of Woman's Day will be made for the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church at the regular eleven o'clock service Sunday morning, December 12.

Mrs. Gene Crawford will play a program of organ music before the devotional and ministering of the sacrament by the Rev. J. T. Simmons, church pastor. Mrs. W. O. Wallace will be soloist and Mrs. Charles Bailey will speak on the part religion must play in world peace.

After the special offering for missions the W. M. S. benediction will be spoken in unison.

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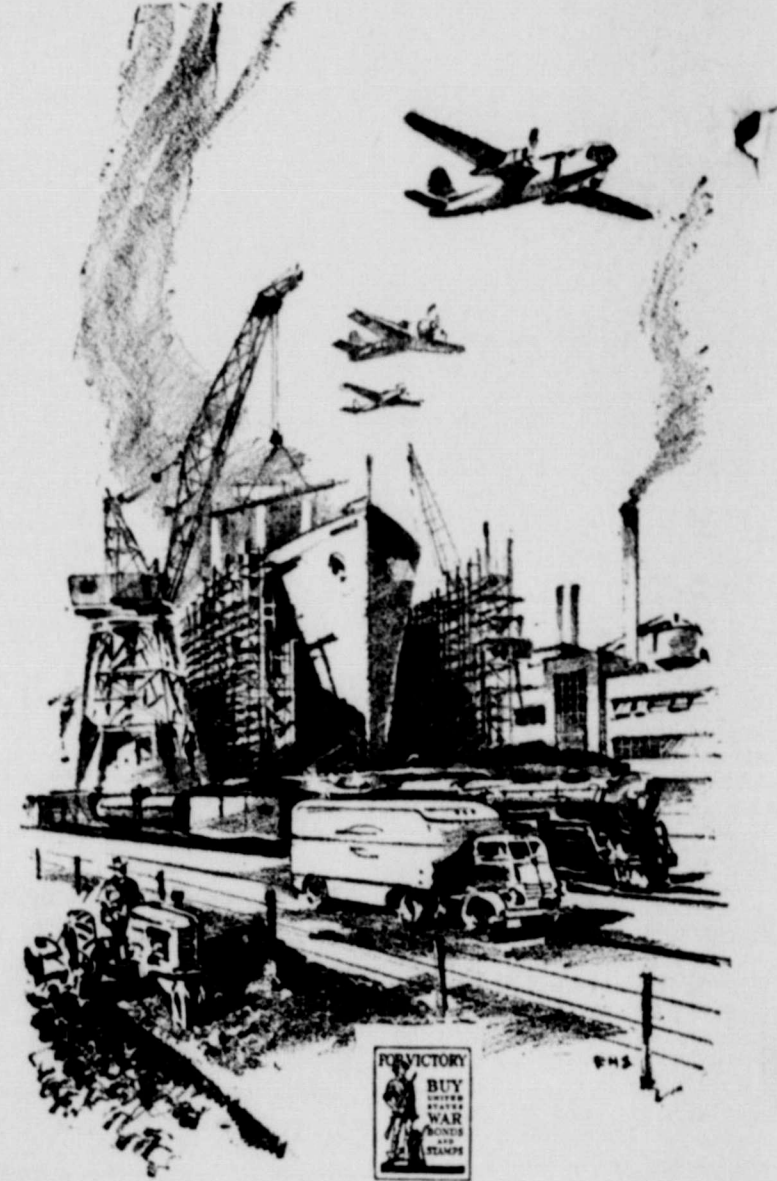
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Bearcats Win Bi-District Title from Dublin 6 to 0

The Ballinger Bearcats stayed in the regional football race and won the right to meet Crowell in the finals this week by defeating Dublin 6 to 0 last Friday night. Holding an early lead, the Bearcats fought hard in their best game of the year to protect the margin which at times was about to slip from them.

A wild bunch of fans rushed on the field at the close of the last quarter to congratulate the boys who had fought a game against much heavier opponents and had won.

Ballinger received the first kick-off and Dublin chose to boot the ball out of bounds. It was a back kick and the Bearcats took over on their own 40-yard line. Jackie Russell slipped off right tackle for five yards on the first play. McWilliams spun to McCorstin but kept the ball and galloped 25 yards off left tackle for a first down. Russell came back by adding 14 and another first down. On the next play Russell started to the left on a sweep and lateraled to McCorstin who went

over for the touchdown untouched. The game was just two minutes old and the Bearcats had scored in four plays. Buxkemper tried for the extra point and the ball hit the cross bar and fell back into the field.

That was all the scoring. It had looked so easy that some fans thought it would be another run-away, but it wasn't. The Dublin team came to and began fighting on both offense and defense to make it the toughest game the 1943 Bearcats have played during the season.

There were a number of times that the Bearcats looked touch-down bound but failed in the crucial downs and were either forced to kick or let the ball go over on downs inside the enemy territory. Penalties played an important part and stopped at least two Ballinger thrusts toward the goal line.

Dublin came back in the second half to show plenty of power and proved that they were in fair condition because of the last quarter attack they staged that carried deep into the Bearcat end of the field several times. Excellent pass defense was responsible twice for their not scoring, with McCorstin, Sykes and Russell watching the receivers and breaking up a number of threats as well as intercepting two at critical stages.

The Bearcats made 9 first downs to 6 for Dublin. In the first half the Bearcats scored 7 first downs to 3 for Dublin and also made that winning touchdown.

PAINT ROCK FOOTBALL TEAM BANQUET HELD IN BALLINGER

The annual banquet for the Paint Rock football team was held at the American Cafe here last Thursday evening with members of the pep squad and four teachers attending. The affair was sponsored by mothers of the players and a full turkey dinner with all the trimmings was prepared and served.

The U-shaped table was beautifully decorated with maroon and white mums, the high school colors. "Paint Rock High School Champions of 1943" was spelled out down the table with maroon chrysanthemums.

Jimmy Cope, captain of the team, was toastmaster. Conversation was a main part of the program, this centering around the championship game scheduled for the next day. Faculty members attending were Supt. and Mrs. L. C. King and Coach and Mrs. C. C. Hoffman.

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'House of Magic' Show to be Presented at Bruce Field



C. Edward Gluesing shakes hands with his own shadow in the General Electric "House of Magic" science show. A phosphorescent screen enables him to walk off the stage and leave his shadow behind, fold his shadow up in a box, or to do any of the many things you may have wished you could do with your shadow.

C. Edward Gluesing, of the General Electric Co.'s "House of Magic," has been booked for an appearance at Bruce Field on the evening of Tuesday, December 14. This science show, for aviation cadets in training here, will be presented in the lounge room at the airfield.

Among other things the nation-

ally known presentation includes how light can be heard, the lighting of a large electric lamp without wires, etc.

The time of the show has not been announced but it will be presented during an off-period for all cadets in training at the local field.

OLD HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS ADDED TO TEXAS U. LIBRARY

AUSTIN, Dec. 8.—Two collections of historical documents have been added to the extensive Latin-American section of the University of Texas library, Leo C. Haynes, secretary of the board of regents, has announced.

The new groups of material are the Hernandez y Davalos and the Sanchez Navarro collections of historical sources, both dealing with early Mexico and totaling more than 150,000 pages.

The first collection includes documents dating from 1760 to 1824, and is concerned with the series of political and military movements culminating in the independence of Mexico and Central America from Spain. The Navarro collection relates to Texas and Coahuila during the period 1858 to 1895.

Citation by Publication
THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: J. S. Bailey, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 24th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 6th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being

No. 4918. The names of the parties in said suit are: Pearl Bailey as Plaintiff, and J. S. Bailey as Defendant.

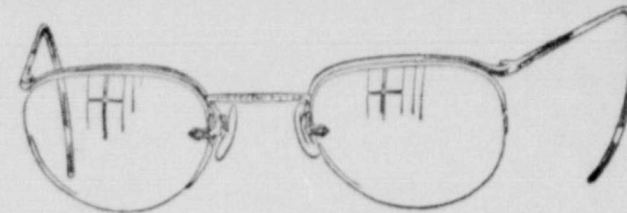
The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Suit by plaintiff against defendant for judgment dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between them and divorcing them from each other and for general relief on the ground that while they lived together, defendant, without just cause, was guilty of cruel treatment, excesses and outrages toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable; plaintiff further alleges she and defendant were legally married on August 20, A. D. 1940, and permanently separated on September 12, A. D. 1942, and that no children were born

to them; plaintiff further requests that her maiden name of Hatter be restored to her.

Issued this the 6th day of December, 1943.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal)
M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
Texas. 9-45

The mortality rate among Mexican immigrant children in Texas is lower than that south of the border, a University of Texas anthropologist has found. The mortality rate is three child deaths per family in Mexico, two among families that have moved to the United States.



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During the years Coach Wright has paid too much attention to teaching the fundamentals of football and not enough to teaching somebody how to flip a coin and call the right side of it. For five times the Bearcats have engaged in a regional championship football game. Five times it has been impossible to buy the game to come to Ballinger and a coin has been flipped. Five times the Ballinger man has called the wrong side and this year the Bearcats will journey to Crowell for the regional game.

Crowell won the right to meet Ballinger by defeating Stamford on Thanksgiving Day by a score of 7 to 6. Had Stamford won, we could have demanded that they play in Ballinger, as we were there last year.

The superintendent and coach from Crowell were in Dublin Friday night to scout the game and at the end invited Ballinger school heads to a meeting to decide. Offer after offer was made to the Crowell men to play the game here, but to each offer they said "no." Finally a coin was flipped and when it was high in the air, the Crowell coach said "tails" and when it landed the guess was right. They announced the game to be played in Crowell Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Too much cannot be said for the Bearcat defense last Friday night. Every man gave it all they had for the full game but at the end of the game officials told local men that McWilliams and Buxkemper could back up a line for any high school team in Texas and one declared that there was the deciding factor of the game.

The Bearcat line-up was Agnew, center; Allison and Sykes, guards; Earnshaw and Williams, tackles; Burger and Hendricks, ends; and McWilliams, McCorstin, Russell and Buxkemper in the backfield. Poe and Frazier were in the game.

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Airfield Allies to Have Important Meeting

The next regular meeting of Airfield Allies Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 3:00 o'clock, is to be a very important one and hostesses, Mmes. Fred Harman, Virgil Bounds, and Virgil Reynolds, are urging a full attendance.

The club has accepted an important Red Cross assignment and many workers are needed.

Williams-Allbright Nuptials in Stokes Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Stokes on Ninth Street was the scene of a pretty home wedding ceremony last Sunday afternoon at six forty-five for Miss Mae Ester Allbright and Eldon Mack Williams, Fireman first class U. S. N. R.

Vows were exchanged before an improvised altar in front of a large window in the living room where lovely orchid and gold chrysanthemums were arranged. The Rev. M. C. Golden, retired Baptist pastor of Ballinger, read the single ring service in the presence of relatives and a few close friends of the bridal couple.

The bride wore a two-piece suit of black wool trimmed in gold. Her small off-the-face hat was black as were her other accessories.

Mrs. Williams was reared in the home of an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Williams of Winters, where she graduated from high school in 1940. She has been employed for the past year by the Southwestern States Telephone Co. of Ballinger.

The bridegroom, son of J. T. Williams of 7126 Cochran Street, Houston, is a graduate of the Lovelady High School. He has been serving in the Southwest Pacific for the past ten months.

After a visit to relatives in Houston, the couple will go to Corpus Christi, where the bride-

groom will report to the U. S. Naval Air Base.

Attending the wedding were: Messrs. and Mmes. O. P. Williams, Jasper Allbright, Harmon Boothe, Walter T. White and Jimmy Boothe, of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Proctor, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Annette Stokes, and Miss Lucille Allbright.

Ruth Ann Erwin is Party Honoree

Mrs. B. H. Erwin gave a party for her daughter, Ruth Ann, on her ninth birthday anniversary Tuesday afternoon, December 7.

The patriotic theme was given elaborate emphasis in all party details. Tall red, white and blue candles centered the buffet with the center one placed in a bowl of red, white and blue balls. The linen-laid table centerpiece was the birthday cake which was decorated as a drum in red, white and blue and topped with nine blue candles in red holders. At the base was outlined a blue star and inside this were candy-filled miniature drums which were individual favors. Individual cakes topped with tiny American flags were served with ice cream by Mrs. Erwin assisted by Mrs. E. L. DeWitt and Mrs. Carroll Bell.

Mrs. Bell directed games. Other adult guests were Mmes. W. A. Erwin and Ed O'Kelly. Other children included: Gene Weiden Williams, Bobby Bell, Janice and Jimmy Church, Nancy Pinson, Nancy Blackmon, Bobby Nichols, Bobby Beck, Della Glover, Joan Douglas, Mary Beth Amarin, Mildred Wade, Mary Jo Forman, Martha Dean, Thelma Smith, Jackie Bankston, Sonny Boy and Jessie Mae Henderson, and Jim Erwin.

Officers' Wives Organize Club

A club to be known as the Officers' Wives Club was organized last Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Bruce Johnson on Third Street. Mrs. Louis Handrick is secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Robert Sieker is reporter, and Mrs. Joe Ingram is birthday chairman.

Meetings will be held each first and third Thursday and at the next meeting, January 6, Mrs. Jack Capps and Mrs. Elbert Black will be hostess. Mrs. Johnson served coca colas.

Other members are: Mmes. Wendell Seibert, William Morlen, and Yale B. Griffin.

Mrs. Henson is Ace of Clubs Hostess

Mrs. D. O. Henson was hostess to Ace of Clubs members and added guests who played substitute hands Wednesday afternoon

'Heaven Can Wait'



Scene from "Heaven Can Wait" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

in her Third Street home.

Xmas decorations were featured about rooms and the Yuletide symbols were used in all table and game appointments. Prizes for high and second high scores went to Mrs. Virgil Reynolds and Mrs. E. C. Caskey.

A plate of sandwiches and cookies was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. E. C. Apts, H. G. Agnew, B. C. Roberts, Jr., I. J. McCook, Jr., W. O. Irby, W. J. Hembree, and Edward Sommer.

Hardin-Simmons Students Guests in Howell Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Howell was the scene of much excitement when their daughter, Miss Billie Howell, brought home three of her friends from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, for the week-end. The visitors were Misses Erma Wilson and Ruth Elaine Davis of Snyder; and Miss Doris Elliott, of Colorado City.

The out-of-town guests and others were honored Saturday evening with a progressive dinner in which four hostesses served. The group was first at the home of Mrs. Clarence A. Morton for the first course, then to the home of Mrs. Frank Kemp for course two, and completed the dinner in the home of Mrs. Neal Nutt. Each home was decorated in the Christmas motif with each course being served by candle light.

Others attending were: Misses Billie Howell, Helen Speer, Virginia Nance, Melba Bankston, Tommye Mansell and Gladys Kemp.

The visiting students were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Howell for Sunday and returned to school at Abilene Sunday evening.

Instructors' Auxiliary in Wheelon Home

Mrs. M. A. Wheelon was hostess to the Instructors' Auxiliary Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Vases of yellow chrysanthemums graced rooms where Mrs. Wheelon presided for the business session, during which a benefit holiday dance was planned for Saturday evening, December 11, at the downtown club. The affair will be formal and admission will be \$1.00 per couple.

After games of bridge a dessert plate was served with coffee to: Mmes. E. C. Apts, a new member; Frank Smith, Ray Livesay, C. D. Shamburger, Donald Nichols, C. J. Stewart, Buster Parrish, Guy Hibler, W. P. Norris, Louis Bergman, C. C. Bentsen, and Jerry Church.

Mrs. Simpson is Club Hostess

Mrs. Fred Vetterlein was included as the only added guest Tuesday afternoon when Mrs. Troy Simpson entertained Triple-Four members in her Wilke Terrace home.

Pine cones and branches were used to center the dining table and an arrangement of fruits with oak leaves decorated the buffet. Smaller arrangements centered quartet tables and tiny cones were tied on game awards. Mrs. E. W. Stasney won high score and Mrs. Harry Lynn the bingo.

Jon Schnable assisted in serving a dessert plate with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Alex McGregor, L. R. Tigner, R. W. Earnshaw, J. A. Schnable, Delbert Vancil, Claude Stone, Tom Agnew, and Ross Murchison.

Civic-Garden Club Elects Officers

Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly was elected president of the Civic-Garden Club for 1944-1945 at the regular December meeting held Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium with Mrs. Eates Lynn presiding. To serve with her are: first vice-president, Mrs. J. B. Striplin; second vice-president, Mrs. B. Frazier; secretary, Mrs. Roy Hill; treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Malone; and historian, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh. These will assume active duties March 1. It was voted to buy a \$5.00 tuberculosis bond. Mrs. O'Kelly asked members to share Christmas bouquets with visitors and strangers in Ballinger, and said that seasonal arrangements would be placed in the Army and Navy Club. Mrs. R. T. Williams, Red Cross surgical dressings chairman, asked the club for full cooperation in the new quota. It was decided that no prizes be given for yard Christmas deco-

Lacy, Mary Brian Woody, and Martha Saunders.

Mrs. Morgan Entertains Know Your Neighbors

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan was hostess to Know Your Neighbors Wednesday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street.

rooms where members did Red Cross knitting or individual hand-work.

A salad course was served with coffee. Included were: Mmes. John Barton, LeRoy McAulay, Cecil Jones, J. H. Endacott, Joe Flynt, Rothal O'Kelly, Jack Nixon, Sr., L. C. Adair, Ernest Moody, Dee Saylor, and Bill Clark.

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

Peace officers of this part of Texas will be here December 17 for a one-day conference, with local officers hosts. The quarterly meeting in Ballinger will feature one of the most attractive programs ever held by the association and for this reason and because it is centrally located, Sheriff J. L. Moreland expects good attendance. The B. C. D. will cooperate in serving the noon meal to the visitors and all local citizens are asked to remember the date and have the welcome sign hung out when the officers arrive.

All transportation lines are getting set for the Christmas rush and civilians are being urged to travel only when absolutely necessary as well as mailing packages early. Every effort will be made to handle the expected heavy travel by military and navy personnel. Many service men will get furloughs and will try to come home to spend Christmas with their families. In most cases these men have been away for many months and civilians should aid the transportation lines in every way possible in getting uniformed men to their destinations. Tomorrow is the last day for mailing packages with the assurance that they will be delivered by Christmas. Help the post office department by mailing at once.

Only thirteen shopping days remain before Christmas and according to local merchants many of their customers are yet to visit their stores for holiday buying. Variety stores have done an early business and the past week-end saw the opening of the Yuletide buying season. Business will continue here through December 24 and then all clerks and other

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employees get a double holiday since Christmas Day falls on Saturday. Ballinger store managers are employing all available help in an effort to serve their patrons the best way possible. It is pointed out that the wise shoppers are those who get the pick of Christmas merchandise before stocks are depleted.

Christmas Party Held by St. Monica Catholic Daughters

A Christmas party was part of the regular meeting of St. Monica Court of the Catholic Daughters at Olfen last week. Santa Claus distributed gifts and favors to the members after which Mrs. Lee Jost, Mrs. Bennie Halfmann and Mrs. Lawrence B. Halfmann presented Christmas readings and a religious quiz. Yuletide songs were sung and hot chocolate, cookies, candy and fruit were served.

The business meeting was conducted by the grand regent, Mrs. Paul Halfmann, and was attended by the chaplain, Rev. F. M. Kaminsky, and thirty-six members. All members will receive holy communion on Christmas day for the intention of peace. Donations will be made to the medical mission. An interesting topic was that given by Lecturer Evangeline Rohnfeld dealing with "Lest We Forget Christ as the Honored Guest on Christmas." She urged that all remember that the traditions of Christmas concern the infant Jesus. She said it was a pitiful sight indeed when the blessed Mother Mary and Joseph could not find room in the inn. Rev. Kaminsky also reminded all to bear in mind Christ at our Christmas dinner tables as the unseen guest and at dinner tables throughout the year.

GRAND PRAIRIE COUPLE PURCHASES CITY CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boen, formerly of Grand Prairie, have purchased the City Cafe from Carl Piel and will assume management of the place on December 15. Mr. Boen stated Monday that he would close the cafe a few days while the interior was repaired and redecorated and would open for business on December 18. Mr. and Mrs. Boen are experienced in restaurant operation and intend to operate the City Cafe on modern plans, rendering full service.

Miss Norma Gene Bankston spent the past week-end in Waco and attended the graduation ceremonies of class 43-K at the advanced flying school, where Cadet H. Allyn Jones received his wings and commission.

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 with WAR BONDS

U. S. Marines Win First Round on Bougainville



United States marines are shown as they battled their way through vicious Japanese defense tactics to form a six-mile-long beachhead on Bougainville island in the South Pacific. Left: As marines take to landing barges smoke is seen rising from Jap installations. Top Inset: Tired marines drink water and rest behind a Jap pillbox. Right: Trees on Bougainville are stripped of leaves and branches by intensive bombardment.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Lt. Herbert M. Briley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Briley of Menard, was killed in an airplane crash near Liberal, Kansas, Thanksgiving day. The Menard man, co-pilot of a B-24, lost his life when two of the huge bombers collided and fell to the ground. He was buried in the Fort Leavenworth national cemetery with military honors.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Strakos, of Rowena, were surprised last week when their three sons, all in the armed forces, visited them at the same time. Sgt. Louis Strakos, Jr., came in from Hawaii after four years' service in the islands. The others arrived from Camp Elliott and a San Angelo airfield.

A meeting has been called at Melvin of all fathers of boys or girls in the armed forces with the purpose of forming an organization, known as American War Dads. Similar organizations are being formed to further full cooperation in every way that will shorten the war, to watch for all disloyals, and assist in many other ways.

Capt. Gene Hopper, of Rising Star, came home last week for a visit with his parents after serving 19 months in the Far East. The pilot of a P-40 fighter in that war theatre he saw much actual combat. He is wearing the distinguished flying cross and the air medal and has received other citations. He praises the spirit of the Chinese and said they were confident.

All orchard operators of Eastland county were notified to meet at Gorman this week. At the meeting methods of improving orchards, cultivating and other important steps will be included. Motion pictures were scheduled showing improvements made in fruit growing in some of the biggest sections of the nation.

Announcement was made last week that Brady has been included on a proposed postwar airline that will permit daily air mail delivery. A check-up showed about one-third of the first class mail leaving the Brady postoffice at the present time was going air mail, or about 600 letters each day. Representatives of the city were instructed to attend a meeting at Amarillo to hear further plans on the proposed line.

The Miles fire department was called into action last week when a blaze originated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Granzin. The department soon had the fire under control with only slight loss to the property owners. The fire was believed to have originated in a hot water heater.

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4-D CADETS LEAVE BALLINGER SUNDAY FOR SHERMAN FIELD

Class 44-D left here Sunday morning for Sherman, where the cadets will get basic training. This class had been at Bruce Field here about nine weeks and most of the men completed the primary flying course.

Members of the class were in town Saturday until midnight and had time to tell local friends farewell. They returned to the post, packed, and were ready to leave early Sunday.

The new class, 44-F, arrived at the local field Sunday and men were assigned to barracks and instructors and began their work this week. This class, as well as 44-E, will be in Ballinger during the Christmas holidays.

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TO: L. H. Thomas, and the unknown heirs, assigns and legal representatives, of the said L. H. Thomas, whether living or deceased, and to any and all other persons, having any right, title, interest and claim, in and to the hereinafter described property, GREETING:

You are commanded to appear and answer the plaintiff's petition at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this Citation, the same being Monday the 17th day of January, A. D. 1944, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County, at the Court House in Ballinger, Texas.

Said plaintiff's petition was filed on the 30th day of November, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4916. The names of the parties in said suit are: Chester Green and wife Mandy Green as Plaintiffs, and L. H. Thomas, et al as Defendants. The nature of said

suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:

Suit in trespass to try title in which plaintiffs ask judgment against defendants for title and possession of the following lot, to-wit: Lot 8, Block 12, Woodard Heights Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas; for \$100.00 damages, for costs and general relief; plaintiffs' petition is in usual form of trespass to try title and alleges chain of title from sovereignty of the soil, and the three, five and ten year statutes of limitations; and that plaintiffs were entitled to possession of said land on 25th day of November, A. D. 1943, and were afterwards on said day dispossessed by defendants.

Issued this the 3rd day of December, 1943.

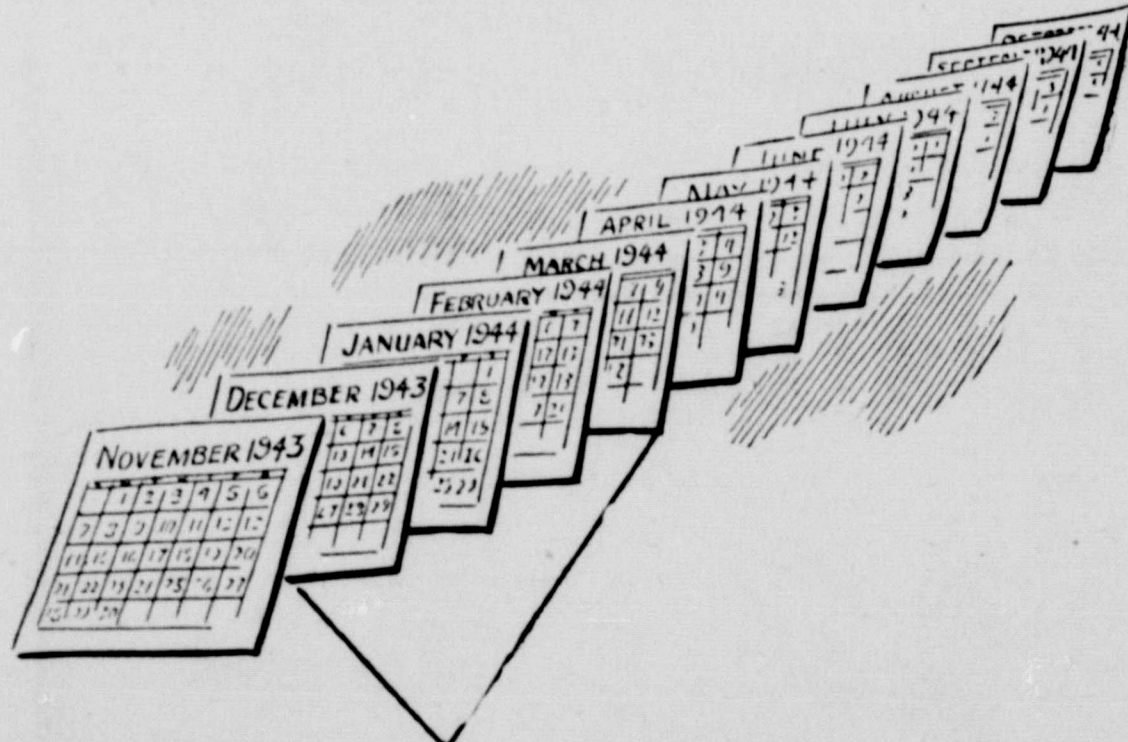
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1943.

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U. S. Sailor's Letter Tells Of Scottish Life in Wartime

Mrs. Rufus Allen received a letter this week from a friend in the U. S. navy that gives a little insight as to how people in some other parts of the world live in wartime. The name of the sailor is withheld. Parts of the letter follow:

"These Scotch are a funny lot, to me they are. You've heard about them being thrifty and tight; well, from looking at this place they have to be both or starve to death. They have been at war for four years and they look it. As a matter of fact, they are about the worst beaten up bunch of folks I've ever seen. They have things rationed here so badly that I just know they can't get enough to eat. An adult is allowed 2 ounces of cheese per week. Candy, even the slightest bit, is rationed. Even the kids that you give a 'thrupny bit' can't buy any candy with it because they have no coupons. Clothes are rationed in Scotland and they run around looking like fugitives from a hobo jungle, and dirty with it because soap is rationed and they cannot get enough to keep themselves clean. Anyway it gets cold in Scotland, and I do mean cold. These little kids running around with their skinny legs exposed to this blue damp cold, don't look like one in ten would live to wear the kilts.

"I tried to buy some handkerchiefs to bring home but I couldn't get anything at all—no coupons. Cigarettes cost these folks 55 cents a package and that is only when they can get them. Some of them

have not had a piece of chocolate in so long they don't know what it looks like. I had a bit of candy in my pocket when I went to Glasgow and I could darn near buy out the town with it. The Scots seem like good people though, in spite of what the war has done to them. All the girls are in the army too. Seems strange but they walk around with heavy, hard-heeled shoes and long trousers with leggings and a small tight fitting hat. Nothing about them to suggest anything feminine.

"We had some women aboard this ship to scrub it up after the seafish soldiers left it and they were a pretty lousy looking lot. They did a good job for a long time and sang as they worked. The chief steward did feed them about 11 that night and I don't think I ever saw people go after food like they did. He gave them more cheese on one sandwich than they could get in a week under their rationing. They didn't do so bad on that as they did on some oranges which were brought out to them. The bigger women knocked the smaller ones down getting to them. One girl about 18 was in tears because she wasn't big enough to get to the oranges and she wanted to eat one and take one home to her baby who had never seen an orange. Seems funny that these people can take so much and still smile and Americans can't keep from howling because they can't drive their cars all they want to. . . . I do wish that some of the good



RURAL NEWS

NORTON

Mrs. Bob Bryan will return home this week from San Angelo, where she has been the past several weeks in a clinic for treatment.

Mrs. Lewis Underwood, of North Norton, was honored with a miscellaneous shower in the home of Mrs. Ed Bryan Tuesday afternoon, with her many friends and neighbors attending. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood will move to their farm near Big Spring on January 1. This community has been their home for many years and they leave many friends who wish them happiness in their new home.

Mrs. Olean C. Gunyon left Wednesday of this week for Liberal, Kansas, where she will join her husband, Pfc. Olean C. Gunyon, who is stationed there. He is a ground mechanic for Liberator bombers.

"Peanuts furnish many of the vitamins contained in meat," said Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, when she demonstrated the making of peanut butter at the regular meeting of the North Norton home demonstration club. The club met in the home of Mrs. Robert Hodges on Friday afternoon of last week. Leaflets for many recipes containing peanuts were given members present. The club planned to have an achievement display in the A. T. Chapman store in Norton this week-end. The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Joe Lacy.

At a previous meeting of the club, held in the home of Mrs. N. R. Hey, several quilt blocks were finished for the hostess and household hints were given at roll call.

Be wise—advertise. people in America could live in Scotland and England for a while to find out what it's all about."

HERRING

We had more than an inch of rain during the week-end which has greatly benefitted the grain for grazing.

There were no church services Sunday—the roads were too muddy for travel.

Several from this community attended basketball games at Talpa Friday night between the Talpa and Centennial school teams.

Mrs. Horace Stokes and son, Wesley, of Talpa rural, and Miss Lexie Brevard, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Whitley, of Ballinger, spent Monday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rube Whitley.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Brookshier, of Benoit, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Bragg.

Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Kerby and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller visited Monday with Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Morton in Winters and reported grandpa able to be up and doing fine.

We were sorry to lose Charlie Stephens and children. They moved last week to the home of his mother, Mrs. R. E. White, near Novice. Mr. White is in very bad health at this time.

Rev. Earl Allen, of Brownwood, came to fill his appointment at the church here Sunday. Due to the rain and muddy roads he spent a few hours in the Arthur Fuller home. Mrs. Allen was sick and unable to come.

Kenneth Rosford, of Granbury, visited Randall White several nights last week.

Give him a crisp WAR BOND for a CHRISTMAS present to be remembered. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

CREWS

This community was wonderfully blessed with a fine one-inch rain Saturday night and Sunday. This following the half-inch precipitation Thanksgiving Day will help small grain to grow more rapidly.

P. R. Dietz, who is seriously ill at a Galveston hospital, is reported to be slightly improved, and physicians say there is some hope at present that he may recover.

Among those who have been at the bedside of P. R. Dietz at Galveston are Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Bridwell, Mrs. J. W. Wood and Marion, who were joined by Mrs. E. N. Phipps of Big Spring, and Mrs. Arthur Hill of Benoit.

Private and Mrs. Ray Hopper are the parents of a son, born at the Winters hospital Sunday, November 5. Private Hopper, who is stationed at a Louisiana camp, is here at present.

Mrs. Pink King has returned from a three weeks' visit to Kermit, Monahans, Sweetwater and Abilene.

A son, Ronnie Glenn, was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Tounge at the Ballinger hospital November 24.

Mrs. Pearl Clark is reported improving from a recent illness. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Minter are the proud parents of a daughter, born November 24.

Friends here sympathize with Mrs. Ed McMillan in her sorrow over her brother, Robert F. Wood, being a German prisoner. Bob is well known here, having lived in this community in childhood and a few years ago was a salesman in E. L. King's Grocery Store.

Mrs. Wallace Traylor, of Wilmeth, who is seriously ill in the Winters hospital, is reported slightly improved at this writing. Mrs. Traylor, a former resident of this community, is a sister of Mrs. Quincy Traylor and Mrs. Dewey Blackmon.

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Extra Care Advised On Checks Received From Government

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt stated today that the U. S. secret service bureau at Dallas had again warned people in this region who receive or cash checks to be particularly watchful for mail thieves and forgers, as many allowance checks are going astray and are being cashed on forged endorsements. The bureau and Chief McNutt advise that the following rules be observed:

- Those Who Receive Checks**
1. Have a good, deep mail box. Have your name clearly printed on it. Keep it locked.
 2. Whenever possible, have your mail carrier deliver checks in person rather than to the box.
 3. Never endorse a check until you are actually in the presence of the person who wish cash it.
 4. Cash your checks at the same place each month. Cash them yourself, don't send children.
 5. If you change your address, notify the post office at once.
 6. Do not fold, pin or mutilate

allotment checks.

Those Who Cash Checks

1. Know your endorser.
 2. Ask for positive identification.
 3. Never cash a check already endorsed. Have it endorsed again in your presence.
 4. Require that all employees who cash checks shall initial them.
- These checks are being received at every post office every month for veterans in the armed services who make allotments to dependents. The stealing of checks from mail boxes has become a "racket" and the secret service in cooperation with local peace officers is striving to the utmost to put an end to the practice.

DR. B. B. HESTER TO PREACH FOR FIRST PRESBYTERIANS

The pulpit committee of the First Presbyterian Church has announced services at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning but no services will be held in the evening. Dr. B. B. Hester, of Carlsbad, is to be with the local congregation for the morning worship period. This service is to be followed by a congregational meeting and all members of the church are urged to attend.

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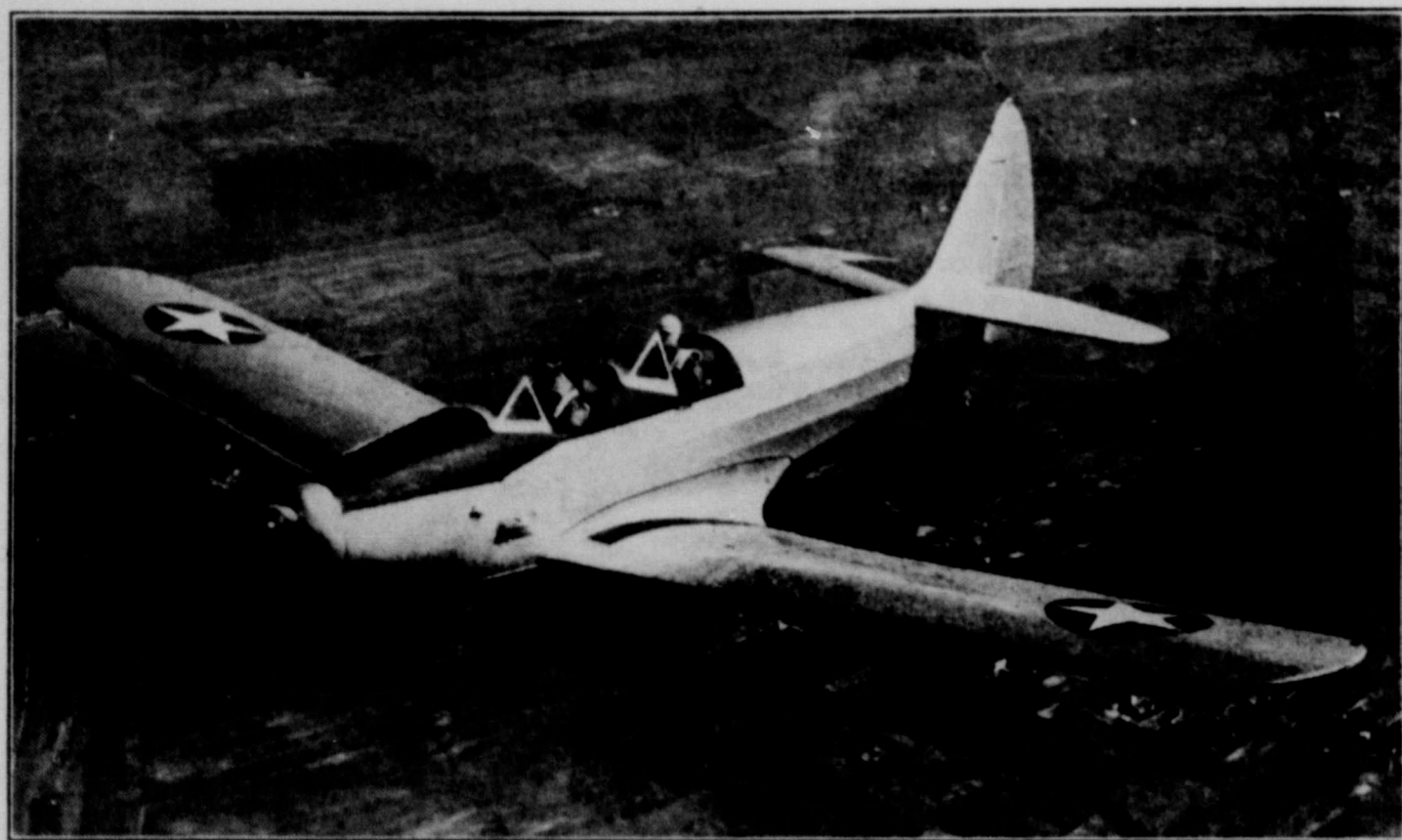
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Fairchild 'Cornell' PT-19 Trainer Used at Bruce Field



To train future combat pilots the finest training planes the aviation industry can produce are needed. A good trainer must not only be inherently safe but must also possess some of the characteristics of the faster "tricker" ships which the flying cadet will step into upon completion of his training period. Before this war, most trainers were of the biplane type, while tactical planes, both fighters and bombers, have been of monoplane design for five or six years. The transition to monoplane from biplane trainers was difficult for cadets and in some cases was largely responsible for some fatalities. But a low-wing trainer was considered comparatively unsafe because of its usual bad stalling characteristics which would invariably result in a spin. One of the most widely used

primary trainers today is the Fairchild PT-19, a two-place, open cockpit low-wing monoplane. In its design special consideration was given to the stalling characteristics so that the ship would not behave like other low-wings at reduced speed. A tapered airfoil with just the right dihedral and incidence makes it possible to stall the Fairchild wing at the fuselage before it is stalled at the tip. This means that aileron control continues effective until all flying speed is lost when the tip is completely stalled. Most low-wing airplanes stall first at the tip, which renders the aileron ineffective almost immediately after the stall has begun.

A primary trainer must be made of non-strategic materials to release aluminum and steel for tactical airplanes. Since the begin-

ning of the war, several manufacturers who employed much metal in the construction of trainers have switched to wood structures, a quick change which does not do justice to the original design.

In 1939, the Fairchild trainer was designed to use as much wood as possible. No major changes in materials have been necessary since its origin. The entire wing structure is wood. The wing covering is of three-ply plywood, which, when finished in its shiny synthetic aluminum paint, looks like aluminum sheet. The steel tubing fuselage frame is fabric covered, and fixed tail surfaces are plywood covered with wood frames beneath. This little ship has wing flaps to slow it down when approaching for a landing. These flaps are also made of wood, and thanks to them, cadets can now

learn the "feel" of a ship with flaps while in primary training.

So popular has the design of the Fairchild PT-19 been that it is being manufactured with a radial engine by two other contractors and is designated as the PT-23. The original PT-19, powered by a 175 hp. in-line Ranger engine, is being manufactured in ever-increasing quantities by the original contractor, Fairchild Aircraft Division of Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation at Hagerstown Maryland, and by two other concerns as well.

The United Nations use more Fairchild trainers for primary stages than any other make, and most of these flow from the assembly lines of a company which employed only 288 people at the time Poland was invaded.

'Demon in the Dark' Will be Cue-Curtain Club's Major Offering

The Cue and Curtain Club of the Ballinger high school will present a three-act mystery-comedy, "Demon in the Dark," at the high school auditorium on the evening of Thursday, December 16. The first curtain will be at 8:15 p. m.

In the cast is Gwen Morgan, a junior, as Sandra Trevor, the lead. She has appeared in "Promote the General Welfare," "The Ring and the Book," "Guest House Exclusive." A member of the Cue and Curtain Club, she has been outstanding in dramatics for several years.

Leon King, junior, plays the part of Bob Hildreth. He has also appeared in "Promote the General Welfare," "Night of January 16." This club member also acts as stage manager in this production.

Fred Carroll, senior, has been featured in a number of club plays and this year is serving as business manager.

Lavinia Faubion, senior, will be seen in the role of Janet McTavish, caretaker of the lodge. The club secretary this year she has also appeared in "The Night of January 16."

Don Williams, senior, has the part of Duncan McTavish in this offering. He has made appearances in other club productions and is the organization's treasurer.

Dorothy Bruce, junior, who is Lizzie Seruggs in "Demon in the Dark," is no newcomer to club performances.

Joanne Glover, sophomore, will

be seen as Dido Davis. She has appeared in "Thanks Awfully" and "Excuse My Southern Drawl." This club member also is in the speech class.

Sam Sensabaugh, senior, has a comic darkey role as Juniper Jenks. Sam came to the Ballinger school from Lubbock and is making his debut.

June Wright, sophomore, will be seen in the part of Ethelene Trevor. She has had parts in a number of plays at junior high and is a member of the Cue and Curtain Club this year.

Elizabeth Routh, sophomore, is Mary McTavish in the current production and was seen in "Promote the General Welfare" earlier this year. She also appeared in several plays at junior high last year.

Bob Sykes, sophomore, as Rollin McTavish, is not a new face in high school performances. He is a member of the 1943 club.

The stage crew includes: Charlotte Miller, prompter; stage managers, Leon King and George McCortin; sound effects, Harold Richards and Joy Campbell; electrician, Kenneth Buchanan; make-up, Norma Baker; costumes, Velma Rayburn; properties, Carolyn Cheatham.

The play is directed by Miss Katherine Freeman, sponsor of the Cue and Curtain Club. Music will be furnished by the high school band under the direction of O. G. Joiner.

Admission will be 20 cents for students and 35 cents for adults.

Arthur Massey, of Dallas, is here for a visit with his aunts, Mrs. G. W. Dunlap and Mrs. J. B. Arterburn. He formerly lived in Ballinger.

JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

By Billie and Beanie

Assembly
In assembly December 1, we were honored by the presence of one of the pastors of our city, Rev. W. E. Shipp. He brought to us an interesting talk in which he humorously chided some of us young ladies for gaining a reputation for talking too much. He also brought out the fact that we should apply ourselves more to our school work but of course, we all do this (?). He cautioned that we should all heed the advice of our parents and teachers and try to make better grades as this would work out to our advantage.

Red Cross Drive Reports
In the 1943 Junior Red Cross drive the county netted the total amount of one hundred and ninety-seven (\$197) dollars. Out of this amount the Ballinger schools contributed fifty-nine (\$59) dollars. The junior high school boys and girls donated twenty-one (\$21.53) dollars and forty-three cents for this campaign.

"Birdies"
The latest poems of the Jr. Hi poet:

The problem today that faces Mary Brian—
The blonde or brunette,
Which shall I choose of the kind?

Who is this couple who makes a great pair?
Bobby Joe Moody—and Elizabeth Wear.

Betty Jean Underwood, what's your nickname?
I'd rather not say—but it's certainly made fame.

Virginia and Howard make such a sight
In the picture show, every Saturday night.

Joe Baker and Martha Ann James
Are at the present such close fitting names.

Say, Bud Wright, do you still have Nancy?
Or is that just a passing fancy?

Guess Who?

The ninth grade personality we are discussing this week is a likeable chap, very reserved most of the time. But he does have his mischievous moments. He is an avid reader, preferring adventure books. He was born at San Antonio and has lived in Ballinger two years. He claims a certain little brunette lady as his best girl friend. His favorite subject is science while his favorite teacher is Mrs. Williams. Football is the best sport he thinks and he hopes to own a big ranch some day. At this young age in life he has grown rather philosophical toward the fair sex. He counsels, "Girls get you into trouble." Guess who? Last week's "Guess Who?"—Mary Brian Woody.

To the victory will belong the soil. Let's keep ours—buy war bonds!



BALLINGER SCHOOL NEWS

By Anne Egge for Natlyene Williams

Southern Assemblies Program

Monday, November 29, a very enjoyable program was presented by Mr. Van Hiesler. He illustrated his timely talk on aviation with colored films.

Wednesday, December 8, Raymond Scheetz, a magician, showed the students of Ballinger high some very enjoyable tricks. All were perplexed and very much amused.

Band and Pep Squad News

The band and pep squad were carried by the fans of the Bearcats to Dublin. During the half the pep squad formed the letters T-E-A-M and was surrounded by the band in the form of a foot-

ball. The members appreciate the rides furnished by the local fans and are planning to go to Crowell. The band has a stunt prepared and the pep squad will do the yelling.

BALLINGER LIONS ATTEND BANQUET AT SANTA ANNA

Harry Lynn, E. C. Grindstaff, W. J. Hembree and John Purifoy went to Santa Anna Tuesday night to attend a meeting of the Lions Club of that place. The banquet closed a membership campaign in which the club of 16 members had signed up 40 new members.

Mr. Grindstaff, deputy district governor, was the principal speaker for the occasion, and Mr. Lynn was in charge of the initiation proceedings.

Read the grocery ads and save.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club met on December 2 in the home of Mrs. H. Shellburne for a business session. A report of the county council meeting was given by Mrs. Claude Simmons. A Christmas party was planned for all club members and their families to be held on the evening of December 10.

New officers elected were: Mrs. Eugene Baker, chairman; Mrs. Meade McShan, vice-chairman; Mrs. Grady Richards, secretary and council member.

Get \$4 for \$3 out of your CHRISTMAS savings — invest in WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

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54 Piece Set, Service for 8.....\$15.95

94-Piece Roseleaf Dinnerware
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Full Service for 12

Against wide bands of rich ivory are sprinkled tiny pink and yellow roses. Says "Merry Christmas" in the grand manner!

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- Spell It Game \$1.59
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- Teacher Tot Toy Blocks \$3.49
- Dolls all prices
- Bowling Alleys
- Doll Houses \$2.89
- Tony Sarg's Table-Chair Set \$3.95
- Books 49c

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Bruce Field Men Training Pilots For Combat Duty

Two men in the army and civilian personnel at Bruce Field who have been here for some time and are still members of the regular training staff are Lieut. Robert Edward Sieker and Lawrence A. Muller. Both have made good records in their work here and are valuable in the program to train youths for combat duty.

Lt. Sieker came to Ballinger in October, 1942, and has served as a check pilot here during the past more than a year. In addition to the above duty he holds the position of operations officer at Bruce Field.

Sieker was born in Menard and attended Tivy high school at Kerrville, graduating there in 1937. Following high school graduation he attended Schreiner Institute and Texas A. & M. College and then was a wool and mohair warehouseman in Kerrville until November, 1941. At that time he entered cadet training in class



Lt. Robert Edward Sieker

42-E at Corsicana, where he got primary training. He received his basic training at Randolph Field, and advanced at Kelly Field, San Antonio, being given his wings in May, 1942. After receiving his commission he went to Goodfellow Field, San Angelo, as a basic instructor and was there until he was transferred to Ballinger in October, 1942.

He was married to a former Ballinger girl, Miss Isla Mae Jennings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Jennings, at Kerrville, on September 2, 1942. The couple make this their home.

After the war, Lt. Sieker hopes to continue flying in some capacity. His hobbies are tennis, hunting and boxing.

Lawrence A. Muller came to Bruce Field as a flying instructor in January, 1942, and has been squadron commander and check pilot. He has 2,400 hours in planes ranging from Aeroncas to Ford tri-motors.

Mr. Muller attended high school at Teaneck, New Jersey, and went to Bergen junior college in 1934. He started flying in November, 1934, at the Bendix airport and soloed there in March, 1935. Later he was an instructor at Bendix in the first flying courses ever sponsored by any high school in the



Lawrence A. Muller

United States. He then went into the CAA program at Bergen junior college. In August, 1941, he went to San Marcos for a refresher course and as soon as it was completed came to Ballinger and has been here ever since. He has instructed such notables as Lieut.-Col. Louis "Rip" Rohr, who has been credited with ten combat missions over Germany and holds the D.F.C., air medal and oak leaf cluster; Major Arnold "Skid" Johnson, who has been awarded the silver star and the purple heart; and Capt. Murphy, who holds the D.F.C.

No Concerted Xmas Aid to be Given Here; Few Needy Reported

It has been decided that no campaign will be conducted in Ballinger this year on the usual "adopt-a-family" Christmas plan. This decision was reached after consulting with the welfare board and finding that there are only a few families here without work and these are expected to be taken care of by Sunday school classes and other organizations without a concerted public drive. The existing labor shortage here has made work available to practically all local citizens and except

because of illness there are few families in dire need this Christmas. The load last year was much lighter than previously, only about twenty-five families requiring aid. More jobs were made available all the year and at the same time more and more men were taken into the armed service and war factories.

Sunday school classes and other groups who desire to assist some needy family get a visit from Santa Claus can get information from the welfare office and then visit the people they select to determine their needs. It will be the first Christmas since the first World War that the Goodfellow or family plan has not been followed here.



Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.
Sunday, December 12:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:00 p. m., evening service.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ
Phone 595
Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible school.
10:45 a. m., preaching service.
11:45 a. m., communion service.
7:45 p. m., young people's meeting.

First Baptist Church
(400 Eighth Street)
Sunday, December 12—Volunteer
Sunday:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Organized classes and departments for all ages. Judge E. C. Grindstaff, superintendent.
11 a. m., sermon by the pastor, "Running Risks for God."
5 p. m., cadet fellowship.
Baptist Training Union, 6:30 p. m., Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, general director.
7:30 p. m., the pastor closes the series of sermons on "The Great Nights of the Bible" with a sermon on "No Night There."
ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
Monday and Tuesday:
The W. M. S. and auxiliaries

meet per schedule.
Wednesday:
7:30 p. m., mid-week service by the pastor.
The public is cordially invited to worship with us.
CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

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

First Methodist Church
Sunday, December 12:
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Vesper service, 5 p. m.
Cadet fellowship hour, 6:00 p. m.
You are cordially invited to worship in all these services.
W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

Church of Christ
(1100 Ninth Street)
Services:
Sunday, 11 a. m. and 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday, 8:00 p. m.

Friday, 8:00 p. m.
Always welcome.
St. Mary's Catholic Church
(605 Sixth Street)
(Telephone 521)
Mass first, third and fifth Sundays and Holidays of Obligation at 8:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 11:00 a. m.
Week-day mass at 8:00 a. m.
FATHER EDW. B. POSTERT,
O. M. I.

Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Rowena
Church school, 10:15 a. m.
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.
FRANK W. LAMBERT, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church
(10th and Phillips)
"An Independent Baptist Church"
Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor
Jim Hash, S. S. Superintendent
WEEKLY SERVICES:
Sunday:
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Sermon, 11 a. m.
Sermon, 8 p. m.
Wednesday:
Prayer meeting, 8 p. m.
A cordial invitation to all.

Church of God
(Corner Sixth and Strong)
Sunday school and morning worship (unified service), 10 a. m.
Junior meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Young people's service, 7:00 p. m.
Evening service, 7:45 p. m.
Wednesday evening prayer service, 7:45 p. m.
A cordial welcome to all.
T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

First Presbyterian Church
(301 Broadway)
Sunday:
9:45 a. m., church school.
Classes for all ages.
Monday:
The Auxiliary will meet at 4:00 p. m. in circles as follows:
No. 1 with Mrs. Paul Trimmer
No. 2 with Mrs. George Harwell.
No. 3 with Mrs. W. R. Bogle.

Foursquare Gospel Church
(104 N. Twelfth Street)
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Worship service at 11 a. m.
Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m.
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.
Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service.
Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.
All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.
RALPH K. ELLIS, Pastor

War bonds and stamps build ships and bombers. Buy them today.

Fighters on the FOOD and FEED FRONT

The Cotton Grower
The Ginner
The Oil Miller
The Feeder

Just as perfect coordination of Land, Air and Sea forces bring Victory on the battle front, so will close cooperation between growers, processors, and feeders win the battle on the food front.

The Cotton Grower does his part when he produces the maximum amount of Cottonseed and delivers it to the gin for mills to make food and feed.

The Oil Miller does his part when he makes the Cottonseed Meal and Cake available to feeders.

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FEED PROTEIN WISELY

Thousands of them will be traveling during CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

★ Many of our men and women in the service will be traveling on a furlough trip during the holiday season. They deserve their well-earned trips, and for many it may be their last furlough for an indefinite period of time.

POSTPONE YOUR TRIP during the holiday period

You can adjust your going and coming with more latitude than our men and women in service. Why not defer your trip away from the holidays? Show them your cooperation.

★ We have only limited equipment available for nonessential wartime travel. We are giving preference to Uncle Sam and you can help our boys and girls by at least enabling us to take care of them.

Have a Coca-Cola = Welcome home

... a way to revive old times

Among the things the returning soldier finds unchanged is the pause that refreshes with ice-cold Coca-Cola. Have a "Coke" says relax and be yourself. Around the world Coca-Cola stands for the pause that refreshes,—has become the familiar greeting of friendly folks.

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NAZI "Supermen"

—the morning after

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a world geared only for peaceful productivity. With their practice of total war the world was all but crushed. The democracies of free people rallied to the support of liberty. The production miracles of free people working under business "know-how" applying the dynamics of free enterprise to the grim business of war bring the minions of the swastika up against a force they cannot master and scarcely comprehend.

Independence . . . the right of every American within reasonable limits, to enjoy the rewards that his own work may bring . . . is the force that made America! Today, it is devoted to all out war. It must not be lost when the war is won!

West Texas Utilities Company

Want Ads

WANTED—Lady workers. Ballinger Steam Laundry. 7-1f

WANT TO LEASE—Field or grass for cattle. Short or long lease. H. Ford Taylor. 14-1f

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PERMANENT WAVE, 59¢! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afterbach's Variety Store. 28-10t*

TO LEASE—or Sell: Small farm of 77 acres. Mrs. W. E. Midgley. 4-1f

Loans
Don't worry about your farm, ranch or business property payments. I can refinance them. Texas and New Mexico. No loan expenses. Write William H. Bickie, Box 481, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 5-8613. 4-10t*

Income Tax Assistance
A. M. King
Farmers & Merchants Bank Bldg. Ballinger 18-1f

WANTED—to buy or trade for your old electric radio and electric iron. Bring cord to Williams Electric Repair Shop, 2102 Orange Street, P. O. Box 475, Abilene. 25-1f

Income tax assistance at regular rates. See Buster Caudle at court house. 25-4f

FOR SALE—One Oliver "90" tractor on rubber, nearly new; one saddle mare; 1 yearling colt; two saddles. E. H. Forgy, phone 1341. 25-1f

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FOR SALE—Plenty of fryers and shelled pecans. Will have both from now on. M. G. Justice. 9-2t

FOR RENT—Two room furnished apartment, bills paid, 617 Strong Avenue. 9-11*

FOR SALE—Toy electric streamlined train, very large and modern design, ideal for boy's Xmas gift. Tested oked by electrician. Call at Hartman's Grocery or phone 157. 9-11*

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WANTED—3 men over factory age for Rawleigh Routes. Large organization. Good profits to willing workers. Steady work. Write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXL-36-113, Memphis, Tenn. 9-11*

WANTED—To farm on the half. Will also care for cattle. See J. W. Wilson, Newman Smith's farm. 9-11*

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Hours for first five days of each week, 10:30 a. m. to 3:30 p. m. Saturday—all day.
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FOR SALE—1935 Ford pick-up, good condition. Bargain. W. M. Barnett, South Ballinger. 11*

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Lt. Jack B. McGregor, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, has completed a course in depot administration and supply at the Columbus army service forces depot. He received his commission in the quartermasters corps at Camp Lee, Va., last September after leaving A. & M. College to take officers' training. He has been in Ohio for some time and is being reassigned.

Pvt. Doyle S. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker of Ballinger, writes his parents from England that he is doing fine but says he likes Texas best. He has been in England for some time now.

Pvt. Olin L. Curbo is at home this week on furlough, visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Curbo of Ballinger. Now at Camp Adair, Oregon, he formerly was stationed at a camp in Arkansas. Mrs. Curbo has another son, Cpl. Luther Leon Curbo, with the 36th division in Italy.

Foy E. Wilson, marine corps, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. He is now on duty at the depot of supplies in the ordnance department stock section at Atlanta, Ga. Foy graduated from the Ballinger high school last spring and has been in the service ever since.

Sgt. LeRoy Wiesepepe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiesepepe, was here last week for a short visit and has gone to Salt Lake City to attend a school. He is an aerial gunner of a flying fortress crew.

Petty Officer David E. Pearse is at home this week for a visit and will report at San Francisco on December 20 for reassignment. Pearse has been in the navy more than two years and has made trips all over the world. On his service badges he wears stars for the invasion of North Africa and for one engagement in the North Atlantic in which a number of ships were lost.

His last trip was from San Pedro, California, to Calcutta, India, in which the crew was 68 days without seeing land. At Calcutta they were in port 16 days and were bombed by Jap flyers but were not damaged. He was given liberty there and brought back a number of souvenirs. The ship returned through the Suez Canal and picked up two Italian destroyers which returned to the United States with the convoy. They also stopped two days in Sicily but were not given shore leave.

Pearse has been suffering from a nervous trouble and will be examined at San Francisco before returning to duty.

Aviation Cadet Austin Lawrence Crager, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crager of Ballinger, received his commission and wings with class 43-K at the advanced flying school, Yuma, Arizona, this week. Before entering the final phase of training he received primary at Mira Loma Flight Academy, Oxnard, Calif., and basic at Lemoore Field, Lemoore, Calif. He was in the enlisted ranks at Camp Wolters, Texas, before entering cadet training. Austin is a graduate of the Ballinger high school.

Pvt. and Mrs. Overton Parish, Jr., and Pvt. Quentin White, all of Texas A. & I. College, Kingsville, where they are taking courses under the government's army training plan, spent the past week-end here, visiting relatives and friends.

J. L. Henderson, AOM 3c, who is in the naval air gunnery school at Parris, Oklahoma, was here Sunday for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson, and family.

Staff Sergeant Frank Allamon, who had been stationed in Mississippi and Louisiana for some time, was at home last week on a five-day furlough. He is now stationed at Camp Maxie, Paris, Texas.

Lt. and Mrs. Frank Barnes are here for a visit with relatives and friends. Lt. Barnes returned to the States from North Africa several weeks ago and after a stay in the Stark general hospital in South Carolina was sent to McCloskey

hospital, Temple. He will return there about December 21.

Pfc. Dale McCullough is at home this week, visiting his parents and friends. He is stationed at Pendleton Field, Oregon.

Leland B. Kennedy is at home on a 15-day furlough. He is stationed at Concho Field, San Angelo.

Mrs. W. T. Padgett received a letter this week from her grandson, Lt. Raby Padgett, Jr., in which he wrote he had arrived safely in England. He was only recently ordered to overseas duty. Lt. Padgett graduated from the glider school at Lubbock.

Lt. George C. Bennett was killed in an airplane crash in North Africa recently, according to letters received by Ballinger friends this week. At one time he was in training with class 43-D at Bruce Field.

Pfc. A. M. Routh, of the marine corps, whose address is care of the San Francisco postoffice, writes that he has received copies of The Ledger and told how he enjoyed reading them as he sat under a cocconut tree. "I read about Ballinger citizens sending cigarettes to the marines in the Pacific and I want to say thanks for all of us. Things like that make things a lot easier, and to know your friends are backing you up and doing all they can, keeps up the morale."

"Being an ex-Bearcat, I enjoy the sports page. The boys are doing fine this year and I hope they continue to do so throughout the season."

War savings stamps will save democracy. Buy yours today.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Sgt. and Mrs. Eddie Lukorski are the parents of a baby born Tuesday night at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. The father is stationed at Liberal, Kansas. Mrs. Lukorski was formerly Miss Marjorie Cavanaugh. The mother and baby are doing nicely.

Little Arabella Toney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Toney, entered the local hospital Wednesday for medical treatment.

T. W. Camp, of San Angelo, recently injured in a car wreck, is a patient in the local hospital. He is reported improving.

Miss Anna B. Mapes is a medical patient in the Bailey Clinic-Hospital and is reported to be making steady improvement.

Carline Pinkston, a medical patient in the local hospital, is reported improving.

Mrs. R. W. Lightlie, seriously ill in the local hospital, is slightly improved today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hampton are entertaining a daughter, Mary Louise, born last week at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. Mrs. Hampton and baby returned to their home this week and both are doing nicely.

Horace Murphy, III, was born on November 29 to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy, Jr., at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. The father is now employed by the Vultee aircraft factory in Fort Worth. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Horace Murphy and Mrs. J. E. Fowler.

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COLD
USE 666
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

SAFEGWAY Homemakers' Guide

With Christmas Just Around the Corner...

...right now's a good time to stock your pantry with plenty of easy-to-prepare foods, so you can whip up good hearty meals on a moment's notice! Start your list with some of these items:

Chocolate Pecans Baker's Success New Crop	1/2-Lb. Pkg. 17¢	14-Oz. Pkg. 40¢
Oxydol Granulated	24-Oz. Pkg. 23¢	
Camay Soap	Reg. Bar 7¢	
Cherub MILK Tall Can	9¢	1 Brown Point Per Can
CRISCO Creamy Shortening 1-Lb. Jar	25¢	5 Brown Points Per Lb.
Satin Mix CANDY 1-Lb. Pkg.	15¢	
Christmas TREES	Beautiful Washington Fir. Many Different Sizes	CARLOAD WILL ARRIVE NEXT WEEK

RATION TIME TABLE

Brown Stamps L-M-N Good through Jan. 1
Green Stamps A-B-C Good through Dec. 20
Green Stamps D-E-F Good through Jan. 20
Sugar Stamp No. 29 Good through Jan. 15

Real Roast PEANUT BUTTER 16-Oz. Jar 22¢

Clicquot Club Ginger Ale Sparkling Water and White Soda 2 Quart Bottles 25¢ Plus Deposit

Tomato Juice 11¢
Margarine 22¢
Sardines 11¢
Tomatoes 17¢

Safeway Fruits & Vegetables

ORANGES Texas Juicy Lb. 7¢

Oranges Arizona Navel Lb. 10¢
Grapefruit Texas Seedless Lb. 5c
Apples Washington Delicious Lb. 11¢
Apples Washington Rome Beauty Lb. 11¢
Celery California Pascal Lb. 12¢
Potatoes No. 1 Colorado Rural Lb. 39¢
Yellow Onions Colorado Lb. 5¢
Cabbage California Firm Heads Lb. 5¢
Cauliflower Texas White Lb. 12¢
Rutabagas Fancy Waxed Lb. 5¢

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Bacon Sliced Grade A Lb. 41¢

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