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## Christmas Seal Sale Is Largest in History

The Runnels County Tuberculosis Association has already topped amounts raised in past Christmas seal sales and expects to set an all-time record when all returns are tabulated. A check-up reveals that already more than \$900 has been received from all sources and there are other sales yet to be reported.

Officials in charge of the 1943 seal sale declare citizens of Runnels county have responded better than ever before to this worthy cause. The hundreds and hundreds of envelopes mailed early to people in all parts of the county brought quick response, much of the money being mailed to the committee as soon as the seals were received.

Local women operated booths on downtown streets Saturday afternoon, selling spangles to those who wished to aid in this cause. These spangles sell from 10 cents to any amount the individual wishes to pay and a considerable sum was realized by this means.

The committee directing the seal sale this year and officers of the county association desire to express appreciation for the fine response by people of this county. As a result the organization will be able to carry on the battle against tuberculosis. The county association retains about 80 per cent of the total raised, the remainder going to state headquarters.

Persons who received seals in the mail and have not yet remitted are asked to do so at once so the campaign can be successfully closed.

Miss Marjorie McGregor is at home from North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, to spend Christmas with her parents. Miss McGregor suffered an attack of flu shortly before the close of school for the holidays.

Mrs. Lon Muncy left Sunday for Odessa, where she was called on account of the critical illness of her mother, Mrs. H. T. Harville. Mrs. Harville has been suffering with pneumonia since last Thursday.

## Government Approval Given Locker Plant Here

Word was received Tuesday that government approval had been given the application of the C. O. D. Grocery Company for the construction of a cold storage locker plant in Ballinger. J. E. Dankworth stated that work was due to be started at once and interior construction has begun to have the building ready for the plant ereectors when they arrive.

The front of the store is being remodeled and a large balcony built to take care of the stock of foods carried by the firm and to make more room in the rear section where the plant is to be located.

A short time ago a large number of lockers were rented by

## Cherry Says Fire Hazards Numerous In Holiday Season

Fire Chief Chester Cherry today issued another warning in regard to Christmas fire hazards and is appealing to residents of Ballinger to be more careful than ever during the current holidays.

Mr. Cherry stated that the Ballinger fire department was not as capable of coping with fires as in the past due to the loss of so many trained members. The local fire department has had a heavy loss in experienced men, some moving away for war work or other causes, others taking up work that makes it necessary that they retire from service in fire fighting units.

The fire chief also pointed to the acute water shortage in Ballinger and declared a bad Christmas fire would not help that situation any.

Christmas decorations, fireworks, etc. are always cause for fire, Mr. Cherry said, and recalled that many serious conflagrations have already occurred in the state. He called attention to lawns in which there is much dry grass and asked that those who do shoot fireworks be extra careful to prevent fire.

Clyde Harville, student of the University of Texas, Austin, is at home this week for a visit with relatives and friends. Clyde is a member of the Texas football team which will meet the P. N. Dowl Ramblers in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, on New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and children, of Cleburne, will spend the Christmas holidays here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Miss Clara Beth Lynn, student of North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Lynn.

## Battle for Tarawa Toughest in U. S. Marine History



After 76 hours of the bitterest fighting ever to be encountered by the United States marine corps in its 168 years of brilliant battling, the island of Tarawa was wrested from Japanese defenders, most of whom were killed. Lower left: An American tank after it had been disabled. Right front corner of the tank has been torn away and the treads wrecked. Center: Marines inspect a wrecked Jap plane. Top right: Legs of a dead Jap protrude from a pillbox.

## Christmas Entertainment Planned for Local Cadets

Aviation cadets stationed in Ballinger will receive entertainment at the hands of Ballinger citizens during the holidays. The annual Christmas eve party and dance will be held at the Army and Navy Club Friday evening from 8:30 to midnight and special entertainment is being planned for this occasion.

The affair will be formal for all girls who care to come in formal attire, but out-of-town girls and cadet's wives who do not have formal with them are urged to attend in street clothes.

During the evening a program of special numbers will be given from the stage and at the conclusion of the program a number of cadets will be given telephone calls to their homes as compliments of local groups. These calls will be good for any time during Christmas week and will be free to the cadets.

The club will be open early Christmas morning so local soldiers may assemble and wait for their hosts to pick them up for dinner. Many Ballinger homes have been opened to service men for Christmas, many for Christmas eve and Christmas day, and others invited to partake of Christmas dinners in homes.

There also will be numerous out-of-town people here for the week-end to visit men stationed at Bruce Field. The Central Hotel is already filled with reservations and many others have obtained rooms in homes of citizens for the holiday visit with sons, husbands, brothers and friends, by parents, wives, sisters and friends.

Very few cadets at Bruce Field live near enough to Ballinger for a visit home during the brief holiday leave they will get.

## Knitting Shipment Due on January 15; Extra Yarn Wanted

The first completed sweaters on the present Red Cross quota are being received and supervisors are calling to the attention of all knitters the fact that shipments are due to be made not later than January 15. They ask that the rush of the Christmas season not prevent prompt deliveries of the finished garments.

Letters are being received from Runnels county boys now fighting in Italy, telling how cold it is on the front and this is enough to prove the urgency for shipping the knit goods on time.

It has been found that the present yarn is running long and most women knitting a sweater will have a ball left over. It is requested that this extra yarn, along with the completed garment be taken to Mrs. Troy Simpson or Mrs. E. C. Tinsley, or left at The Ledger office, so it can be made into extra garments.

First complete garments have been turned in by Meses R. A. Dickinson, L. W. Farris, Drury P. Hathaway, Jim Duncan, Cora Green, Victor Miller, Arthur Dooze, E. C. Tinsley, Troy Simpson, E. S. Malone and Ed Sommer.

Clyde Gabbert, student of A. & M. College, is at home to spend Christmas with his parents.

## Killough Appointed County Organization Reemployment Head

The Texas selective service system has set up its machinery for aiding in the program of useful reemployment and rehabilitation of returning war veterans, it was announced today by General J. Watt Page, state director.

Pointing out that selective service is charged under the selective training and service act with the responsibility of replacing in former jobs, or aiding in securing new jobs for all persons honorably discharged from the armed forces, Gen. Page said that a carefully studied and organized reemployment program has been put into operation in Texas. The program functions primarily through the local boards under the supervision of the newly established reemployment division at state selective service headquarters, he said.

J. A. Killough is the reemployment committeeman of the local board and will serve as agent and counselor for returning service men with direct responsibility to protect their legal rights to employment, as well as to place them in contact with available jobs.

The local committeeman will be furnished information from state headquarters on the background, training, experience, military service, handicaps and type of discharge of all service men returning to his local board area. The committeeman will make every effort to make contacts with the veteran to determine if assistance is needed.

Before being discharged the service man will be informed of his reemployment rights and all aids to which he is entitled by reason of his service in the armed forces.

Veterans who want to better their chances for further training before going back to work, or who, because of physical handicaps, want to learn a new trade or profession, or who, because of wounds, injuries or illness, are incapable of working are to be directed to appropriate governmental agencies established for their benefit.

Any returned veteran in need of assistance in rehabilitation of any kind is asked to contact Mr. Killough and he will be accorded a full hearing.

## FAREWELL PARTY TO BE HELD FOR O. K. MORGAN TONIGHT

Members of the Ballinger fire department will have a short farewell session for O. K. Morgan at their regular meeting tonight at the city hall. Mr. Morgan, one of the oldest firemen in point of service on the department roster, will leave Ballinger soon after Christmas to make his home at Loraine.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Runkles and Mrs. Wallace Chastain and children, of San Angelo, will be guests of Mrs. W. W. Chastain for Christmas day.

Thomas Broyles, of San Angelo, student of Texas A. & M. College, was a guest this first of the week in the J. B. Striplin home.

## SERVING UNCLE SAM

H. H. Henry, 18, seaman second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barton B. Henry of route one Ballinger, is receiving anti-submarine training at the coast guard sub chaser center, Miami, Florida. Seaman Henry, a graduate of the Ballinger high school, enlisted in the coast guard in June, 1943.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Burks received a card last week from their son, Pvt. Sanford R. Burks, who is a Jap prisoner of war. The card was the usual printed form and stated that he was in the Philippine military prison camp No. 2, was well and in excellent health. He asked that his mail be directed to that camp and added that he hoped his family was well.

It was only the second time Mr. and Mrs. Burks have heard from their son since the fall of the Philippines, where he was serving with the U. S. army.

Lt. C. A. Dooze came in the past week-end for a short visit with relatives and friends here. He is stationed in New York city as a special investigator for the military police.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilbrey have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Alvin Bilbrey, written in Italy on December 5. Alvin expressed the first wish that he could be home for Christmas with his family and friends, but stated that this would be impossible. He added that he had not received mail lately. In the closing paragraph of his letter he said: "I guess by now you know about all the boys who are not with us now. Maybe everything will turn out okeh and they will be back with us soon. So long, be good, and write real often."

Pfc. Calvin Cavanaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavanaugh, is here to spend the Christmas holidays. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

A letter received this week from Pfc. Aubrey C. Brown by his mother informed her that he was in good health. It was the first message from him in six weeks. He has now been in England several months. The letter included the following lines to his mother: TO THE BEST MOTHER IN THE WORLD

These troubled times to share Remember this, dear mother, It is my constant prayer That God will guide and keep you Free from every pain Till the time the war is over And we can meet again."

Pvt. Wallace E. Evans has arrived safely in England and is enjoying the country and the people. His wife has received a number of letters from him since he was sent overseas.

Frank Holliday, CCM, writes friends here to tell of some of the service he has participated in. He witnessed the recent action at Tarawa from the first shot to the last. He also told of being at Wellington, New Zealand, for a brief rest after serving at Guadalcanal. He has been in the South Pacific theatre for many months and took part in much of the action in which Americans were engaged.

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## County's 4th War Loan Drive Workers Named

### Harman to Operate Cactus Coffee Shop; Plans to Open Soon

A deal was closed Wednesday in which Fred Harman bought the stock of the Cactus Coffee Shop and has leased the business for operation. The place was closed Wednesday noon to take an inventory of the merchandise and fixtures and do a general clean-up before the reopening.

E. L. Ingram, business manager, stated that this morning that no opening date could be announced now as he could not tell how long it would require to give the entire building a thorough cleaning and prepare for the opening. A crew is at work and it is planned to have the cafe operating as soon as possible.

Messrs. Harman and Ingram said a manager had not been employed to date but this and other details would be attended to this week so that a full crew would be ready to serve the public when business was resumed in the near future.

## County and State Tax Payments Are Heaviest in Years

Early collections of state and county taxes in Runnels county have been the heaviest in history. W. A. Forgey, county assessor-collector, stated Monday that October collections amounted to 61 per cent of the total of the rolls. These heavy payments were the result of the 3 per cent discount given for paying in October.

Mr. Forgey said payments began on the first day of October and continued through the month with no letup and yet evenly distributed so that the regular office force of three was able to handle the business.

Payments in November dropped slightly due to the heavy October business, but still a large number of receipts were issued during the month which permitted a 2 per cent discount.

Early payments in December were also heavy and Mr. Forgey believes a large number will pay between Christmas and New Year's day in order to have tax payments eligible for deductions on income tax reports. Payments in December allow a 1 per cent discount if they come in before the first day of January, 1944.

Those who wait until January to pay their state and county taxes will not be given a discount but must pay the full amount.

It is also believed poll tax payments will be heavy this year to permit voting in important elections to be held in 1944.

## REX KYKER LEAVES TO REENTER SCHOOL

Rex Paxton Kyker, for the past two years minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ, left Tuesday for California, where he will enter the University of Southern California to begin work on his master's degree.

Richard Walker, a student of Abilene Christian College, Abilene, will be with the local church for all regular services until a regular minister is secured. The membership is working on this now and it is planned to have someone here permanently in the near future.

Lawrence Halfmann, of Good-fellow Field, San Angelo, visited relatives here this week.

Organization for the fourth war loan drive in Runnels county has been perfected and workers in every community will be ready to start work on the opening day of the campaign, January 18. County Chairman W. J. Hembree has been making contacts and appointments and this week had practically everything ready for the beginning of the campaign.

The official quota for Runnels county has not been received but judging from the national quota of fourteen billion dollars, it is estimated that this county will be asked to purchase about one million dollars' worth of bonds.

The third war loan quota was slightly more than a million dollars with a national quota of fifteen billions.

The fourth war loan drive will commence January 18 and continue through February 1. During the first phase of the campaign special attention will be given to selling bonds to individuals and every person is urged to purchase his limit during that period.

The county organization is as follows: W. J. Hembree, county chairman; Harry Lynn, assistant county chairman; Troy Simpson, publicity chairman.

Nat Williams, speakers chairman; R. G. Erwin, advisory; C. R. Stone, advisory; Wayne Bennett, advisory; F. M. Pearce, advisory; Ernest Caskey, rural schools; Mrs. Aurelia Webb, women's organizations.

**Ballinger**  
J. A. Killough, chairman; Mrs. Ernest Caskey, Mrs. J. I. McCook

**Winters**  
Homer Hodge, chairman; Mrs. David Jones

**Miles**  
Frank Bradley, chairman; ladies to be named later

**Rowena**  
Henry Teplick, chairman; ladies to be named later

**Norton**  
D. W. Turner, chairman; Mrs. Roy Roper

Wingate—Mrs. Clyde Dunn; Wilmett—Frank Berryman; Pumphrey—Aubra L. Mitchell; Independence—Carlton Smith; Victory—H. E. White; Cochran—Mrs. W. F. Minzenmayer

Dale—Mrs. W. C. Davis; Drasco—Elmo Mayhew; Hatchel—Mrs. Bill Mathis, Mrs. Ralph Vance

Token—Sam Mathis; Harmony—Truit Billups; Millar—Albert Spreen; Humble Pump Station—J. W. Guynes

Crews—Eargle Berry; Bethel—Claude Simmons; Benoit—Milton Clayton; Blanton—Floyd Brevard; Maverick—Renza Lee

Hagan—Barnett—I. M. Turner; Olfen—W. J. Halfmann; Sweet Roads—Frank Book; Sweet Home—C. A. Matejowski; Greenwald—Cecil Ray

## UEL STEPHENS ON SERVICE POST-WAR COMMITTEE

Uel Stephens, water superintendent at Fort Worth, has been appointed chairman of a state post-war improvement committee by the Texas section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Mr. Stephens is a son-in-law of Mrs. F. C. Miller of this city, and at one time was county engineer here. He has been residing at Fort Worth a number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair and daughters, Midge and Mrs. Douglas Cox, will spend Christmas at Commerce, visiting relatives and friends.

YOU ARE INVITED to Worship With Us Sunday, Dec. 26th.

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Sermon, 11 a. m., by pastor, "FOUND."

Cadet Fellowship, Sunday, 3 p. m.

Illustrated Hymn Talk in Technicolor, Sunday, 6:30 p. m., at Baptist Training Union, by Miss Betty Jean Harper.

Sunday Night, 7:30. Miss Louise Hash, Faculty Fine Arts Department, Baylor University, will be presented in a Dramatic Reading, "THE FOOL," by Channing Pollock.

The First Baptist Church 400 Eighth Street Clarence A. Morton, Pastor

## FORMER BALLINGER WOMAN IS BURIED AT SAN ANGELO

Funeral services for Mrs. W. K. McKinley, 45, were held at San Angelo last Monday, following her death at Roswell, New Mexico, on Friday last week.

The body was accompanied to San Angelo by her husband and a son, Jack McKinley, who is employed at a San Angelo army airfield.

Other survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Sides, Ballinger; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Ransel, Garden City; and Mrs. John McKinley, Big Spring; one brother, Sidney Sides, San Antonio; and a granddaughter, Jackie McKinley.

Funeral rites were conducted at the Johnson chapel in San Angelo. R. T. Williamson, Church of Christ minister, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Gilliam, of Brownwood; and Miss Ruby Long, of Austin, will arrive Christmas eve for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Stallings and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Herring and children.

DR. J. E. SMITH  
Chiropractor  
Dooze Building

Mrs. Gertrude Woods INSURANCE 111 S. Eighth Street Ballinger, Texas

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Christmas Society and Club News

Know Your Neighbors in Nixon Home

Know Your Neighbors members, their husbands, and a few added friends were included by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Sr., when they were hosts Tuesday evening in their home on Ninth Street.

A full holiday dress had been given to reception rooms where games of forty-two and a gift exchange gave entertainment.

Pecan pie was served with coffee. Included were: Messrs. and Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Joe Flynt, Dee Saylor, L. C. Adair, John Barton, Bill Clark, LeRoy McAulay, Malcolm Morgan, Rothal O'Kelly, Cecil Jones, Ernest Moody, J. H. Endacott, Ralph Payette, W. J. Morrison, and Royal Bishop of Winters.

Xmas Party for Baptist Alatheans

First Baptist Alatheans were entertained by Mmes. W. E. Elkins, R. M. Lowry, Ruth Bankston, S. M. Jonas, and J. T. Hornburg Tuesday evening in the Elkins home on Eleventh Street.

In rooms given an elaborate decoration for the Yule season, Mrs. Jonas presided during a short routine business session during which "capsules" were drawn. Mrs. Elkins, who is teacher of the

class, read "The Other Wise Man" by Henry van Dyke.

At the social hour, finished aprons, made from printed material exchanged at a previous meeting, were returned. The Bethlehem manger scene, in miniature, centered the dining room table where Mrs. Elkins presided at the silver coffee service and other hostesses served sandwiches and cake.

Others present were: Mmes. L. B. Rudder, Fred Holliday, Alta Mae Hirschfeld, Drury Hathaway, J. B. Arterburn, R. B. Thomas, J. H. Parrish, E. P. Talbot, R. T. Williams, Weldon Howell, C. A. Morton, Austin Harper, C. W. Jennings, T. H. Crockett, Lee Sykes, Lonnie Paulson, A. O. Bartlett, and O. C. Sykes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman Are Hosts to 600 at Three Affairs

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman included six hundred as guests when they were hosts at three holiday affairs.

On Saturday evening the entire maintenance department with their families and dates were guests at a barbecue supper and dance given in one of the hangars at Bruce Field. A huge, brilliantly lighted Xmas tree with other

Christmas symbols and colors

were used for decorations. A Mexican orchestra furnished music for dancing and \$10 and \$5 were given winners in a jitterbug contest. Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

Also on Saturday evening, instructors and their wives and dates were guests at a Christmas program and dance at the downtown Instructors Club.

Elaborate decorations were made for the season in rooms where the ever-popular Tom Murphy, violinist, and A. H. Van Lier, accordionist, and S. J. Kirkby, magician, gave program numbers. Dancing was to nickelodeon music.

The beautifully decorated Army and Navy Club was the scene of the third affair, given Tuesday evening for the army personnel and department heads, their wives and dates.

Red carnations and poinsettias with fern formed the lovely centerpiece for the tables arranged in a square. "Hundred hour" candles and lights from the tree gave a soft glow where the turkey dinner was served preceding the dancing to nickelodeon music.

Mrs. Toney Entertains S. S. Class

Mrs. O. T. Toney, teacher of the First Baptist Fidelis Class, entertained members with a Christmas dinner in her home on Broadway Tuesday evening.

A Christmas tree and other decorations were in the holiday theme as was the centerpiece of evergreens and nandina berries with tall red candles on the dining table where the spaghetti buffet supper was served. Pal gifts were exchanged and Louise Hash, of the Baylor University faculty, gave readings.

Others were: Miss Vhelma Parrish, Lillian Knowles, Edna Mae Lowry, Rena and Anna Walker, Demma Barron, Anna Belle Hash, and Mrs. Zell Ringle.

Mrs. McMillan Entertains Conquest Class

Mrs. Ola McMillan entertained the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening in the church parlors.

Decorations featured the pretty tree, from which pal gifts were exchanged, revealing "friends" with Mrs. Ben Smith as Santa Claus. Mrs. John Reese presided and read the Christmas story from Luke. A playlet, "Archway," written by Mrs. C. A. Doose, was presented under her direction.

Mmes. W. A. Erwin, Harper McFarland, and E. S. Malone assisted in serving fruit cake and mints with coffee. Favors were candy canes. Others present were: Mmes. B. H. Erwin, Carroll Bell, Rufus Allen, A. H. Wiesepape, Altus Stokes, U. S. Daniel, Jack Ashton, Doyle Pumphrey, Aubrey Ashton, W. A. Taylor, Aurelia Webb, Roy Nunn of Kent, Misses Carmen Demmer, and Lillian McMillan.

Annual Yule Party for Methodist Young People

Recreation rooms in the Methodist church basement, which had been decorated with a lighted tree, wreaths and embankments of cedar and other greenery, were the scene of the annual Christmas party for the Methodist young people's department Tuesday evening.

After games and the singing of carols a gift was presented to Dorothy Bruce, who is leaving soon for Corpus Christi, and individual gifts were packed to be sent to Betty Lou Morrison, who is ill. Milton, the colored janitor, was also remembered.

Mrs. C. A. Glover and Mrs. Bill Clark assisted Mrs. J. B. Striplin in serving individual mince pies with olives and hot chocolate. Others were: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Shipp, Messrs. Striplin and Clark, Messrs. and Mmes. W. O. Irby, Fred Miller, and James Nevins; Catherine Sensabaugh, George McCorstin, Fred Woods, Joyce Boswell, Natlyne Williams, Joanne Glover, Eloise Dankworth, Bobbie Tunnell, Sue and Betty Parks, Winona Howell, Modena Curtis, Calvin Howell, Ruth and Mary Lou Davis, Donald Williams, Walter Midgley, Walter J. Jones, Sam Sansabaugh, Jimmy Agnew, M. L. Forgy, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., John Weeks Earnshaw, James Striplin, Della Glover, Lucia Clark, and Wayne Irby.

Party at St. Mary's Rectory

Children of St. Mary's Catholic Church, with their parents, were guests at a gala Christmas affair given Tuesday evening in the rectory on Sixth Street.

Rooms were gay and bright with the season's colors and symbols, with a huge lighted tree from which exchange gifts were distributed by a real Santa Claus. Each also received a gift from the

church pastor, the Rev. Fr. Edward B. Postert. Candy, apples, and oranges were served. Francine and Virginia Hoelscher sang carols.

Other children were: Mary Ann, Tommy and Danny Egan, Jerry and Mike Egan, Glenn Hoelscher, Nolan and Ann Rollwitz, Billy, Edward, and Margaret Louise Moonen, Charles and Jane Moonen, Patsy Zappe, Virginia Knoff, Jerome, Clarence and Pauline Zak, Ethel and Mary Lou Hoelscher, Anita, Mildred, and Leota Jane Wade, Lange and Key Hoffman, Marilyn, Carolyn, Joy, and Margaret Ann Schott, Jane and Clara Ann Halfmann, Jerry Candler, Pauline Muller, Nolan and Clifford Hoelscher, Duane Carter, James Mueller, and Monroe Hoelscher; Carolyn, Dorothy, and Bobby Afflerbach, James, Eugene, and Evelyn Nitsch, of Winters. Grown-ups were: Mmes. V. O. Wade, Edward Moonen, Tom Egan, Jr., David Jones of Winters, E. C. Schott, Lynn Candler, Oscar Schott, Messrs. and Mmes. Arthur Mueller, R. Hoelscher, and Zak.

Instructors' Auxiliary Plans Dance for New Year's Eve

The Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary planned a benefit dance for New Year's Eve at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon for which Mrs. C. D. Shamburger was hostess in her home on Eighth Street.

In gaily decorated rooms, gifts were exchanged from a pretty decorated tree and cake served

with coffee to: Mmes. Jerry Church, E. C. Apts, M. A. Wheelon, W. P. Norris, C. A. Stewart, Fred Harman, and Donald Nichols.

THE DANCE WILL BE HELD FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 31.

FORMER BALLINGER WOMAN INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

Mrs. Nina C. Davis, formerly of Ballinger, was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Los Angeles last week and is in a critical condition in a Glendale hospital. Leaving the war plant where she was employed, she was struck by a car, alleged to have been driven by a drunk, and knocked a distance of 26 feet ahead of the car which came on and hit her the second time.

She had both legs and one shoulder broken and numerous other cuts and injuries. Her sons were notified of her condition and asked to come to her bedside. Cpl. Donald E. Davis is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee, and Sgt. Alva Z. Davis is on duty at the prisoner of war camp in Roswell, New Mexico.

Three other sons, Tags, Clayton and Charley, are with their mother. Mrs. Davis was employed on the swing shift at the Vega aircraft plant and had just finished her work when the accident occurred.

Miss Patsy Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Doss, and a student of North Texas State Teachers' College, Denton, is here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Alexander, member of the faculty of Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, is spending Christmas here with her mother, Mrs. L. C. Alexander.

Miss Louise Hash, member of Waco, is here for a visit with the faculty of Baylor University, relatives and friends.

Let's Not Forget!

When we go about spreading Christmas cheer—let's give a thought to the youth of our nation who, by their sacrifices and efforts have made possible our enjoyment of the Christmas season!

TO THEM, AND TO YOU... CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

CACTUS COFFEE SHOP

A WEALTH OF HAPPINESS

MAY THE JOYS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON GO WITH YOU ALL THROUGH THE NEW YEAR

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

MOORE PRODUCE CO.

NOEL, CHRISTMAS, OR YULETIDE!

Thanks For All Past Favors

Call it what you may—it's still the most glorious occasion of them all. May its glory light your way throughout the New Year.

C. C. Henderson's Garage

Season's Greetings

CAL ADAIR GULF OIL CO.

Our Wish for You

That you may find peace in the midst of strife and that you may find strength to meet the problems which confront us every day of the year. May you have vision and enthusiasm and may you have every happiness which will assure you genuine contentment. Sincere greetings to you and your friends.

G. O. Woodroof & Son

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

It is good to know that the star of Bethlehem shines brightly at Christmastime on those whom we love even though they may be scattered to far corners of the world. A comforting thought is the knowledge that the significance of Christmas is universal and that folks everywhere will pause in reverence for an added moment of happiness.

We are certain that the Christmas spirit will predominate everywhere not only for this coming season but for the years to come. It will result in genuine contentment for all the peoples of the world at a time when such happiness is essential to maintain perpetual peace.

Weldon Howell's Market

"Caught me milkin' ... and thinkin'"

"Milkin' time's about the only chance a fellow has to think, nowadays. Too busy, rest of time, producing food and things to win the war.

"Thinkin' mainly about feed... how I'm going to get by on less and still produce more. Started to raise Cain with the oil mill to try to get more meal... then realized they can't help it; they sure can't produce more than we farmers grow. And they've got to spread it out, so that I'll get my share and the other neighbors get theirs, too... without anybody getting too much.

"So, I made up my mind that my cottonseed and peanuts will be delivered to the oil mill as soon as possible... then I'll figure out how little meal I can get by on... not ask for more than that... and find out from the County Agent how to produce more on less."

West Texas Cottonoil Co.

Your Tires DESERVE THE VERY BEST... HERE IT IS!

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POSITIVE, CONCENTRIC, MECHANICAL PRESSURE—NO AIR BAGS

THERE IS A BEST METHOD OF DOING EVERYTHING IN TIRE REPAIRING AND RE-CAPPING IT'S O. K. RUBBER WELDING!

The war is teaching motorists of America the serviceability, reliability and economy of Be-capped tires... but re-capping jobs are not all alike. For the best results, your old tire must be in sound condition. The materials used for the job must be the best available. And the work must be right. New developments in rubber welding machinery... and just installed in our shop... assures you that expert re-capping for your precious tires is available right here at home.

Step in tomorrow and let us inspect and advise you on the condition of your tires.

O K Tire Shop Next Door to Palace Theatre



# MERRY + CHRISTMAS

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

Miss Helen Brewer, who teaches in the Odessa high school, came in the past week-end to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer, and other relatives.

## PALACE

Ballinger

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To Our Patrons

STARTING JAN. 1st

### Two Big Feature Pictures

PLUS SELECTED SHORTS

## Saturday and Sunday

CONTINUOUS SHOWS

1:30 p. m. till 11:00 p. m.

Regular Admission Prices

NOTE: We will discontinue the Friday Night Showing.

### 'Princess O'Rourke'



Scene from "Princess O'Rourke" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

### Olivia de Havilland, Cummings In Comedy, 'Princess O'Rourke'

A gay and sparkling comedy, starring Olivia de Havilland and Robert Cummings will be the new screen offering at the Texas Theatre in preview Saturday midnight and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, December 26, 27 and 28. Entitled "Princess O'Rourke," the new Warner Bros. attraction promises something special in the way of light comedy.

The story has to do with a real princess, exiled in New York, who meets up with an American lad named Eddie O'Rourke. She sees him on the sly, they fall in love, and Eddie, not knowing she is a princess, proposes marriage. Her guardian uncle gets wise to the affair, and, surprisingly, sanctions the marriage.

The fun really gets furious when Eddie discovers that his girl friend is a royal princess and that he has been approved as the prince consort. Taking off for Washington for a royal wedding, things begin to happen when Eddie discovers that he must give up his American citizenship to marry the girl. However, in the end, boy gets girl and everybody, including the president of the United States, is happy.

Featured in the cast besides Miss de Havilland and Robert Cummings are Charles Coburn, as the uncle; Jack Carson and Jane Wyman, as the married couple who set the example for the stars; Harry Davenport, Gladys Cooper, Minor Watson and Curt Bois.

Nan Wynn, popular singer, has a specialty sequence in the production, introducing the song, "Honorable Moon," which Arthur Schwartz, Ira Gershwin and E. Y. Harburg wrote for China Relief. Rounding out the cast are Ray Walker, David Clyde, Nydia Westman, Nana Bryant, Ruth Ford, Julie Bishop and Frank Puglia.

Fred Astaire in Dancing Romance, and "Hopalong" Cassidy Western Christmas Specials at Texas

A Fred Astaire dancing romance and a "Hopalong" Cassidy western drama are the two feature-length

#### CREWS 4-H CLUB BEGINS CATTLE CLUB CONTROL

The Crews 4-H club meeting on December 4 was held at the farm of Rupert Rainwater, where the boys witnessed a cattle grub control demonstration put on by Howard Collum and Junior Fuller. A number of adult farmers also attended the meeting and stated that they had grubby cattle and intended to treat them.

For the January meeting the boys will again go on a field trip and take up poultry culling. County Agent John A. Barton, who was present at the meeting, pointed out that poultry should be culled around the middle of January, taking out all hens that were not laying at that time, so as to relieve the feed situation, and at the same time make ready for raising baby chicks in the spring.

The boys announced they would set a date later for the poultry culling demonstration and that visitors, both men and women, would be invited to attend and learn the latest methods.

#### LIONS CLUB WILL NOT HAVE WEEKLY MEETING

The Ballinger Lions Club has cancelled its regular meeting for tomorrow (Friday) noon. Due to the rush of Christmas eve, the members voted not to hold the regular meeting in order to permit retailers to be at their stores. It was also revealed that a number would be out of town for the holidays and could not attend.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

### New Year's Eve Show At Texas Theatre is Gay Campus Musical

"Campus Rhythm," filmusical to be shown at the Texas Theatre as a special attraction New Year's eve (midnight Friday, December 31), is a fast-moving comedy designed to provide escape entertainment for all members of the family.

Drama critics who caught the picture on its initial showing were enthusiastically in accord about the acting and singing talents of Gale Storm, and the performance of Johnny Downs in this film which records the gay life of a college campus. They found the four new songs introduced by Miss Storm as entertaining and refreshing as their sponsor.

All of them had special praise for the exceptional supporting cast, including Robert Lowery, Doug Leavitt, Herbert Heyes, Marie Blake, Claudia Drake, Ge-Ge Pearson, Johnny Duncan and Candy Candido. Miss Pearson is a recruit from radio, who has a fetching way of delivering novelty tunes as she does with two songs in this film.

This picture is to be shown in the midnight preview New Year's eve only.

#### AFRICAN WITCH DOCTORS MUST HAVE LONG TRAINING

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Dec. 22.—Witch doctors in Africa undergo a three, six or nine year course of "training," and do not qualify until they have passed a test of dreams, it is pointed out by Dr. A. P. Mears, of Tolo, East Griqualand, in a report printed in the South African Medical Journal. There is no money in the job. Mears talked with a woman witch doctor in the Transkei. She told him that a student, after receiving the inner call, might take nine years to qualify. The student notes his dreams and tells them to his instructor, who decides when the student's time has come and sends him out "to follow where these visions call." When the student finds the object he has seen in his vision, he is ready for the qualifying ceremony.

#### ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS VISITED BY SANTA CLAUS

Members of the Ballinger Rotary Club enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus and the exchanging of "buddy" gifts at their meeting Tuesday noon. Just before the entrance of Santa Claus, two new members, Weldon Howell and A.

O. Bartlett, were presented to the club.

The Christmas program was directed by E. Shepperd, who had arranged for a tree and the appearance of Santa.

A war-time budget should include war bonds and stamps.

## 2 Big Shows

WILD BILL ELLIOTT

and "GABBY" HAYES

"Death Valley Man Hunt"

AND WENDY BARRIE

and GORDON OLIVER

"Follies Girl"

SELECTED SHORTS

"VALLEY OF VANISHING MEN"

Chapter No. 14

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## Texas

Ballinger

NEW YEAR'S EVE MIDNIGHT SHOW

Friday, Dec. 31st, 11:45 p. m.

FUN AND FAVORS FOR ALL

They'll Have You DANCING WITH YOUR TOES POINTED!

This slick chick and her swingin' swains really make the campus JUMP in the season's swiftest joy show!



## CAMPUS RHYTHM

JOHNNY DOWNS GALE STORM ROBERT LOWERY

—ALSO— The Three Stooges in "HIGHER THAN A KITE" One Show Only—Regular Prices

## TEXAS

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Friday and Saturday



And on the Same Program: HOPALONG CASSIDY RIDES AGAIN

MYSTERY—SUSPENSE—ROMANCE all rolled into one big action show!



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9:30 a. m. Friday

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Ballinger

Prevue Saturday 11:45 p. m. Sunday-Monday-Tuesday



—Plus— "DONALD DUCK" and FOX NEWS

WE WISH OUR MANY FRIENDS AND PATRONS Merry Christmas



# MERRY + CHRISTMAS

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dean, of Ft. Worth, are here for a Christmas visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. E. Paxton and family.

## Thanks—

For Your Fine Patronage During the Past Year.

## Our Store Will Close

All Day Christmas Day in order that our employees may have the day off to be with their families. In case you need a prescription, phone 309.

## Weeks Drug Store

WHY WALK  
CALL A  
**YELLOW CAB**  
Phone **55** Phone  
H. M. Wingfield, Manager

## A Merry, Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

to all men in service and to everyone in Runnels County—regardless of age, creed or color

### OUR FIRST DESIRE

is to win the war and bring Americans back together to continue our free way of life. May 1944 bring us victory. Thanks for the fine patronage in 1943 and we hope we merit a continuance of same.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ford Taylor  
and Ritz Theatre Staff

## Our Third Season in Ballinger

WE WISH ALL FRIENDS  
AND PATRONS

## A Merry Xmas and A Happy New Year

## Aviator Sandwich Shop

110 BROADWAY  
MR. AND MRS. J. K. NICHOLAS AND CHILDREN

## Buy War Bonds and Keep 'Em Flying

## JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

By Billie and Beanie

### Dramatic Club Program

The stage was very attractively set for the best performance of the dramatic club this season when they presented "Who Gets the Car Tonight?" in assembly program Monday, December 13. Eb Grindstaff walked off with the show in his clever dramatization of the modern boy "pulling the wool over dad's eyes." All of the members of the cast gave strong characterizations of the parts they represented. The cast was as follows:  
Charles Miller.....Dad  
Wanda Crager.....Mother  
Mary Brian Woody.....Mary (the daughter)  
Eb Grindstaff.....Paul (Mary's brother)  
Junior Henderson.....Jack (Mary's boy friend)  
Miss LeMond and Mrs. Hart coached the play.

### Sub-Deb Christmas Party

A jolly Christmas party was enjoyed by the Sub-Deb Club in their home room Wednesday, December 15, with Mrs. Heavenhill and Mrs. Parker as sponsors. The table was spread with a gay red cover and centered with a large gift basket and a Mexican tray that held nuts and candies. A platter containing assorted cookies was passed after the program.

Louise Smith and Mary Ruth Hill sang a duet, "White Christmas." Nina Hendricks read an interesting Christmas letter from England written by Lady Stella Reading to the Junior Red Cross.

With the exchange of gifts all were made happy over the pretty presents received. About thirty-five girls were present.

### Christmas Program

The school auditorium was the scene of festive decoration during the closing week of school. Large Christmas bells hung from the center where streamers of green and red were draped to the four corners of the hall and held in place by bows and clusters of smaller bells. Wreaths made by the students of cedar and nandina berries decorated the walls. Mistletoe and fir were banked everywhere. On the stage was a gay Christmas tree twinkling with bright lights flanked by pots of poinsettias.

An appropriate and enjoyable program was presented Friday morning at the regular assembly hour. The first number was a talk on the theme "Merry Christmas," given by Wanda Crager. Jack Hampton gave the version of "The First Christmas" from the book of Luke. Several musical numbers, with Miss Eaton at the piano, were given by the Jr. Hi sextette and choral club.

The school then devoted the rest of the hour to singing Christmas carols.

### Guess Who?

She is a short, dumpy, cut little brownette. A sprinkle of freckles

A best-selling laxative  
ALL OVER THE SOUTH

because  
it's **thrifty**  
and fits most folks needs

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Caution: Use Only as Directed

## Christmas Greetings

In business there is one asset  
that money cannot buy—  
Good Will.

So at this HOLIDAY SEASON it is a  
privilege to extend to you  
not as a customer alone,  
but as a friend,

THE BEST OF WISHES

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George  
And Employees

adds to the attractiveness of this junior miss. She has become ways and always is trying to make someone feel better.

A big ranch in Coleman county was her birthplace. All her school days have been spent in Ballinger. Boys have not entered her life as yet. (Quote): "I think, after all, I would just like to be an old maid." (end quote).

Her delight is reading scientific reference books and assisting in the library. Her great desire is to devote her life to a scientific field of endeavor. She has contributed her efforts toward making the Junior High News a success. After the holidays she is moving with her family to a ranch near Sweetwater. Guess who?  
Last week's "Guess Who"—Key Hoffman.

### Sewing Club Has Program

On Wednesday, December 15, the junior high sewing club had a short Christmas program, which was enjoyed by all. Afterwards gifts were distributed to each member.

Then each club member displayed finished projects to the principal, Mr. Garner.

## WEDDINGS

### Schwandt-Smith

Cpl. Willard Schwandt and Miss Florence Smith, both of San Angelo, were married here Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Erwin performing the single ring ceremony. The wedding took place at the Eighth Street Presbyterian manse on Eighth Street.

Cpl. Schwandt is with the 1082nd guard squadron at the San Angelo air field. Both of the contracting parties' homes are in Detroit.

They will make home at San Angelo as long as he is stationed there.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY HELD BY SCOUT TROOP NO. 30

Boy Scout troop No. 30 held its annual Christmas party Tuesday night at the scout house at which a tree was main feature. Charles Miller had charge of the program which included the pledge of allegiance, prayer, scout oath, games and stunts. Candy was given to all present.

Harold Mueller was the speaker for the presentation of a gift to the scoutmaster.

Present were: Frank Smith, C. B. Bogges, Bob Moody, Eldon Moody, Carl Black, Jr., Wellington Pearce, Marriell Baxter, Edward Kevil, Antonio Alvarez, Jack Wallace, Billy Bogges, Bob Vancil, Charles Miller, David Clements, Troyce O'Neal, C. W. Jennings, Bobby Clements, Happy Jack Farmer, W. E. Wallace, Billy Hart, Harold Mueller, and Oscar Batts, scoutmaster.

### CHILE GETS 11 PRIESTS FORMERLY IN FAR EAST

SANTIAGO, Dec. 22.—Eleven priests who arrived in Chile from the United States recently will be established in Talca, Chillan and Temuco. They were formerly in Japan, China and Manchuria, but were obliged to leave as a result of the Jap invasion. Jap authorities detained some of them for six months. It is understood that other American priests will follow, some of them entering Peru and Ecuador.

The finest CHRISTMAS present you can give is one of Uncle Sam's WAR BONDS. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

Complete Abstracts to Land in Runnels County  
GUARANTY TITLE CO.  
Ballinger, Texas  
Office in Old Security State Bank Building

## Xmas a Year Late



Those cards and packages were mailed to reach Private P. C. Hanlon for Christmas, 1942. But they didn't catch up with this fast moving marine until a year later. He was on Guadalcanal when they were mailed. But when they arrived he had left.

### PRICE PARADISE FOUND IN AUSTRALIAN ISLAND

MELBOURNE, Dec. 22.—While Australian prices soar despite war controls, Norfolk Island, off the New South Wales coast, is a price paradise, according to reports received in Melbourne. The 1,000 islanders go their placid way with ample food at pre-war prices. The government credit balance is \$35. Norfolk Island was once the site of a penal settlement.

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

PEARCE'S  
on the  
Label Means  
S-A-F-E-T-Y  
PRESCRIPTIONS  
A SPECIALTY FOR OVER  
54 YEARS  
J. Y. PEARCE  
DRUG CO.  
Phones 38 and 26

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd and Mrs. Chas. Hambrick will spend the Christmas holidays in Waco visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Simpson, of Coleman, were here the past week-end to visit relatives and friends. Read the ads and SAVE!

GREETINGS—For An American

Christmas  
L. B. Rudder



# HELLO!

We're here again with our wish for a Merry Christmas to our friends—only this year we want to say, let's make it—

A Merry  
American Christmas

Forson Barber Shop

### Defective Vision

is your greatest handicap. 80% of knowledge is gained through your eyes.

Have your eyes examined.

Glasses Fitted  
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# HARRY'S

With sincere appreciation for your cooperation and patience during these "stormy" days, and with the promise to merit your continued good will in the difficult period ahead, we wish you and yours a very

**Merry Christmas  
AND A  
Happy New Year**

**Harry's Food Store  
and Employees**



# MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

War Bonds should mean something more to you than just "a good sound investment." Figure it out yourself.

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**Ballinger**  
The Home of Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Pictures

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Matinees 1:30 to 3:15  
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Night Show at 8:45 during week days

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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

### HE'S WHISTLING AGAIN!

Red's all tangled up with babes, baseball players and bandits now! It's Red-roust!



**Red SKELTON**  
IN HIS NEWEST AND FUNNIEST SCREEN SCREAM!

### WHISTLING IN BROOKLYN

Ann RUTHERFORD Jean ROGERS  
Rags RAGLAND Ray COLLINS  
Henry O'NEILL  
William FRAWLEY  
Sam LEVINE  
and THE BROOKLYN DODGERS

## RURAL NEWS

### BENOIT

Many folks are finding it hard to celebrate a happy Christmas this year because of the thought of what their loved ones are going through in battle. Yet those boys and other relatives who are across fighting for the privilege of coming home to years and years of peaceful Christmases are going to be wondering how we here at home spent Christmas. Many of those boys will be right here at home with us on Christmas eve, doing the things they have done on Christmas eve past. Yes, they will be here—not many in person but all of them in their dreams. They're going to want to hear how we spent Christmas—if we sat around and moped or if we kept up the tradition they are fighting for. Of course, this Christmas can't be as happy as some in the past have been but the fine spirit and meaning of Christmas should forever be kept alive!

Miss Louise Brookshier, who has been attending school in Alpine, arrived home last Friday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Clayton were dinner guests of friends in Ballinger Sunday.

Jarvis and Marlin Robinson, of Alpine; and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kelly, of Mentone; are Christmas guests in the C. C. Robinson home.

Miss Doris Hill, of San Antonio; and Misses Mary Ruth Hill and Neva Gayle Stewart, who had been visiting relatives in Eldorado, arrived home Wednesday for a visit with folks here.

Mrs. C. C. Robinson and Mr.

### Serving Uncle Sam

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Cpl. Thomas F. Kevil, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kevil, is at home on a two weeks' furlough. He is in the medical corps, stationed at Fort Bliss. He is a brother of Elton Kevil, who was reported missing in action some time ago when the bomber on which he was a member of the crew was shot down over Germany. Four members of the crew have been reported to be prisoners of war and it is believed all men parachuted from the crippled ship. Mr. and Mrs. Kevil have another son, Cpl. Uriah J. Kevil, stationed somewhere in Arizona.



Pfc. Walter Hudson

Marine Pfc. Walter E. Hudson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hudson of Ballinger, is in training at Camp Matthews, California. Above he is shown demonstrating a steady position for rifle firing to a recruit platoon at the marine corps rifle instruction camp.

Calvin Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Howell, came in the past week on a Christmas furlough and to visit his parents, other relatives, and friends. He is stationed at Camp Roberts, Calif., receiving regular army training. Howell stated that California did not compare with Texas, declaring that it rained every night and the sun was hot in the daytime.

Sgt. Roland Cotter returned to his post at Coffeyville, Kansas, the first of the week after a visit with relatives and friends here.

Lt. J. C. Johnson, chaplain in the navy, writes from Camp Allen, Norfolk, Va., asking that the address on his paper be changed. He said receiving The Ledger was a weekly feast and asked that the change be made so he would not miss a copy. He extended greetings to all his friends in Ballinger.

Alexander McGregor, son of Mr.

Sgt. Allen B. Dorsey, serving in the 20th infantry regiment in the Pacific theatre, will get the home town news from The Ledger in 1944. The paper is sent by his mother to provide a touch of home for him in his far-away post.

Clarence David Richards, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richards, is attending North Texas Agricultural College, Arlington. He was sent there for special subjects after serving more than a year on active duty in the navy.

Lt. Dick Halstead, located at the Pecos Air Field, was here last Sunday for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Halstead.

Christmas cards have been received here by friends from C. Frank Holliday, in the marine corps engineers; Otis Jacob, in the navy; and Cicero H. Smith, seabee. All three men are in the South Pacific sector.

Pvt. James McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. McWilliams, of Winters, recently spent a ten-day furlough with relatives and friends. For the past five months he has been stationed at Camp Wolters, near Mineral Wells, but now has been transferred to Fort Meade, Maryland.

Dan Woodroof, special D/R, of the coast guard, and stationed at Georgetown, South Carolina, came in the first of the week to spend Christmas with friends and to look after business interests here.

Alexander McGregor came in today from A. & M. College for a short Christmas visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, before going to Miami, Fla., to continue training in the air corps.

Tommye Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Allison, has finished primary flight training at Thunderbird Field, Arizona, and has begun basic training at another field. Allison entered the service on June 4, 1941, and has been stationed at various camps in the country.

### CREWS

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

A brisk norther is blowing today (Tuesday).

Miss Mary Louis Pape, of Coleman, visited her father, W. H. Pape, and other relatives here the previous week-end.

"A Womanless Wedding" will be presented at the auditorium Friday evening, sponsored by the school. W. W. Norris is to be the bridegroom and Ed McMillan the bride. W. W. King the jilted sweetheart. There are 20 other men and boys in the cast. There will be a small admission charge, but you can laugh and for a while lay aside the many cares that beset us these days.

Mrs. Buford Goods and baby were Sunday night guests of Mrs. Noble Faubion and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester McBeth, Sybil and Mrs. King visited Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Phipps at Ballinger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young and family, Mrs. Tom Mathis and Glenda Fay, and Mrs. Lonnie Ketchum, of Glen Cove, visited relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. J. Edmon Dial and daughters, who had been visiting relatives here and San Angelo, returned to their home in San Pedro, California Wednesday.

Mrs. Wallace Traylor, whom we reported seriously ill the previous week, underwent a major operation Saturday and was doing fairly well at last report.

W. H. Pape left Wednesday for California to enter defense work. Noble Faubion has rented the Pape place.

Memory of Don Benito Juarez, the great leader, is honored in Mexico with the recent opening of his birthplace at Oaxaca as a museum.

Card of Thanks  
We wish to express our deep appreciation to those who were so kind to us during the recent illness and death of our loved one, Mrs. W. K. McKinley. The expressions of sympathy, the beautiful floral offering and other deeds were a real comfort to us in this sad hour.

Mrs. R. L. Sides and family  
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and Mrs. A. McGregor, has been transferred to the eighth service command. He was one of 22 aeronautical engineers taking special work at A. & M. College to be assigned to the engineering division of the air forces. He is to go to Miami, Fla., for officer's training and after receiving intensive training will be commissioned.

is here to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Tom Shaffer, of Sanderson, is here this week for a visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Shaffer formerly resided in Ballinger and is well known here.

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Bill C. Sykes, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Sykes, has just completed primary training at Thunderbird Field, Glendale, Arizona, and has been sent to another air field to start basic flying.

Sgt. Robert Clark, of Midland,

We welcome the chance to extend our best wishes to each of you on this, the happiest occasion of the year—CHRISTMAS.

It is our hope that the New Year will be filled with an abundance of good things for you and yours as a reward for your loyalty and consideration.

## Holiday Greetings

CHRISTMAS CAKES, PIES AND COOKIES

### City Bakery

## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With a friendly wish for your happiness throughout the New Year.  
And a genuine "thank you" for your courtesies of the past year.

### McShan Motor Co.

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## Anti-Freeze

**\$1.40**  
per gallon

# SYKES

## MOTOR COMPANY

IF WE HAD A WHOLE SHELF OF BOOKS, WE DOUBT VERY SERIOUSLY IF WE COULD FIND ANYWHERE IN THEM A PHRASE MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE APPROPRIATE, OR MORE SINCERE THAN "MERRY CHRISTMAS" IN EXPRESSING THIS CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT. WE WISH FOR YOU ALL THE THINGS THAT WILL BRING YOU THE HAPPINESS YOU SO RICHLY DESERVE.

## Greetings FRIENDS

Ballinger Cooperative Gin Company  
FRANK KEMP, Manager

## In the Twilight... of 1943

...we find ourselves filled with mixed emotions. On the one hand we say, "What? Christmas is here again?"—that's because we have all been busy, and being busy, time flies. On the other hand, Christmas, 1942, seems to have been ages ago. It's with difficulty that we remember the details of that day: the presents we gave or received, the Christmas dinner, the noises the children made with their horns and drums and toys. For 1943 was a changing year and all of us aged perceptibly, far beyond the span of a normal 12 months.

The exigencies of these turbulent times have unspooled us and we have become more tolerant of the shortcomings of others. Like all other merchants serving the public, the Humble Service Station is not able to deliver the service and the products it would like to. But the public understands. It realizes that the flower of Humble man-power and the choice cut out of every barrel of crude oil have gone to war.

For this sympathetic attitude, the Humble Company is grateful. And to its customers and friends both at home and in the Armed Forces it sends Christmas greetings with the sincere hope that the New Year will hurry that fine day of peace when it can again invite you to "Be Humble's guest on the highway."

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

## County Service Officer Gives Dependency Data

D. G. Posey, for many years service officer for the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, and who is to become county service officer on January 1, has given out some interesting information on the rehabilitation program.

Mr. Posey will assume his duties for the county on January 1 with office in the welfare office in the southeast corner of the court house. He recently attended a one-day service school at Sweetwater conducted by Ward Moosy, rehabilitation field secretary.

Due to the fact that so many disabled men of World War 1 have died and that employment is easier for disabled men to obtain under war conditions, nine-tenths of the American Legion's problem with the disabled is now directed to World War 2 veterans. Mr. Posey said. This falls into several different classes; the work with those going into service and now in the service, the work with the families of men away in the service, and helping those who have returned from the service with disabilities.

The trained staff of the Ameri-

can Legion at Washington, working with the veterans' administration rating offices, have resulted in thousands of cases of service-connected disability, where the men's army discharge has said it was not due to service. Frequently, if men were good enough to pass the original army examinations and then spend several months at hard drilling and even in combat, it is obvious that pre-existing disabilities were aggravated by the service. The American Legion, with over 9,000 trained post service officers, is equipped to represent the veterans and bring about a fair adjudication of such matters.

Mr. Posey said that on family matters, where a veteran's allotment has not come through, or because of sickness or childbirth, there is an unusual financial burden thrown on a family, the army relief funds will be paid out to take care of the family emergencies on investigation made by the American Legion. Therefore, family matters should now be taken up with him, as a represen-

tative of the American Legion in the community.

Family allowance rates will be explained by Mr. Posey to anyone interested. Following are two tables for dependency payments:

Class A Dependents	
Wife	\$50.00
Wife and one child	80.00
Each additional child	20.00
Child but no wife	42.00
Each additional child	20.00
Divorced wife	42.00
Divorced wife with one child	72.00
Each additional child	20.00
Class B Dependents	
One parent	\$50.00
Two parents	68.00
One parent and brother or sister	68.00
Each added brother or sister	11.00
Two parents and one brother or sister	79.00
Each added brother or sister	11.00
Brother or sister but no parent	42.00
Each added brother or sister	11.00

Coffee pulp is now fed to cows following experiments by the coffee board of Kenya, it is reported in Nairobi.

Plant good seed—in war bonds—and harvest security after the war.

## The Years Are Rolled

A frost of stars across the night,  
And one star glittering with light  
Above the rest. A song that yields  
Its swelling beauty in the fields  
Where shepherds watch their flocks, and see  
The wonder of a mystery.

Within a stable's rock-hewn walls  
The flickering lamplight softly falls  
Upon a mother, young and fair,  
Upon a Babe with shining hair.

And still the star points out the way  
That leads into the Christmas Day.  
Above the hideous shriek of bombs  
The song the Angels sang still comes,  
Rising in soaring beauty far  
Beyond the evil sounds of war.

The years are rolled up, one by one,  
And Mary holds her little Son  
Against her heart. Each new-born cry  
Lifts like a prayer towards the sky,  
While countless Marys smile through tears,  
Forgetting for a time, their fears  
In joy that a child is born  
Upon another Christmas Morn.

Mary Willis Shelburne  
in "The One Over of St. J. Phillips"

### ST. MARY'S CHURCH TO HAVE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES; PUBLIC IS INVITED TO ATTEND

The Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., pastor of St. Mary's Church, announces the following services for Christmas: midnight mass, December 24, with special Christmas hymns. This mass is in keeping with an age-old custom of the church. It will be offered for the parishioners with a very special memento for all our boys and girls, Catholic as well as non-Catholic, who are in the armed services of our beloved country. All the members of the parish who shall assist at midnight mass are requested to offer their share in the divine sacrifice of the mass in union with the celebrant, and

their holy communion for the welfare of our soldiers, sailors and marines wherever they may be.

Besides the midnight mass on Christmas eve there will be a second mass on Christmas day at 11:00 a. m.

Confessions will be heard on Christmas eve from 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. and again from 7:00 to 9:30 p. m. At 9:30 p. m. the doors of the church will be closed until 11:00 p. m., when they will be opened for the midnight mass.

The pastor extends a cordial invitation to all to attend the midnight mass as well as the other services on Christmas.

### FARMS FOR WAR VETERANS ARRANGED BY NEW ZEALAND

WELLINGTON, Dec. 22.—The first farming property for which ex-servicemen of the present war have the right of selection was recently made available by the New Zealand government. In the rehabilitation of veterans on the land the authorities will provide suitable and in most cases fully developed farm properties from time to time.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

### GENERAL SMUTS' BROOCH GIVEN TO BLIND SOLDIER

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Dec. 22.—David Bell, armless and blinded sapper, of Edinburgh, met General Smuts in South Africa and now wears the general's own silver "v" brooch. Bell lost both hands and his sight in Egypt. At Wynberg, where Bell lives at the St. Dunstan's training center, he was introduced to Smuts by Sir James Ross, British air ministry representative. Bell was thrilled to meet the general and had a long talk with him. His greatest thrill, however, was when General Smuts removed the silver brooch from his lapel and pinned it on the crippled hero.

### THIEF REBUKES CARELESS CHURCH AT EDINBURGH

EDINBURGH, Dec. 22.—St. John's Church in Edinburgh again has its \$60 candlesticks, but only at the cost of a rebuke from the thief who took them. The candlesticks were returned by parcel post from Glasgow, accompanied by a note in which the thief urged authorities to be more careful of the church possessions in the future. Police believe the thief knew there was no chance of disposing of his loot locally without capture, found no market for them in Glasgow, and decided to rid himself of the evidence by returning the goods.

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## Christmas Joy!

ONCE AGAIN the Yuletide season offers a welcome opportunity to extend cordial greetings and best wishes to all those whose friendship and patronage we have enjoyed during the year. May we express our appreciation of your consideration . . . and our best wishes for your continued happiness.

We Telegraph Flowers  
**Phillips Floral**  
Phone 425

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season of the year we always think of our friends, those who have contributed so much to our success and happiness during the past year, and hasten to say to them a Merry Christmas. Although our lives have been affected by world conditions during the past year, the spirit of Christmas remains unchanged, a happy American tradition. This year we hope it will be a happy occasion for you and also let us express the hope that 1944 will bring better days for every home in the land.

### AS WE START 1944

—we announce an improvement and expansion program for the benefit of our customers and friends. We have installed a Hussmann refrigerated fruit and vegetable case. This case is the latest method of keeping and displaying fruits and vegetables, keeping them at a perfect temperature and also convenient for the shopper. Other modern equipment has been installed to improve our service and a store room has been constructed to permit the carrying of a larger stock of merchandise. Delivery service will be maintained each afternoon after 4 p. m. and all day Saturday.

Again let us say "thanks" for all favors during the past year.

# TINSLEY'S

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Tinsley  
Miss Martha Neely, Clerk  
Bill Halley Zedlitz, Deliveryman

## Christmas Greetings

and All Happiness in the New Year



**E. Shepperd & Company**  
E. Shepperd John A. Purfoy

To all of you whom we have faithfully endeavored to serve in the past and to those of you whom we would like to serve in the future, we extend Christmas greetings.  
We assure you that we will make every effort to serve you next year as efficiently and effectively as possible. We have a certain standard that we expect to set as a goal and our every effort will be directed toward the achievement of this purpose.

Season's Greetings  
Western Produce Co.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ruel Boswell and Joyce

## The Christmas Spirit

This year more than ever before we appreciate the real meaning of Christmas. The future of the world would be dark indeed, if at this season the candles were not lighted, and our thoughts did not turn to others.  
We must all hope, and work, and pray for the time when nations will live in peace and harmony . . . a brighter day, when:

"So shall we learn to understand  
The simple faith of shepherds then,  
and clasping kindly hand in hand  
Sing, "Peace on earth, good will to men!"  
—James Russell Lowell

We wish you each and every one a very Merry Christmas.



## THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00

Winters, Texas

Member Federal Reserve System and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation





WITH full appreciation of the sacrifices you, and millions like you, have made and with thanks for your understanding of the problems which have confronted us in the past months, we sincerely greet you at this happy season of the year. We have the utmost faith in you, in our community, and in our country and we are grateful that Americans have the privilege of observing Christmas. May the blessings of peace give not only peace, but health and happiness and may the blessings be on every home in our nation.

**West Texas Cottonoil Co.**  
Ballinger, Texas

**ALL ABOARD**



The board's all set and the tracks are clear for a Merry American Christmas. It is that time of the year when all of us strive to remember the good things in life, the value of friendly relations and to set our signals "all clear" for the New Year. Make your reservations now for a happy journey through the coming year.

**CITY CAFE**

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Boen, Managers

*It's An Old American Custom*

This idea of wishing friends a Merry Christmas—but one to which we look forward—year after year. We are grateful to our many friends and it is to you that this message is intended.

**BEST WISHES TO ALL!**

**Bell's Grocery & Market**

**District G Utilities Employees Enjoy Xmas Party Here**

Employees of the West Texas Utilities Co. in district G were in Ballinger Friday night for the annual Christmas party. This year the program consisted of a banquet with entertainment numbers and was attended by practically all employees and their families.

Tables were arranged for the group in the fire station at the city hall and Chester Cherry and Bill May were in charge of the preparation and serving of the turkey dinner.

Following the meal W. J. Hembre was master of ceremonies to introduce guests and present the program. Judge E. C. Grindstaff, principal speaker, delivered a talk on Christmas and its meaning.

At the conclusion of the program a short safety and business session was held.

The new type of program, varying from the usual Christmas tree and gift exchange, was a decided success as attested by the complimentary remarks of those attending.

**BALLINGER CONFERENCE PRAISED BY FBI AGENT**

R. G. Danner, special FBI agent, who was here last week in charge of the conference of peace officers from this district, has written Sheriff J. L. Moreland a letter in which he stated that the Ballinger meeting was one of the best ever held in the district. He especially complimented the local officers on the arrangements which included a dinner in the mess hall at Bruce Field.

The Ballinger meeting was well attended and local officers have received much praise on arrangements for the conference.

**RECAPPING PLANT TO BE OPENED HERE JANUARY 1**

H. O. Kelly, formerly of Dalhart, has moved to Ballinger and is preparing to open a tire recapping plant. He stated Tuesday that he would locate his business next door to the Palace Theatre on Eighth Street and expected to be ready for operation by January 1.

Mr. Kelly has been in recapping business at Dalhart for a number of years but recently sold his business there and is moving here to open another plant.

**GROWTH OF BRAZILIAN FLYING RETARDS ROADS**

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 22.—The rapid growth of aviation in Brazil is tending to retard highway building, it is pointed out. Planes cover almost the entire country with the result that the once-insistent demand for roads has waned. Nevertheless, the country continues to make progress in surface transportation and, therefore, in roads. Buses now travel between Recife, Pernambuco and Rio de Janeiro, and regular service between the two capitals is proposed. Automobiles have been making the trip for some time, but the highways are not yet sufficiently well developed throughout their length to warrant full-time commercial service.

Buy a share in victory—invest in war bonds and stamps.

**Polio Victim and His Family**



Fred B. Snilc, who has spent the last seven years of his life in an iron lung fighting infantile paralysis, is shown with his wife and two children as they left Chicago, Ill., bound for Florida.

**Every Child Likes To Decorate Tree**

Child development experts say that children will enjoy Christmas more if they help in getting the house ready for the coming of old Saint Nick. One of the most important duties, especially to a child, is that of decorating the tree.

A little boy or girl will love the opportunity to cut out cardboard stars, then dip them into a thick mixture of water and laundry starch



Even the united efforts of these children couldn't budge the huge Christmas tree selected for their schoolyard — but they had a good time trying to help.

and finally, sprinkle them with artificial snow. Small gourds, seed pods and pine cones can be treated in a like manner, after they've been painted with quick-drying enamel, or with aluminum paint.

**Santa Claus, Ind. Attracts Volumes Of Christmas Mail**

About 75 years ago the people of a community in Indiana applied for a post office, asking Santa Fe as a name. There already was a post office by that name in Indiana, and since it was a short time before Christmas, the people decided to name the town Santaclause, in one word.

In 1938 the name was changed to two words, Santa Claus. Since then letters from all over the world have come in, until now it takes a force of about eight people through November and December to handle the Christmas mail with a new electric canceling machine. About 60,000 pieces a day are dispatched around Christmas.

A Santa Claus headquarters is maintained where thousands of tourists and visitors buy gifts and post cards. During the Christmas week, Santa Claus, in full uniform and long whiskers, presides.

Although this is the only town in the world bearing this name, other places have names associated with the Yule holiday.

Christmas island, in the Pacific ocean, is so named because Captain Cook landed there Christmas day, 1777.

Five communities in the United States are named for this holiday. There is a Christmas in Gila county, Arizona; Orange county, Florida; Lawrence county, Kentucky; Bolivar county, Mississippi; and Roane county, Tennessee.

Minnesota boasts of a lake by the name of Christmas. It is located in Scott county.

**JUST WAIT!**



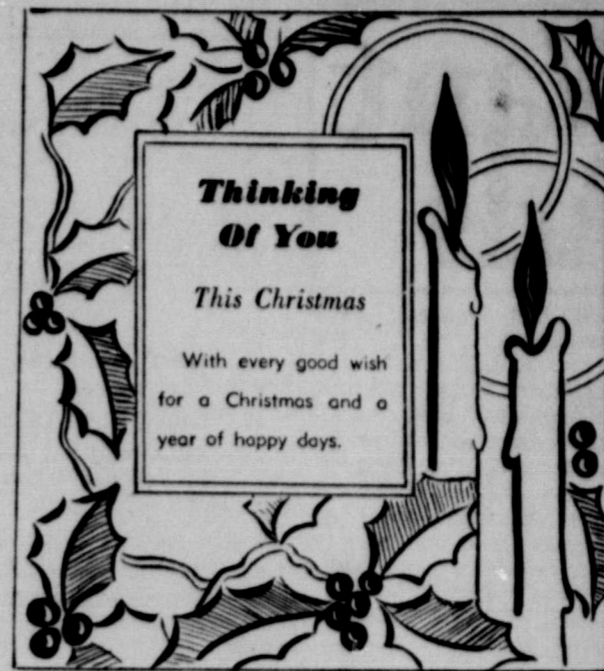
"What did your mother say when I didn't come home until late last night?"

"She said, 'Just wait until after Christmas. I'll fix him.'"

**Poinsettia Lacks Yule Tradition**  
The poinsettia has no Christmas tradition. Possessing beautiful red and green leaves (the flowers themselves being the small yellow centers), and being available at this season, the brilliance and color of this plant add much to Christmas decorations. The plant is native to Central America and Mexico and was adapted some years ago to cultivation by Dr. Poinsett of Charleston, S. C. It is distinctly modern and American.

Miss Margaret Ann Morton, student of Baylor University, Waco, is at home for the Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Clarence A. Morton.

Ledger want ads pay.



**BALLINGER HOME & AUTO SUPPLY**  
FIRESTONE HEADQUARTERS



IN the absence of those who have dedicated themselves to the task of making this a better world in which to live, we believe it appropriate to particularly remember them in expressing our Christmas greetings. Wherever they may be, whatever they may be doing, it is our sincere wish that they, as well as their loved ones at home, may spend a Christmas of fond memories of happier days. May they know to that a new day of happier associations is dawning and that brighter Christmas seasons are ahead.

**Stone's**



With unflinching faith in ourselves, our country, and the power of free men, Christmas this year will be symbolic of the moral and spiritual values upon which American people ultimately rely. May you have such faith in our simple wish at this Christmas time.

**Southwestern Sewer Company**

"Guardian of Community Health"  
J. M. Garlington, Manager; Mrs. Gertrude Woods, Collector



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

TO EACH OF YOU

Wishing you all the happiness which may be contained in an old fashioned American Christmas.

**RUBIN'S**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

IN ACCOUNT WITH  
**OUR FRIENDS**  
OF THIS COMMUNITY  
STATEMENT

THIS DAY FINDS YOU WITH A CREDIT BALANCE OF

**365 Days**

of Happiness For Next Year

THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Gibbs' Shoe Department**

"Where Ballinger Shops With Confidence"

**WISHING YOU**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

and

**A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**CLEMENTS' BEN FRANKLIN STORE**





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THE BALLINGER LEDGER

## Want Ads

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

**PERMANENT WAVE**, 59¢! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Karl 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. Afferbach's Variety Store. 28-10t-\*

**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. Bickel, Box 481, San Angelo, Texas. Phone 3-8613. 4-19t-\*

**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

**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

**FOR SALE**—Very choice Holstein and Ayrshire heifers, \$25 each and up. Shipped C. O. D. if desired. Bull free with five heifers. Homestead Farms, McGraw New York. 2-3t

**FOR LEASE**—Mr. building next door to Sam Behringer Grocery January 1st. W. A. Nance. 9-1f

**FOR SALE**—Baby beef bronze turkeys. Hens, \$7.50; toms, \$10.00. Erwin Schraeder, Winters route four. 9-4t-\*

**FOR SALE**—One 1942 model B John Deere tractor with all equipment and accessories. Everything in A-1 shape. Erwin Schraeder, route 4, Winters. Located 8 1/2 miles north of Winters two miles north of Baldwin school. 9-3t\*

**WANTED**—Land to break, \$1.50 an acre. Write Box 111. 16-2t\*

**FOR SALE**—One Petrine model "T" incubator, capacity 1,200, practically new. Priced to sell. Phone 1279. 16-3t

**FOR SALE**—Girl's bicycle, in good condition. E. M. Eubank, 909 Sixth Street. 16-2t

**FOR SALE**—Modern six room house. E. L. Morrison at Norton. 16-2t-\*

Have your Feed threshed and ground with Howard McDorman, near Keesee's Grocery, Winters highway. 16-3t-\*

**Baby Chicks**  
J. N. NUTT FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY  
Ballinger Phone 174 16-1f

**FOR SALE**—One five burner, white porcelain Kurgas oil range, practically new. For further information call 1279. 16-3t

**FOR SALE**—Kitchen cabinet, practically new. Clarinet slightly used. Mrs. Iden's Rooming House, 111 Eleventh Street. Phone 497. 16-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—198-acre farm, 12 miles northwest of Ballinger. See Fred Holiday. 11-1t-11

**FOR SALE**—A Victorian secretary in mahogany. Phone 485. 23-1t-\*

**Removal Notice**  
Dr. E. W. Stasney announces the removal of his dental office to the E. Shepherd building in the offices formerly occupied by Dr. C. F. Bailey. The new office is located on South Seventh Street opposite the court house lawn. 23-4t

**Situation Wanted**  
Two girls to do housework and ironing. Phone 481. 1t\*

**FOR SALE**—Two burner gas hot plate. Also show case. R. E. Johnson, Humble Service Station, Winters highway. 22-1t-\*

**WANTED**—New model electric refrigerator. Douglas Overman, Norton. 23-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Baby walker and pre-war baby car seat. Practically new. Mrs. Dewey Burk, box 206. 23-1t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Full blood baby beef calves. Mrs. J. M. Fyburn. 23-1t

Must have apartment by January 1. Steady employment at Safeway. Wife and two children. Call at Safeway Grocery. 23-1t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Man's bicycle. See at domino hall upstairs over Tigner's. W. E. Long. 23-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Practically new lady's gold Elgin wrist watch. M. L. Northington, 1207 Broadway, Box No. 162, Ballinger, Texas. 23-1t

**FOR RENT**—Furnished bedroom, 1002 Strong Avenue. 1t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Excellent No. 5 Underwood typewriter, just rebuilt by official service. \$50.00. Inquire at Ledger. 23-1t

**FOR SALE**—12 gauge double ejector shotgun, practically perfect, with pad and beavertail and six boxes shells. \$90.00. Inquire at Ledger. 23-1t

**FOR SALE**—One electric radio, Kirk Hardware. 23-1t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Wool rug, nearly new. China cabinet. A. M. King. 23-1t-\*

**FOR SALE**—205 acres, 175 field, 536. Good home in Ballinger. A. M. King. 23-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Oliver 70 tractor on rubber. Self starter, two good tires, extra supply of sweeps. L. B. Greenwood, box 665, Ballinger. 23-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Or rent: 150 acre farm, three miles of Rowena. See H. B. Halfmann, Ballinger. 23-2t-\*

**FOR SALE**—Toy electric streamlined train, very large and modern design, ideal for boy's Christmas gift. Tested ok by electrician. Call at Hartman's Grocery or phone 157. 23-1t

**WANTED**—To buy electric refrigerator. See Jim Duncan at Bailey Clinic-Hospital. 23-1t-11

**WANTED**—Reliable person who can drive car to stay with old couple 12 miles north of Ballinger. See or write Alva Berry, route two, Winters, Texas. 23-1t

**FOR SALE**—Cordwood, Kirk & Mack. 23-2t-\*

1940 Oldsmobile five passenger club coupe; heater, seat covers. Make offer. J. C. Oeters, 406 Ninth Street. 23-1t-\*

**Notice to Hunters**  
I will prosecute to fullest extent of law anyone shooting over fence, across public road or on adjoining land of my property.  
W. H. SHILLER  
Rt. 1, Ballinger 23-1t-\*

Miss Ann Creasy, student in Texas State College for Women at Denton, is at home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Creasy. 23-1t-\*

**DEATHS**  
Mrs. Armanda Norred  
Mrs. Armanda Norred, 86, died at her home on Strong Avenue Wednesday morning at 4 o'clock after illness of five days and failing health for the past five years.  
Decedent was a pioneer of this city, moving to Ballinger with her family 43 years ago. Her husband died seven years ago and since then she had made home here with an only son, H. L. Norred, who is the only immediate survivor. Mrs. Norred was a faithful member of the First Methodist Church and had been a member of this denomination since childhood. Until her health failed she was always at the services of her church.  
Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Agnew chapel, Rev. W. E. Shipp officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.  
Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**DR. J. LESTER OHLHAUSEN RECEIVES STATE LICENSE**  
Dr. J. Lester Ohlhausen received his license as a practicing chiropractor this week. He stood the state examination at Sweetwater in October and the official license was received here this week.

**CHIROPRACTOR**  
Health Baths, Scientific Massage  
**Dr. J. Lester Ohlhausen**  
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We cut up your hog, grind and season sausage, render lard, cure and hickory smoke the meat.

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Nitroglycerine and other vital national defense needs are extracted from greases from dead livestock. We'll pick up unskinned dead animals within 50 miles of San Angelo. We buy old greases, hides, old horses and mules. Call collect, day or night.  
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**SOCIETY**  
Miss Gayle Hirschfeld is Bride of Sgt. B. E. Williams  
Sgt. and Mrs. B. E. Williams are at home in Ballinger after their marriage in Fort Worth last Friday evening. The double ring ceremony was read by the Rev. Jimmy Morgan, First Baptist church pastor, in his study.  
The bride wore a two piece silk suit of dusky green crepe with brown accessories and a corsage of gardenias.  
They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams of Ft. Worth.  
Mrs. Williams, the former Gayle Hirschfeld, is the daughter of Mrs. Alta Mae Hirschfeld. Following her graduation from high school here, she worked for several Ballinger firms. She then attended business college in Houston, and on returning here accepted employment at Bruce Field.

Sgt. Williams, a graduate of a Ft. Worth high school, has been in the U. S. Army three years. He is now stationed at Bruce Field in the engineering department.  
Mrs. Victor Miller, Jr. and John Miller, students in the University of Texas, are at home for the holidays.  
Mrs. Leslie Baker is visiting in Abilene with relatives and friends.

AT FIRST SIGN OF A  
**COLD**  
USE 666  
666 TABLETS, SALVE, NOSE DROPS

**KILLOUGH & DAVIS**  
FUNERAL HOME  
AMBULANCE SERVICE  
Phone 454  
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**SAFEWAY**

"So that peace may prevail for all mankind"

Christmastide, hallowed season of joy and happiness, this year finds all of us in America striving constantly to hasten the day of Victory. Nevertheless it is fitting that we should pause both to recall our Christmas days of yesteryear and to look forward into the future with profound confidence and hope. We people of Safeway—including those who have taken leave of absence to join the fighting forces—unite in sincerely wishing every one of you a Merry Christmas! May your families be happy and well. May your dinners be hearty. And may the Christmas prayers of all of us be answered. "So that peace may prevail for all mankind..."

**Waste Free Turkeys** Dressed and Drawn **Lb. 55¢**

**Waste Free Chicken Hens** Dressed and Drawn **Lb. 45¢**

**Fresh Airway COFFEE** 1-Lb. Bag **21¢**

**Edwards COFFEE** 1-Lb. Bag **25¢**

**HAMS**  
HALF or WHOLE **Lb. 34¢**  
5 Points Per Pound  
SHANK END **Lb. 33¢**  
3 Points Per Pound  
Center Slices **Lb. 49¢**  
8 Points Per Pound

**Grocery Values**

Tomato Juice	18-Oz. Can	11¢	Green Points	3		
Cocktail	Half-Gal. Fruit	32¢	Green Points	30		
Tomatoes	Standard Quality	No. 2	10¢	Green Points	18	
Niblets	Del. Malt	White Kernel	12-Oz. Can	13¢	Green Points	10
Beans	Del. Mince	Green Lima	No. 2	19¢	Green Points	20
Raisins	Seedless	California Raisin	1-Lb. Pkg.	15¢	Green Points	4
Catsup	Ball Brand	Tomato	14-Oz. Bot.	15¢	Green Points	18
Margarine	Dalwood	Enriched	Lb.	22¢	Brown Points	6

**Pumpkin Pie Spice** 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. **9¢**

**Ground Sage** 1 1/2-Oz. Pkg. **13¢**

**Clicker Club GINGER ALE** Sparkling Water or White Soda 2 Qt. Bots. **25¢** Plus Deposit

**Fresh Fruits & Vegetables**

Cranberries	Fancy Red	Lb.	33¢		
Apples	Delicious, Winesap and Rome Beauty	Lb.	11¢		
Celery	Fancy California Well Blanched	Lb.	15¢		
Cocoanuts	Fresh	Lb.	19¢		
Oranges	Florida Sweet	Lb.	8¢		
Avocados	Fancy California 2 1/2 Size	Each	15¢		
Oranges	California Novel	Lb.	10¢		
Bananas	Central American 2 Lb.	23¢	Kilo Dried		
Green Brussels	No. 1 Colo. Rural	10¢	Yams		
Sprouts	Lb.	21¢	Potatoes	10 Lb.	39¢

**Holiday Grocery Values**

Mincemeat	Home Libe	29-Oz. Jar	36¢
Chocolates	Sunshine Assorted	1-Lb. Box	59¢
Milk	Cherub (1 Point for 2 Sm. Cans)	Small Can	5¢
Knox Gelatin	No. 1	Reg. Pkg.	19¢
Soup	Heinz Tomato (4 Points Per Can)	No. 1 Can	11¢
Bread	Julia Lee Wright's Enriched White	24-Oz. Loaf	10¢
Pecans	Paper Shell in Mesh Bag	5-Lb. Bag	2.15
Shelled Pecans	12-Oz. Pkg.	85¢	

**Grocery Values**

Dressing	Duchess Sliced	16-Oz. Jar	23¢
Olives	Heinz Stuffed Manzanilla	16-Oz. Jar	47¢
Flour	Kitchen Craft Enriched	10-Lb. Bag	52¢
Cake Flour	Sunshine	2 1/2-Lb. Pkg.	28¢
Corn Meal	Mammy Lard	5-Lb. Bag	27¢
Crackers	Sunshine Krispy	1-Lb. Pkg.	19¢
Mixed Nuts		1-Lb. Pkg.	39¢
Oxydol	Granulated Soap	24-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Duz Soap	Washing Powder	2 1/2-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Super Suds		24-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Soap	Crystal White Laundry Soap	Large Bar	4¢

**Best Gift of All—WAR BONDS**

**Merry Christmas SAFEWAY**



THE BALLINGER LEDGER

BALLINGER, TEXAS, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1943

SPECIAL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has announced several special services at his church for next Sunday, December 26.

At 11 o'clock regular services will be held, Rev. Morton delivering the sermon.

At 5 p. m. open house will be held for the cadet fellowship hour with a special program and entertainment.

At the Baptist Training Union meeting at 5:30 p. m., Miss Betty

Jean Harper, of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, will present in technicolor an illustrated hymn talk.

At 7:30 p. m., under the auspices of the drama club of the church, the pastor will present Miss Louise Hash, of the fine arts department of Baylor University, Waco, in a dramatic reading, "The Fool," by Channing Pollock.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

Mrs. R. A. Dickinson will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Brownwood.

Coleman REA Adds 235 Farm Homes to its Lines

The Coleman County Electric Cooperative, Inc., has extended service to 235 previously unelectrified farms since January 1, 1943, to aid in wartime food production, according to S. R. Hale, manager. The cooperative now serves 1,605 farms in Runnels, Coleman, Taylor, Callahan, Tom Green and Concho counties.

The new farm consumers were connected to the cooperative's lines in accordance with the U. S. war production board's orders permitting connection to nearby rural power lines of farms producing livestock, dairy and poultry products.

In addition to farms already connected, Mr. Hale said that the USDA county war boards have approved the connection of 448 more farms to the cooperative lines. All farm service connections made under WPB regulations are approved by the USDA war board in the county where the particular farm is located.

In applying for service, the 235 farms already connected to the cooperative's lines under WPB regulations reported that they had on hand, or planned to produce annually 5,712.9 "animal units," including 2,000 dairy cows, 25,825 laying hens, 15,000 cattle for market, 30,000 broilers and 1,000 brood sows. Sheep and lambs and turkeys make up the balance of above units. The applicants said they would be able to maintain or increase production with less labor by using such electrical devices as water pumps for livestock, pig and chick brooders, milking machines and feed grinders. These representatives fully met WPB requirements for extending wartime emergency service to farms. The estimated increase in production would approximate about eight per cent.

In addition to the above 235 members already connected to lines we have approved by WPB and REA 48 miles of line with 121 members and 28,268 units. Forty-seven miles are in for approval with 76 members and 29,788 units with approximately 30 miles and

Presbyterians Hear Nationally Famous Singers Sunday Night

The congregation at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Sunday night enjoyed a musical treat when two evangelistic groups were heard on the joint program.

Mr. Homer F. Erwin, brother of the pastor, Rev. W. A. Erwin, and his wife, here for a visit, were heard in a group of special numbers. The Erwins are widely known over the country for their splendid work and will be in a revival at Brady starting January 3.

The Bonney Workers, nationally known family of evangelists, were also present at the service. They were invited to participate in the program and responded.

The latter group is composed of Rev. and Mrs. Gerald E. Bonney and their son, Cadet Huribut Bonney, of Brooklyn, New York. The parents are here to spend Christmas with their son, who is receiving primary flight training at Bruce Field as a member of class 44-E. The young man was heard in several solos near the conclusion of the program.

Rev. Bonney participated in the service at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning.

MORE AMERICAN MACHINERY SOUGHT BY MEXICAN MINES

MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 22.—Mexico's mines are demanding more machinery from the United States. The lack of proper equipment is proving a great handicap in view of the increasing demand in the United States for the metals and minerals of Mexico. The industry is hampered by lack of new machinery and spare parts. Inadequate rail transportation has complicated the problem. The office of coordinator of inter-American affairs has approved the shipment of \$34,707 worth of machinery and spare parts in the last three months, and this is said to be only a drop in the bucket.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton T. Wright and children went to Austin Wednesday for a visit with their son and brother, Bob Wright, who is to undergo an operation on a knee during the holidays.

LOCAL YOUTH IS TAKEN TO STATE REFORM SCHOOL

Sheriff J. L. Moreland went to Gatesville last Saturday to take Morgan Eugene James, 15, who was convicted of theft charges the day before in a special hearing here. Sheriff Moreland was called to Van Horn last week to bring James and two local girls home after they were detained there by Patrolman Orville Capehart.

The arrests resulted from the theft of a pick-up from Arch Brookshier. The pick-up was sold to a man at Odessa for \$200 with a \$40 cash payment and the

balance to be paid when papers were delivered to a bank there. Mr. Brookshier accompanied Sheriff Moreland to Van Horn and recovered his property, bringing it home.

James was tried here last Friday and sentenced to the state reform school at Gatesville until he is 21 years of age.

Miss Betty Jean Harper, student of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, came in the past week-end to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Harper.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

MEANWHILE ENJOY A REALLY RESTFUL YULETIDE

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A HOLIDAY THOUGHT

The Yuletide Season brings with it the pleasant thoughts of friendly associations in the past. It reminds us of the splendid patronage that has been ours to enjoy and the confidence shown in our organization manifest most forcibly by the continuance of your goodwill.

We sincerely trust that we may continue to enjoy the same amicable associations throughout the years to come.

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

AMERICAN CAFE  
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GREETINGS

"One Nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all." It seems important to us that this pledge of allegiance to our flag is singularly appropriate at Christmas time. The observance of this pledge with a background of the true meaning of Christmas can only lead to a world of happiness with the brotherhood of man as a predominating factor.

The combination of these thoughts at Christmas time will mean a genuine happy American Christmas.

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SCHOOL LUNCH ROOMS WILL GET MORE FOOD

County Superintendent Ernest Caskey has been informed that the USDA county war boards are to receive 1,900 pounds of salt pork neck bones and 4,300 pounds of pickled spare ribs in the near future. The shipment will come from the surplus food set-up for school lunch rooms and as soon as received will be distributed to the large number of lunch rooms being maintained in the county.

The only other surplus shipment to be received by the county superintendent was 19,000 pounds of Irish potatoes which arrived early in November and this has been divided and distributed to the lunch rooms.

All school lunch rooms operated in the fall are expected to continue serving pupils during the spring semester.

AMERICANS BUY SPURNED AUSTRALIAN INVENTION

MELBOURNE, Dec. 22.—When a gadget invented by J. H. Steene, of Brisbane, was turned down by the army inventions directorate in Melbourne, he offered it to the United States armed services, with demonstrations. They were sold on the idea at once. The device enables broken hacksaw blades to be used in an ordinary hacksaw frame. In half a day the inventor obtained these orders: United States air corps, 100; United States navy, 8 dozen; United States army, 500. The inventor points out that as most hacksaw blades are imported his invention will prove of great value in conserving imported material.

Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, is here to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.



Through the CENTURIES

It is a far cry from the crude manger of Bethlehem the world of 20 centuries ago to modern structures of war-ship.

But as time goes on and the world continues to progress, it is interesting to observe that the one custom that has remained unchanged is the observance of the coming of Him whose birthday we celebrate.

May His teachings predominate now at a time when the world seeks peace and contentment. This is our Christmas wish this year.

May we wish you all the joys of the Yuletide.

Sam Behringer & Co.

TO OUR FRIENDS

The dictionary is full of high sounding words and definitions, but search as we may, we can find no better substitute to express our season's greetings than the time worn phrase—Merry Christmas.

Merry Christmas

AMERICANS EVERYWHERE

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Many good wishes for gladness and cheer, a bright Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with all the good things you so richly deserve.

With these thoughts we desire to also add our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of our friends and customers, who, by their friendships and patronage, have made possible our success in the past year.

Happy New Year!

JULIAN H. HOLLAND

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# Christmas Society and Club News

## Agnew Home Again Scene of Cadet Weddings

In a beautiful Yuletide setting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew in Wilke Terrace, three cadet weddings were solemnized Saturday evening. A tall, brilliantly lighted and elaborately decorated Christmas tree, which reached to the arched living room ceiling, stood in the exact center of the middle of the triple arched windows. At its base was a village scene with tiny lighted houses and a miniature steeped church. At each side were embankments of ferns in graduated heights and crystal floor baskets of lovely mistletoe. White candles burned in white five-branched flower candelabra and wreaths of cedar tied with red satin bows were at the side casement windows in the background.

Other decorations about the entire reception suite were in the holiday season motif with shimmering icicles hung from festoons across the ceilings, bells, mistletoe, and pine cone arrangements at every vantage point. An attractive Santa Claus plaque, outlined in pine cones and sprays hung above the fireplace. Tall red tapers burning in two-branched silver candelabra flanked a reflected centerpiece fashioned of greenery, mistletoe, nandina berries with pine cones on the lace-laid dining table. Poinsettias and silver grapes adorned the buffet.

At seven o'clock wedding vows were very quietly exchanged by Miss Velma Bodine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bodine of Glenwood, Minnesota, and Aviation Cadet Dwight Olson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Olson of Graceville, Minn., a member of class 44E at Bruce Field, with the Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor of the First Methodist Church, reading the double ring ceremony.

The bride wore a dress of royal blue chiffon velvet with shirred V-neck and floral design of various colored sequins on the belt. Her small off-the-face veiled hat was of navy and other accessories were black. She carried the satin-covered testament belonging to Mr. Agnew which was topped with Better Times rosebuds and a shower of narrow white satin ribbons.

Aviation Cadet and Mrs. Stanley Bright of Mackinaw, Ill., attended

the bridal couple. Mrs. Bright wore a frock of aqua corduroy with navy accessories and a corsage of pink carnations.

Just at eight o'clock, as the strains of "Because" by d'Hardelot played by Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, accompanied by Mrs. Alex McGregor, candles were lighted for the wedding service for Miss Thelma Blessing, daughter of Mrs. Florence Blessing, of King City, Missouri, and Aviation Cadet James Cheatham, of class 44E, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cheatham, of Haleyville, Alabama. Miss Marjorie McGregor accompanied Mrs. McGregor, who sang the solo "Until" by Sanderson. Mrs. McGregor was again at the piano for the traditional marches. The Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiated for the double ring ceremony.

Mrs. Leo Brand, who was matron of honor, wore a frock of powder blue crepe with crocheted collar trim and covered buttons in self color. Her small black calot was trimmed in gold sequins and other accessories were black. She wore a corsage of Picardy gladioli. Aviation Cadet Kenneth Christensen, of Kennewick, Washington, was best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Agnew, wore a dress of white wool with silk embroidered floral designs in the pastels at the rounded neckline. Her small pompadour hat of white silk faille was trimmed in small black velvet bows and black veil. Her gloves were white and other accessories were black. She wore a single strand of pearls and carried pink carnations showered in white satin ribbons topping the satin-covered testament.

Miss Maxine Giefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor L. Clocks, of Jewell, Iowa, became the bride of Aviation Cadet Dean B. McClatchey, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. McClatchey, of Minburn, Iowa, at eight-thirty in an impressive double ring ceremony with the Rev. J. T. Simmons, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating clergyman.

Mrs. Alex McGregor was at the piano to accompany Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, who played "Poem" by Fibich as candles were lighted, and Mrs. J. A. Schnable, who sang Carrie Jacobs-Bond's "I Love You, Truly." She used the

Lohengrin processional and a few bars of the Mendelssohn March after the couple knelt for the benediction on a white satin prie dieu.

Miss Charlotte Hage, of Jewell, was maid of honor. She wore a two-piece dress of fuchsia wool with wool lace trim and covered buttons in the same shade. Her small hat and other accessories were black and her corsage was of white carnations. Aviation Cadet Wayne McClure of Waverly, Iowa, attended the bridegroom as best man.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. Agnew, wore a dress of white wool made with bracelet-length sleeves and skirt slightly shirred to a fitted set-in-belt. Green sequins in conventional design marked the sweetheart neckline and also trimmed her white Juliet cap. She carried the traditional satin-covered testament which was topped with narrow satin ribbons.

Mrs. McClatchey, whose wedding day was also her twenty-first birthday anniversary, attended Iowa State Teachers' College at Cedar Rapids. Both the mother of the bride and bridegroom were present for the ceremony.

For the informal reception held for both the Blessing-Cheatham and Giefer-McClatchey wedding parties, the pretty all-white decorated tiered wedding cake, which was topped with miniature bride and soldier groom, placed at one end of the table, was cut by Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly while Miss Ann Morton, senior student at Baylor University, ladled frosted punch from the other. Mrs. Schnable presided at the register.

## Mrs. Bailey is Guest Speaker at Shakespeare Club's Christmas Affair

The woman's club room at the Army and Navy Club was given an especially pretty holiday decoration Thursday afternoon for the annual guest Christmas affair given by the Shakespeare Club. Vases of nandina berries and foliage with sprays of cedar and mistletoe tied in red were placed at every vantage point.

Mrs. E. C. Caskey, president, opened the meeting and extended formal welcome. Members answered roll call with quotations on peace, most of them Biblical. Mmes. B.

## Cue and Curtain Club Hosts Dance

Members of the high school Cue and Curtain Club, sponsored by Miss Katherine Freeman, were hosts at a Christmas dance Friday evening at the Army and Navy Club.

More than fifty members and their dates danced to juke box music in the elaborately decorated auditorium. A floor show was presented with Miss Kay Evans singing "White Christmas," "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes," and "Paper Doll." Two dance contests were the other enjoyable features. Kenneth Buchanan and Carolyn Cheatham were judged the best "jitter buggers" and Willard Gentry and Charlotte Miller the smoothest dancers.

Cue and Curtain Club awards to its best actress and actor in the Thursday night play were made to Dorothy Bruce and Leon King.

Other adults were: Misses Alta Belle Bilbo, Hilah Blankenship, Ruby Thornton, Eugenia Baskin; Messrs. and Mmes. Fred Miller, C. D. Richards, Nat Williams, Malcolm Morgan, and Lt. and Mrs. Jennings.

## Parties for Methodist Children's Groups

Methodist Beginners enjoyed a Christmas party in their depart-

ment room Friday afternoon under the direction of Miss Pauline Morley, assisted by Mrs. Roy V. Pinson, and Mrs. Fred Miller.

After games and singing, favors were Christmas horns and candies were served to: Jon Schnable, Della Glover, Patricia Davis, Margaret Ann Adair, Wayne Irby, Gary McShan, Freddie Beth Miller, and Nancy Pinson.

Mrs. Fred Middleton, Mrs. Ross Causey, and Mrs. Raymond McShan were hostesses to Juniors

also on Friday afternoon in the Doas Bible Class room.

Games and the exchange of gifts from the decorated tree were enjoyed. Hot chocolate was served with cookies to: Jimmy Williams, Patsy Sue Bowden, Gwen Williams, Thelma Smith, Janet Rae McShan, Luther Parker, Darrell Howell, Jimmy Nixon, Kenneth Pinson, Edward Walsh, and Bobby Bruce.

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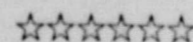
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## WHEREVER YOU MAY BE

Soldier, sailor, marine, wac, wave, air wac, marine corp auxiliary, spar, war nurse, civilian, homemaker, we are thinking of you this Christmas Day, hoping that the good cheer of the holiday season reaches you wherever you are. We want to thank you for your patronage in past years, and we hope that we will be able soon again to serve those of you now in distant lands. The friendship of every one of our customers, here at home or far away, means much to us, and you may be sure we will strive continually to be worthy of it.

May 1944 bring a just and righteous peace to all people everywhere.



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As the New Year dawns we thank you sincerely for your patronage in the past, and pledge our every effort to serving your financial needs in the future. We have the funds, facilities, ability and desire to help you so that you in turn may help your country. Whether you are engaged directly in war work, or in one of the numerous essential homefront activities, we want you to know that we are

Your friend,

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Ballinger, Texas

P. S.—According to our usual custom, we will have for distribution beginning Monday, January 3, 1944, our CALENDARS for the New Year. **STILL WATERS** must have written order from parent or guardian. Children will not be mailed.



# MERRY + CHRISTMAS

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

## Large Audience Witnesses School Club Production

The Ballinger high school auditorium was filled to capacity last Thursday evening for the major fall production of the Cue and Curtain Club of the high school, Miss Katherine Freeman, director and club sponsor, selected a mystery comedy, "Demon in the Dark," for the offering and a carefully selected cast of students had been rehearsed until they were almost letter perfect in their roles.

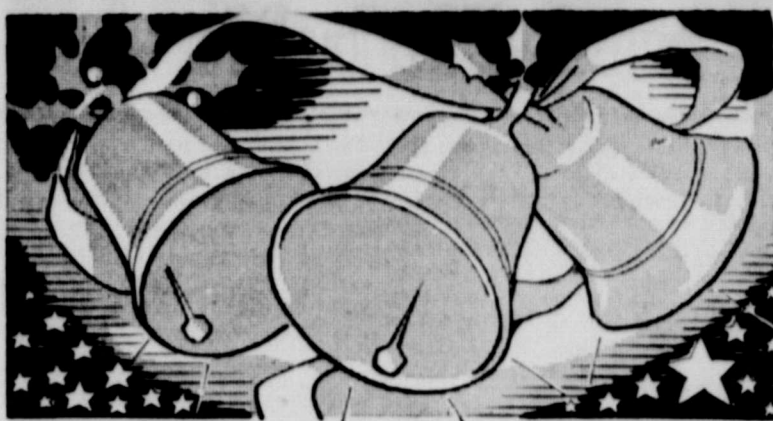
The performance held the large audience to perfect attention and the boys and girls making up the cast were always in character, were well made up and spoke so they could be heard in all parts of the auditorium. Off-stage effects were well done and no phase of the play was done in the usual amateurish manner.

Adults attending the performance declared it one of the best ever presented by the club and were very complimentary of the splendid work done by Miss Freeman, who is serving her first year at the local faculty and as club director.

Students taking part in the show were Don Williams, Lavinia Faubion, Elizabeth Routh, June Wright, Leon King, Gwen Morgan, Dorothy Bruce, Joanne Glover, Sam Sensabaugh, Fred Carroll and Bob Sykes.

The Ballinger high school band, under the direction of O. G. Joiner, provided music for the intermissions.

Buy bonds every pay period.



## Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas Day  
Their old, familiar carols play,  
And wild and sweet  
The words repeat  
Of peace on earth, good will to men.

—H. W. Longfellow

### "BOOK OF HAPPINESS" OFFERED BY THEATRES

Way back in 1917 and '18 when the United States was bending its every energy to the grim business of winning a war—a thoughtful group of people brought into being a greatly appreciated custom which did much to bring a ray of sunshine into the lives of soldiers in training camps. It was the "Smilage Book."

Coupon books which contained tickets admitting the bearer to the theatrical performances were given the men by their friends and "god-fathers." Soon the boys began to speak of them as

"Smilage Books" because of the entertainment which was thus placed at their disposal.

This Christmas, the Texas and Palace theatres are offering Xmas coupon books, which are quite like the war-time "smilage books." A more appreciated gift could hardly be imagined. Unlike so many "highly perishable" Xmas gifts, this unique present, which is available in convenient denominations, extends its entertainment over weeks and weeks into the new year.

China's four evacuated universities, cooperating with West China Union University at Chentu, have opened a two-year course in English for interpreters to serve with British and American troops in China.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to thank each and every one for their kindness during the illness and death of our wife and mother.  
Mr. R. P. McKenzie and children.

### 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 the 6th day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal)  
M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk,  
District Court, Runnels County,  
Texas. 9-41

### Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
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. 4915. 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 Ball-

inger, Texas, this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal)  
M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk,  
District Court, Runnels County,  
Texas. 9-41

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## NO BLACKOUTS At Christmastime IN AMERICA



Elsewhere in this world there are many who will not be able to enjoy the bright, colorful lights of Christmas. Let's be thankful that here in America, at least, there is no blackout at Christmas time.

Let's be thankful that we are privileged to enjoy Christmas and the American way of life only because American youth accepted the challenge and has made possible the perseverance of the traditional American Yuletide Season.

It is in full appreciation of the things our fighting youth have done that we express to you our Christmas thoughts when we extend SEASON'S GREETINGS. Please bear in mind that we are also thinking of those men who have served their country so efficiently in the protection and perseverance of this glorious tradition.

City of Ballinger  
And All Employees



## TO YOU AND YOU AND YOU

You are giving more this Christmas than ever before. You are contributing toward lasting peace for the entire world by working longer hours by doing without to buy War Bonds, by offering even your lives. Christmas this year has deep meaning for you, because the joy of giving which means sacrificing is yours. May your Christmas season be filled with gladness, and may the coming years of peace bring you lasting happiness.

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

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

Mrs. Alice Smith, of Corpus with her daughter, Mrs. Johnnie Christi, is here for a holiday visit Baker.

## Christmas Society and Club News

**Mrs. James Entertains S. S. Class**  
Mrs. W. H. James entertained the intermediate Sunday school class of the First Baptist Church, of which she is teacher, Friday in her home in Wilke Terrace.

In rooms, festively attired in fully holiday decorations, a box of toys and fruit was packed for a small shut-in boy and games of bingo played.

Martha Ann assisted her mother in serving sandwiches with fruit cake and hot chocolate to: Anna Sue Hembree, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Betty Jean Lenefeld, Mary Margaret Hendricks, Betty Jean Underwood, and Lillian Ruth Keithley.

**Eva Jo Flynt is Party Hostess**

Eva Jo Flynt, assisted by her mother, Mrs. Joe Flynt, Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly, and Mrs. W. H. James, was hostess to a group of friends last Friday evening with a holiday party in her home on Eighth Street.

The lovely lighted tree placed in the center of the living room, predominated the seasonal adornment of rooms. After games and dancing, gifts were exchanged and hot chocolate served with cookies.

Others were: Barbara Harwell, Martha Ann James, Barbara Berry, Patsy Sue Bowden, Patsy Crawford, Patsy Paris, William James, Raleigh Reese, Joe Beck, Jr., Kenneth Pinson, Elsworth Herring, Jimmy Endacott, and Jimmy Davenport.

**Lynn Herring is Honoree**

Lynn Herring was honoree on her fourth birthday last Friday when her sister, Susan, and aunt, Mrs. Leonard Stallings, were hostesses with Mrs. Loyd Herring and Mrs. Cicero Smith assisting.

The tea hour at the Stallings home followed an hour of play at the Herring home. The white and red decorated cake was cut and served with ice cream at the dining table centered with a beautiful lighted Christmas basket. Perfume bottles shaped as telephones were favors. Others were: Patricia Davis, Sarah Chandler, Martha Kay Northington, and Ellen Herring.

**Steele-Zeigler Nuptials in San Angelo**

The wedding of Miss Bonnie Lou Zeigler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Lee Zeigler of San Angelo, formerly of Ballinger, and Lt. Franklin Burtis Steele, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lewis Steele of Houston, was solemnized Saturday evening at 6:30 o'clock in a candlelight service in the First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo with Dr. B. O. Wood, pastor, reading the double ring service.

The church was decorated with baskets of gladioli, chrysanthemums, and fern and lighted by tall white candles in floor candelabra.

Mrs. L. E. Erwin was at the organ for the pre-nuptial music and the traditional marches. Miss Mary Jo Webb played the piano accompaniment for Miss Earlene Webb, who sang "Because." The Misses Webb are cousins of the bride.

Candle lighters were Jerre Sykes and Margie Ann Fuller.

Bridesmaids were Misses Helen Marie Wofford and May Hemphill. They wore identical gowns in pink and blue of lace and net made with very full skirts gathered to basque waists. The bonnets of attendants were of matching material and they carried colonial bouquets.

Mrs. Murrell Landreth, of Lubbock, was matron of honor. Her dress was of goldenrod all-over lace and net with fitted bodice and bouffant skirt.

Lt. George Sisco was best man and ushers were Lt. A. E. Van Dale and Lt. Ed Condor, all of Goodfellow Field.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a wedding gown of ivory duchess satin, a copy of a family heirloom. It was fashioned with sweetheart neckline, yoke of net, and net panel extending the full length which was appliqued with orange blossoms and lilies of satin and pearl. A finger-tip veil of illusion was caught to a Juliet cap of old lace and clips of pearl. Her only ornament was a single strand of pearls and she carried a white Bible topped with two white

orchids, orange blossoms and satin streamers.

A reception was held at the Zeigler home. Miss Bobbie Johnson and Carolyn Cheatham assisted in the houseparty. Others from Ballinger were: Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, Mmes. Roy Johnson, Aurelia Webb, Don Jackson, Carroll Bell, Sim Cottelle, E. B. Clampitt, R. T. Trall, Raleigh Reese, W. E. Harvey, Jim Flynt, Jr., Lt. and Mrs. W. B. Morien, Misses Griffie Atkins and Catherine Clampitt.

**First of Holiday Dances for Service Men Given Saturday**

Members of Aviation Cadet Class 44 F, who had open post for the first time since coming to Bruce Field, shared honors with other service men, who are here on furlough or leaves, Saturday evening at the first of a series of holiday dances planned at the Army and Navy Club by members of the committee.

Every part of the building has been given a beautiful decoration. In the downstairs game and reading rooms, small trees, huge clusters of mistletoe, and arrangements of greenery and berries are used, while upstairs large cedar wreaths hang on wall spaces between windows draped in the season's colors; a huge Christmas tree with myriads of lights and ornaments centers the stage and a "Peace on Earth" plaque of glitters rests on the small balcony at the back of the room; while overhead decorations of Christmas rope, caught at light fixtures with garlands of cedar and mistletoe clusters, are especially gay and bright.

A special feature of the affair was vocal duet numbers by Lt. and Mrs. Robert Tiffany. Lt. Tiffany is a student officer with class 44 F.

**Methodist Philatheas in Agnew Home**

Mmes. Rothal O'Kelly, O. R. Lasater, and Tom Agnew entertained the Methodist Philatheas

Class Monday evening in the Agnew home in Wilke Terrace.

Mrs. C. A. Glover conducted the business session in reception rooms, decorated elaborately in holiday symbols, after the Christmas devotional by Mrs. Ford Taylor. Plans were made to take

remembrances to some older shut-ins. Mr. Agnew made flashlight pictures at the social hour and gifts were exchanged, with Mrs. O'Kelly as Santa Claus. Mrs. O'Kelly and Miss Theima Midgley celebrated birthdays. Hot chocolate was served with cookies.

Others were: Mmes. O. R. O'Neill, Robert Bruce, Cecil Jones, R. D. Midgley, Tom Caudle, Sam Behringer, L. C. Adair, M. B. Webb, Edward Walsh, R. W. Earnshaw, K. V. Viester, and Ernest Caskey.



To All  
**AMERICANS**

And Friends of Americans

Because of the sacrifices of American youths and their willingness to serve, an American Christmas is again possible. Without their efforts Christmas this year would be of small importance.

It is fitting and appropriate that we remember them at this glad season of the year. At the same time remembering our friends here at home who have also made tremendous sacrifices in order that the American way of life may be maintained.

We wish you all the best possible.



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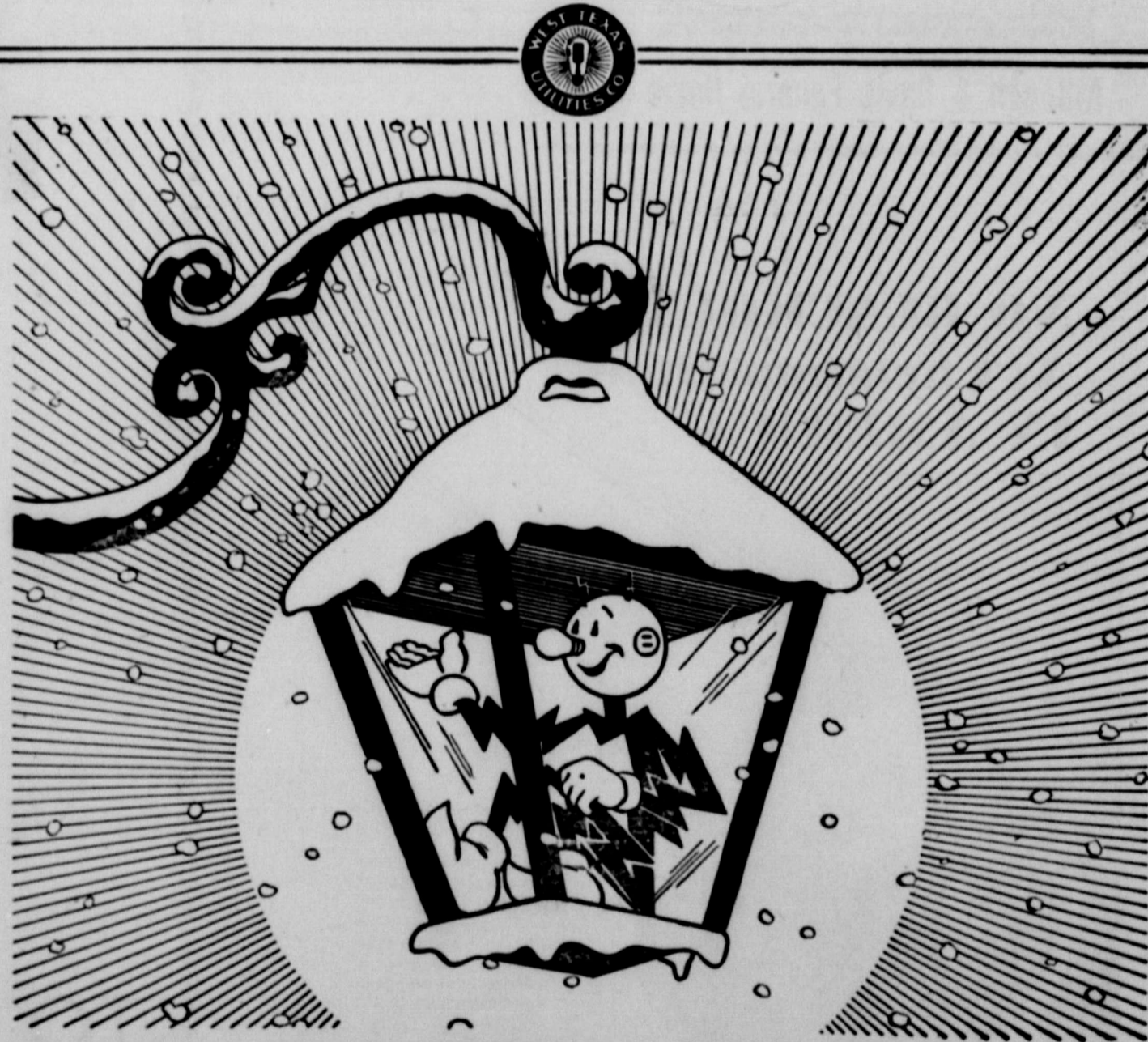


THE SEASON'S GREETINGS  
AND ALL GOOD WISHES  
FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you have, on every day of the New Year, the same  
happiness which we are sure will be yours on Christmas day.

**Kirk & Mack**

Phone 37



A Very Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!

—REDDY KILOWATT.



Every one of the myriad of bright lights that still burn in this Country at Christmas is a greeting from me, your electric servant, Reddy Kilowatt; and that greeting is MERRY CHRISTMAS. May it be an American Christmas with lights, happiness and good will for all.

We of your Electric Service Company will be on the job Christmas Day... to make sure that your Christmas lights burn brightly, and to continue to furnish industry and agriculture the electric energy necessary for production for victory... This is our contribution to a happy Christmas Day the American Way.

—REDDY KILOWATT.

**West Texas Utilities  
Company**



Christmas Society and Club News

Three Are Hostesses to Virginia Douglass Class

The home of Mrs. Elbert King on Eighth Street was the scene of the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class Christmas party Monday evening with Meses. King, Bill Clark, and Allen Davis hostesses. A decorated tree, a snow scene on the mantel and other holiday motifs added attractiveness to the living room where Mrs. J. G. Douglass gave the opening prayer and Mrs. W. O. Middleton read the Scripture. Mrs. Joe Forman told the Christmas story and "Silent Night, Holy Night" was sung in unison. Mrs. Roy Pinson presided.

During the social hour gifts were exchanged and a Christmas salad plate was served with cookies and coffee. Others present were: Meses. Edward Sommer, W. O. Irby, W. E. Moss, H. B. Dempsey, Tom Peays, Roy Neal, George Newby, L. M. Bowden, E. L. Rumpy, J. W. Guynes, George Davis, Tom McEntire, Bill Bell, Henry Moody, J. B. Jordan, Raymond McShan, R. C. Potter, H. G. Agnew, Y. B. Griffis, M. E. McClenney, and Miss Bernyce Simmons.

Sally Bailey and Tookie Wade Are Hostesses

Sally Bailey and Tookie Wade were hostesses at a pretty holiday party Monday evening in the Fifth Street home of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey.

Spacious rooms were gay and bright with a lighted tree and other Christmas symbols. Carols

were sung with Messrs. Tom Murphy, violinist, and A. H. Van Liere, accordionist, playing accompaniments. Then all went "caroling" for a time, to return later to the Bailey home for the tea hour.

Christmas heather centered the dining table lighted with tall red tapers. Mrs. V. O. Wade ladled punch for the crystal bowl and small hostesses served sandwiches and cookies from crystal trays. Favors were gifts from the tree.

Included were: Ann Stasney, Dora Jean Lawless, Virginia Ruth Zedlitz, Janice Church, Barbara Joiner, Mary Jo Forman, Arabella Toney, Nancy Nell Blackmon, Klen Williams, Avis Ann Winn, Willa Wayne Neely, Wanda Mae Smith, Jennabeth Simmons, Dian Tuckey, Gwen Williams, Norma Pratt, Patsy Zappe, Margaret Louise Moonen, Carolyn Afflerbach of Winters, d'Norris Sharp, Barbara Ann Stewart, Betty Don Davis, Margaret Ann Hampton, Maurine Marshall, Joan Watkins, and Anita Wade.

Christmas Pageant for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. W. B. Woody, secretary of Christian education and ministerial relief, directed an inspiring Christmas program for the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street. A pageant, "The Morning Cometh," was presented by Mrs. Tommie Hall, who dramatized the story; Mrs. Leonard Stallings, Mrs. Alex Saunders, Mrs. C. R. Stephens,

Fighters Shop for Folks Back Home



New York stores are crowded with service men and women buying Christmas presents for the folks back home. Uniformed men are buying many toy guns, planes, tanks and other military playthings. Seaman Bob Lawing of Mount Holly, N. C., and Eddie Hall of Nashville, Tenn., are shown picking out a toy liberty ship for Lawing's nephew.

Mrs. F. M. Pearce, and Mrs. Harry Lynn, who read Scriptures, poems, and prayers; and Mrs. Alex McGregor, soloist. Miss Clara Beth Lynn played accompaniments. Mrs. Woody explained the joy gift offering cause.

Mrs. George Holman and Mrs. R. G. Erwin were social hour hostesses. The tea table was centered with poinsettias flanked by tall red candles. Xmas tree sandwiches and Santa Claus cookies were served with tea. Others present were: Meses. Paul Trimmer, J. Y. Pearce, Bruce Creasy, Warren, Lynn, Estes Lynn, Jack McGregor and Lela McAdams.

First Baptist W. M. U. Has Special Christmas Program

After the opening prayer by Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and the song "Joy to the World" with Mrs. J. A. Norwood at the piano, Martha Ann James read the Scriptural Christmas story from Luke for the meeting of the First Baptist W. M. U. Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Eighth Street. Mrs. Carl Black and Mrs. Raleigh Reese sang "There's a Song in the Air" with Mrs. C. A. Morton accompanist and Mrs. Charles Hambrick read "The Other Wise Man" by Henry van Dyke. Mrs. Mark Davis was leader.

Circle social chairmen assisted Mrs. R. T. Williams, general chairman, in serving cake with coffee. Others present were: Meses. Roy Worley, E. P. Talbott, E. L. DeWitt, A. S. Love, J. W. Bladell, T. J.

McCaughan, A. F. Brock, Ernest Moody, M. M. Alexander, Lonnie Faubion, Jack Gibbs, C. W. Jennings, Elmer Shepperd, J. C. Cook, O. L. Parish, Calvin Roberson, W. H. James, Ed Lengefeld, Fred Holliday, Ralph McShan, W. J. Hem-bree, Alton Underwood, W. E. Harvey, A. M. King, J. H. Parrish, Theo Whitehead, Lee Maples, Joe Beck, Jr., Mark Davis, E. F. Lawless, Melvin Patterson, O. G. Joiner, Buford Good, and the Rev. C. A. Morton.

Advanced Home Ec Class Entertains School Board

Members of the high school advanced class in home economics were assisted by their teacher, Mrs. Una Headstream, in giving a Christmas dinner last Friday evening in the cottage on the high school campus.

All details of decorating, receiving, preparing and serving the delicious three-course menu were planned by the following girls, Laverne Pape, Winona Howell, Wanda Beard, Mary Ann Morgan, Mary Green, Billie Louise Blair, Margaret Routh, Ava Fulton, and Ann Egan.

Christmas greenery and berries and a small tree were used in the entrance hall. A low crystal bowl of cedar sprays, pine cones, mistletoe and nandina berries, flanked by tall red tapers in single holders, centered the table where places were marked for: Supt. and Mrs. Nat Williams, Principal and Mrs. Fred Miller, Messrs. and Mmes. Alex McGregor, J. E. Dank-

worth, Tom Agnew, O. C. Sykes, Oscar Harber, Henry Doss, George Clements, and M. A. Foy.

Mrs. Lawrence Blackmon and Delbert Davenport Share Honors

Mrs. Lawrence Blackmon and W. D. Davenport were honor guests Monday evening when Mrs. Davenport and Mrs. Cam Blackmon gave a turkey dinner for them in the Cam Blackmon home on Tenth Street.

Seasonal decorations about rooms and a lighted tree were in the Christmas theme as were appointments at foursome tables where the menu was served in four courses.

Bridge and forty-two were played. Others were: Messrs. Blackmon, Messrs. and Mmes. Carl Freeman, Connel McAulay, Lt. and Mrs. Robert Fowler, Meses. Grace Crimm, and Anna Dickinson, Grace Jo Crimm, Eddie Sue McAulay, and Roger and Joan Blackmon.

Mrs. Carroll Bell is Program Leader

Mrs. Carroll Bell was director for a beautiful Christmas missionary program given at an open meeting at the Eighth Street Presbyterian Church Monday evening by the Woman's Missionary Society.

Mrs. B. H. Erwin as a madonna gave the meditation before a manger scene, and Miss Esther Wiesepape read the Scripture. Mrs. E. S. Malone, Mrs. W. A. Erwin, and Mrs. Paul Petty presented the national and foreign missionary topics while Miss Carmen Demmer, and the Rev. and Mrs. Horace Erwin of Fort Worth, gave lovely violin and vocal music.

Mmes. Walter Lange, F. C. Miller, A. H. Wiesepape and B. H. Erwin were social hour hostesses and served cookies with coffee to about thirty.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Oliver Celebrate Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Oliver quietly passed their fiftieth wedding anniversary Monday at their rural home near Ballinger. They were married in San Saba county December 20, 1893.

Due to the illness of Mrs. Oliver, no celebration was planned but many friends called throughout the day to extend special greetings and best wishes.

The Olivers have only one living child, Horace Oliver, superintendent of schools at Menard, who spent Sunday here with his parents. Their only other child was Mrs. Louise Oliver Crawford.

Her children are Patsy Ruth and Mary Lou Crawford. The Horace mother, Mrs. A. W. Woods, is now with them. Mrs. Oliver's mother, Mrs. A. W. Woods, is now with them.

A FRIENDLY WORD

The value of a friendly word at Christmas or at any other time carries a significance unsurpassed. It adds to the feeling of satisfaction that comes from the knowledge of having friends during times such as those we have experienced during the past months. A friendly word is something that is indelibly impressed in the minds of people who have endured sacrifices and difficult times.

It is with full knowledge of the real meaning of a friendly word that we express our Christmas Greetings to you. When we say, "Merry Christmas," we want you to accept it as a word of cheer and goodwill. May all the blessings of a glorious Christmas be the good fortune of our many friends.



J. E. HARRAL, Mgr. Ballinger, Texas Phone 65

At Christmas time we realize more than ever the value of the friendship and good will of folks like you. You have been considerate of us in the past and we wish for you continued success in the future.

Season's Greetings

Wiginton Auto Parts



A FRIENDLY GREETING

After reviewing the events of the past months and experiencing the problems which confront us under existing conditions, it is only natural that we welcome the peace and quiet of the Christmas season. It is comforting to know that we can free ourselves of the distracting thoughts that occupy our minds during ordinary days. It is difficult this year to express words which will bring comfort and peace to those whose homes and normal lives have been affected so greatly because of the American desire to maintain our way of life. Whatever we might say in this message may sound trite but please understand that our thoughts are sincere and genuine when we say that we wish you a Merry American Christmas. It is our way of expressing ourselves at this time and to let you know that we fully appreciate the trials that have been yours, the determination with which you have met abnormal situations.

J. C. Penney Co.

Relax, Folks! ... IT'S CHRISTMAS

Let's take a few minutes off to wish everyone around us a very happy occasion. We need a little relaxation to better prepare ourselves for the problems of the coming year. Let's make it an old fashioned American Christmas.

King-Holt Co.

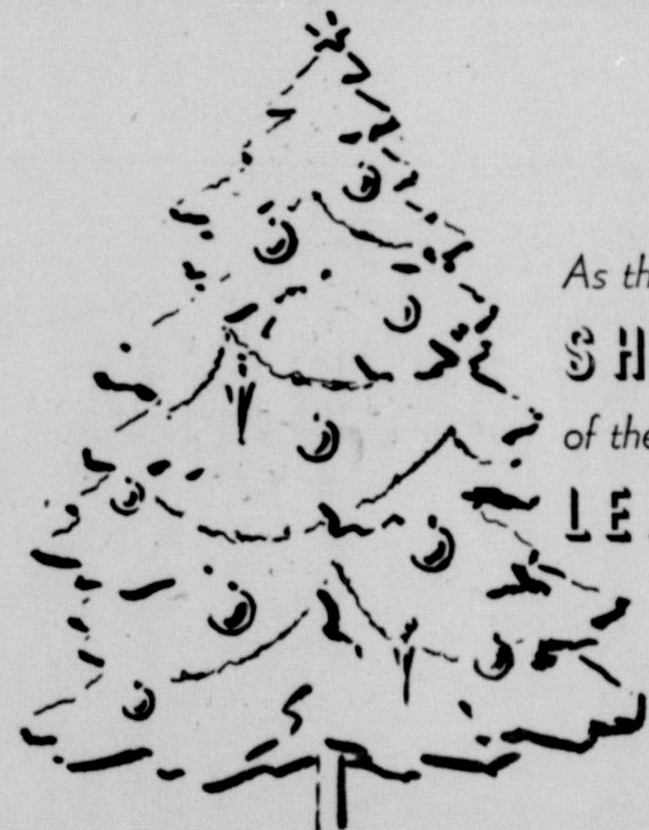
Merry Christmas

To You, and You!

It's our privilege to celebrate Christmas in the good old American way! Let's be thankful for this privilege.



Western Auto Associate Store



As the SHADOWS of the Year LENGTHEN

The Christmas season brings to a close another twelve months during which time all of us have had experiences which we will remember for many days to come. Some of these incidents we will treasure in our hearts. Other experiences we may endeavor to forget but it is our sincere wish that from the past year we will receive untold benefits which will strengthen us in preparation for the coming year.

As the shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our Christmas greetings to each of you with whom we have come in contact and to wish for you all the better things that life affords.

C. O. D. Grocery & Market

J. E. Dankworth Dayton Smith Mrs. R. F. Tunnell  
C. D. Middleton Carl Smith Don Williams



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

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

## The Ballinger Ledger

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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.

This is the season to wish everyone greetings and usually to add messages of Christmas and New Year. Some have felt that it is out of line this year to wish the old traditional "merry Christmas and happy New Year," but this is a part of America and one of the things for which this nation is at war. It is what American boys went to come back to and live and enjoy with their loved ones. This Christmas cannot be filled with the happiness of past years because too many men are on far-flung battle fronts, too many have already paid the supreme sacrifice and too many homes have been touched by sadness. It can, however, be more in keeping with the real spirit of the season than for many years and hope can be breathed in prayers that this great struggle will soon be over and families all over this land united again.

This year there are about 1,700 Runnels county boys away from home. Maybe somewhere they will have a little extra happiness at Christmas provided by Uncle Sam or some patriotic citizen. And in Ballinger there are about 500 boys who also are away from home, youths from other sections of the United States who are here because they are serving their country and offering their lives in this war. Christmas day can be made a little brighter for them if

they are taken into homes and treated like one of the family. Cards are at all local churches which can be signed asking for one or more of these boys and they will be assigned to homes for the day.

This is the first Christmas season in many years in which there were not numerous families in Ballinger in need. A check-up in the files of the local welfare office this year reveals most local residents at work and earning enough to buy their own Christmas dinners and something for the kiddies. There are a few exceptions but these cases were referred to Sunday school classes and other groups to be looked after. In most instances where assistance was needed it was because of old age or illness.

### FJI TRIPLETS AIDED BY ARMY AVIATOR

SUVA, Fiji, Dec. 22.—The stork arrived first, but the triplet Fijians he took to a lonely island required special feeding. A district officer messaged the needs for help to the native officer in Suva, and it was not long before a New Zealand army plane appeared over the island. The pilot circled and then dropped a bundle containing infant food in cans, also clothing and other essentials.

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

Kilgough & Davis ambulance service. Phone 454. 15-41

### Merry Christmas!!

We are again thankful for the privilege of extending Greetings and Best Wishes together with our sincere gratitude to you our friends and customers.

Our prayerful wish this Christmas is that all our boys and girls serving America and the World in this great conflict could be with us not only a grand celebration of the Holiday Season but of the most important thing of all VICTORY for which all of them would gladly pay the supreme price and which will inevitably be ours.

Until then greetings from us all to you and particularly to your loved-ones in the service whose presence we will so miss and for whose safety we will continue to pray.

LEE HARDWARE COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES 15

## Women Put Hellcats, Avengers Through Paces



Test piloting was once considered a typically masculine profession. But at the Grumman air field, N. Y., three lady pilots are putting new high-powered Hellcats and Avengers through rigorous paces. Top left: Close-ups of three women doing a man's job. Cecile ("Teddy") Kenyon (left), Barbara K. Jayne (center) and Elizabeth Hooker. Center: One of the trio prepares to deliver a new plane to the navy. Bottom right: The three ladybirds walking past a row of new Hellcats.



## WEST TEXAS NOTES

A check-up on cotton production in Coke county discloses a total of 1,375 bales ginned during the fall of 1943. These figures were compiled up to December 1. The production is far short of ginnings on the same date in 1942 when 2,445 bales had been turned out.

Paint Rock churches began their Christmas programs last week, continuing into the present week. Plays, musicals and pageants were presented in portraying the Christmas story. Following the special services Sunday, a number of Christmas trees were enjoyed by children of Sunday school groups.

The Nolan county commissioners' court authorized a pay increase for labor at its meeting last week. The rate was boosted to 56 cents an hour to meet other

labor levels and to help county employees meet the higher cost of living. The court also voted to discontinue the employment of a lawn keeper at the court house.

Fire did considerable damage at the Coleman flying school last week. Material in a change room adjoining the mess hall ignited from a stove which had just been installed and before the flames could be brought under control \$300 to \$400 damage had been done. Coleman firemen also were called last week to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Morris, where considerable damage was done.

W. J. Hembree, county war bond chairman, was the principal speaker for the Winters Lions Club last Friday, announcing plans for the fourth war loan drive which will start January 18. He called on members of the Winters club to lend every possible assistance in the work to be done in that section of the county and also named a number of community chairmen for the north end of Runnels county.

At the last regular meeting of the Brownwood city commission its police department was authorized to hire a policewoman. It will be the first time in history that a woman has served on the regular police force at Brownwood. The action was taken at the suggestion of Camp Bowie officers to work with military police on a special enforcement program.

The Rowena Knights of Columbus in regular meeting last Sunday made place for holding a social meeting some time in January to which women will be invited. The K. C. lodge also voted a donation of \$15 to the St. Joseph's Parent-Teacher Association to be used in providing a Christmas party for the children of the parish school.

Erath county farmers have been advised by the A. & M. College extension service that seed peanuts will be scarce for the next planting season and all growers are urged to get them as soon as possible. Farmers who raise good quality peanuts are asked to save them for planting purposes and a large number in the Stephenville area will do so.

A good showing was hit at 2,250 feet in the Renfro wildcat oil test in Kimble county last week. The location is 11 miles northwest of Junction. Drillers stated they would drill deeper to explore another lime and if a better showing is not found the hole would be plugged back to the first lime stratum.

will be done within a few days so drilling may be resumed with the knowledge of what is to be expected from the sand.

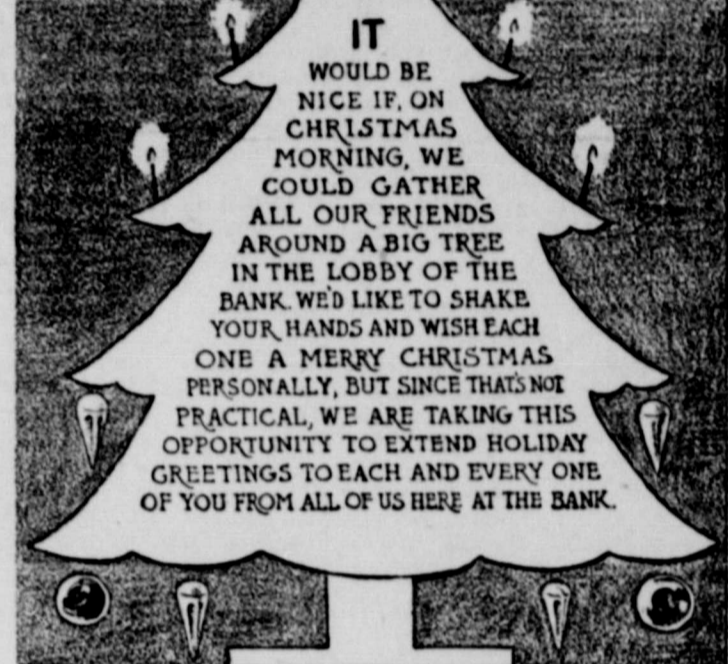
### HOLIDAY FIRE WARNING ISSUED BY OFFICIALS

City officials and members of the Ballinger fire department issue the usual reminder to residents of the city in regard to holiday fires. Christmas always brings a number of additional fire hazards in decorations, fireworks and other items that can cause fires and hardly a Yule season has passed here without the fire department being

called out. Shooting of fireworks is prohibited within the downtown fire zone and those who explode them in other sections of the city are begged to use every precaution. Home owners are urged to take every care in the use of decorative material which is inflammable and to carefully examine lights and other electrical pieces used on Christmas trees and in other spots.

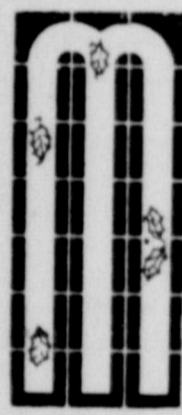
There will be less fireworks for sale this year than ever before because the war has made explosives almost unobtainable.

## Our Christmas Greeting to You



## The First National Bank of Ballinger

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We see no reason to change our Christmas sentiment this year, although we realize the difficult times that all have been through. We are equally conscious of the importance of Christmas and the opportunity it gives us to renew old acquaintances and to encourage new ones. Let us set this one day aside to forget the unpleasant realities of life and to remember the pleasant associations of friends and loved ones. Let us look forward to a season of complete enjoyment; making the best of the facilities that are ours. We wish each of you a joyous Yuletide and a Season of contentment.



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

WITH THE COMING OF THE

# Christmas Season

The season to which we have been looking forward has arrived and with it the happy experiences of renewing old acquaintances and the opportunity of expressing our feeling of friendship to those whom we serve.

It's not a normal season, to be sure. But it remains for those of us at home to maintain the true spirit of Christmas that those who are in distant points may eventually return to the normal American way of life.

We are proud of the heritage of Christmas and as the season approaches, we extend to you, and to those dear to you, wherever they may be, a Merry, Merry American Christmas.

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# MERRY + CHRISTMAS

## THE BALLINGER LEDGER

### Every Farm Home An Orchard Urged By County Agent

Farmers are being reminded of the need for more home orchards to produce fruit for the family and for sale to the public in the future. County Agent John A. Barton states that practically every farm can grow all the fruit needed if a little attention is given the home orchard. He further calls attention to the mounting demand, higher prices, and the health factor that everyone eat not less than 300 pounds of fruit a year.

In making an orchard a success several things are suggested by the county agent. First, that some trees be provided for catching and holding water. Second, that a slope be selected and the ground properly prepared. Third, that the right varieties be selected that do well in West Texas. Fourth, that trees be planted with enough distance apart so they will not be crowded.

Level terraces should be constructed for the orchard plot, be pointed out, plowing should be deep, and heavy, vigorous trees should be selected for planting.

Suggestions for varieties successfully grown in West Texas follow:

- Peaches—Mamie Ross, Carmen, South Haven, Elberta, May Flower, Texas Berta, Doctor Burton
- Plums—Cherry, Opata, Sapa, Pool Pride, America Bruce
- Apples—Yellow Transparent, King Davis
- Grapes—Extra, Edna, Beacon.

Champanel, Bailey, Fern Munson, Carmen  
Pears—Douglas  
Figs—(Around yard, beside houses, etc.) Brown Turkey, Magnolia  
Blackberries—Comanche, Texas Early Wonder

Pecans—Western Schley, Burkett, Onilwon, Texas Prolific  
For a family of five the following are suggested: plums, 5; peaches, 10; pears, 3; grapes, 8 to 10; blackberries, 50 to 75 plants; figs, 2 to 3; pecans, 3.

Two- to three-foot trees, cut back to 20 inches are good, should be given at least 30 feet spacing, planted in January, watered well when planted, and planted on a slope where they can be fenced and cultivated well.

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS SHOW IS FREE TO ALL TOMORROW

All children in this area are invited to the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) morning to attend the annual Christmas party given by the management of this popular show house. Admission is free and a special program has been booked for the entertainment of the kiddies.

All theatre attendants will be on duty early tomorrow to have the house comfortable for the opening of the show at 9:30. Parents may bring their children and leave them and they will be perfectly safe during the presentation of the films.

Annually the Texas management gives a free Christmas eve show for children of this trade territory and each time the house has been packed for this special party in their honor.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

### Ballinger Stores Will Close Friday Evening For Double Holiday

Ballinger stores will be closed Friday night to celebrate Christmas and all employees will have a double holiday, not returning to work until Monday morning.

A large number of the stores will be open late Christmas eve in order to take care of last minute shoppers but practically all local business will observe the holidays rigidly, only a few places like drug stores and cafes being opened for Sunday hours or during the afternoon to serve patrons who need service.

More local citizens will remain here this year than in the past due to restrictions on travel. A fair number of service men are expected to be at home on furloughs during the holidays but other visitors will be few.

Local store staffs will begin making up their end-of-the-year inventories the day after Christmas and complete other reports by the first of the new year.

### CREWS BOYS' 4-H CLUB

(Received Too Late for Publication Last Week)

The Crews boys' 4-H club in regular meeting at the school discussed heel fly control and saw a demonstration by County Agent John A. Barton on how to treat cattle infected with grubs in the back.

The Crews club is having a community field meeting on insect control this afternoon to which all farmers of the vicinity are invited. The club is working on elimination of such pests and is giving out information on control methods.

Preston Sparks, the school local leader, stated that since the heel fly travels only a short distance after it hatches, the Crews community could practically clear the entire area of grubs if all would treat and kill the grubs that are now in the backs of cattle.

W. H. Schwartz, Jr., president, and Cecil Hambright, secretary, stated that they were expecting a banner year for the club and would welcome all boys from 9 to 20 as members for the new year.

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

### NEW ZEALAND FARMERS PROTESTING INJUSTICES

AUCKLAND, Dec. 22.—Decision to take direct action after the war to eliminate injustices to the farming industry was reached at a conference in Auckland of the New Zealand Farmers' Union. It adopted a resolution stating that the time had come to wipe out injustices and urging that steps be taken to demonstrate the determination of the industry even to the extent of calling on dairy companies and other branches of farm businesses to close down. If necessary, the resolution concluded, this policy should be adopted after the armistice. Speakers made it clear that no such steps would be taken during the war.

### Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
TO: The Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, 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 31st 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 15th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4819. The names of the parties in said suit are: James I. Boothe, Genova A. Baker and husband, B. N. Baker, as Plaintiffs, and the Unknown Heirs and Legal Representatives of H. L. Tooker, Deceased, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit:  
Suit in trespass to try title filed by said plaintiffs against said defendants to recover the title to and possession of the following

described land and premises, to-wit:

Being 113 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, in the Robert Owen Survey No. 436, Abstract No. 394, described by metes and bounds as follows:

BEGINNING at a point in the South line of said Owen Survey, 1608 varas west of its Southeast corner; said beginning point being the Southeast corner of a tract of land sold to A. J. Stem by Kenneth O. Berrey;

THENCE East with the South line of said Survey, 741½ varas to the Southwest corner of an 87-acre tract described as second tract in a deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE North with west line of

said 87 acre tract, 567 varas to Northwest corner of said 87 acre tract on the South line of the 88 acre tract described as first tract in the same deed to A. M. Davidson;

THENCE West with the South line of said 88 acre tract, 233½ varas to Southwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE North with the West line of said 88 acre tract, 451 varas to Northwest corner of said 88 acre tract;

THENCE West 508 varas to Northeast corner of said A. J. Stem tract;

THENCE South with east line of said A. J. Stem tract, 1018½ varas to the place of beginning;

and being the same land conveyed to H. L. Tooker by R. L. Sides et ux, by deed, dated December 17, 1938, and recorded in Volume 174, Pages 322 and 323 of the Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, to which said deed and said record thereof reference is here made for more particular description of said land.

Issued this the 15th day of December, 1943.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1943.

(Seal) M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 16-4t



**BEST WISHES for an American Christmas**

So we say "Merry Christmas" to you, and to yours—and, our sincerest wish will not come true unless 1944 brings happiness to you.  
**Clay Building Material Co.**

## We, as Americans

Reserve the right to worship, to live, to talk, to observe and celebrate any occasion that we desire. That is why Christmas means so much to each of us. It is symbolic of the American Way of Life.

And so, we, as Americans, say Merry Christmas to you, our fellow Americans.

**J. N. NUTT**  
FEED, SEED AND HATCHERY



With the passing of each year, our Christmas Greetings to you become more and more an essential part of our lives.

This year, perhaps more than ever, we have looked forward to the opportunity of sending a message of good cheer to you. We are aware of the disappointments that have been yours; we are familiar with the good things in life which have been yours to enjoy. And at this Christmas time, we want it to be one of those great occasions which you will long remember as being a happy season, full of hope for Health, Peace and Contentment.

**Ballinger Board of Community Development**



## UNTIL OUR BOYS COME HOME

### .... UPHOLDING YOUR FAITH

The faith that our fathers had in a free country, the right to religious freedom and the beauty of an old fashioned Christmas with the traditional holly, the mince meat and turkey. We are thankful for the joys of Christmases in the past and have faith that the future will bring with even greater stores of happiness with the advent of Peace.

### .... CREATE HAPPINESS

The determination to keep the spirit of Christmas a part of American tradition for our fighting men to return to is a source of happiness we would not readily relinquish. The measure of happiness we can glean from a world at war is not great, indeed... but let us remember the joy that can be derived from doing our job well and from helping others.

### .... WORK FOR VICTORY

Let our faith in the meaning of Christmas give greater strength to our peace loving hearts. Let us renew our efforts in the mighty cause, united with our allies, to hasten the dawn of a brighter world, a world more free than it has been in the history of man. Let's work to win, so the Christmas bells of this year will be Victory bells of Next Year.

**Sykes Motor Co.**



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

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

## Bearcats Express Thanks To Local Football Fans

The Ballinger Bearcats made news all fall and had their share of headlines in newspapers of this section.

This week the boys who actually made up the team have asked for a little publicity of their own. For the first time in history the Bearcats want a say also in their appreciation of the Ballinger fans.

As one of the boys put it: "No team ever played before a more loyal bunch of fans or for a better cooperating school board and faculty."

Especially did the boys mention the transportation provided them by the fans to all games and the providing of ways for the band and pep squad to follow them out of town to all important games.

One Bearcat player spoke of the many fans in other towns who would leave the game when their team was losing and remarked that no Ballinger fan would ever walk out on the home team. He added that the boys always knew that their home fans would be with them win or lose and that the boys were able to win lots of times because they could not let their friends down.

The boys have paid Coach Felton Wright many compliments already but asked that he be men-

tioned and thanked for his part in producing a championship team of them. The boys have shown their love for their coach on many occasions but they never overlook an opportunity to again say that they love him.

Many Bearcats of past years are in a game more important than any district championship right now. They are serving with every branch of the armed forces in the American effort to whip the axis. Some are high ranking officers, others privates in the rear ranks, but the home town fans are still pulling for them and will never walk out on them in this game.

Richard Hembree, C. R. Stone and James Striplin came in from A. & M. College this week to be with their parents during the holidays.

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## Merry Christmas

May this old fashioned Greeting convey our

**-SINCERE APPRECIATION**

Of your good will and patronage and our every wish for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

**J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.**



### Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

Sunday, December 26:  
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

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.  
8:30 p. m., evening worship.  
Monday:  
4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class.  
Wednesday:  
8:30 p. m., prayer meeting service.

"Come thou with us and we will do thee good."  
R. PAXTON KYKER, Minister

### First Baptist Church

(400 Eighth Street)  
Sunday, December 26:  
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, "Found in Him."  
5 p. m., Cadet Fellowship.  
6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union. Illustrated hymn talk in technicolor. Miss Betty Jean Harper.

At 7:30 p. m. the pastor will present Miss Louise Hash, of the faculty fine arts, Baylor University, in a dramatic reading, "The Fool," by Channing Pollock. The public is cordially invited to attend.  
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

### Zoar Evangelical and Reformed Church, Kowena

Church school, 10:15 a. m.  
Divine worship, 11:30 a. m.  
FRANK W. LAMMERT, Pastor

**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 26:  
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

(608 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.

### Grace Baptist Church

(10th and Phillips)  
"An Independent Baptist Church"  
Raymond C. Wilson, Pastor  
Jim Hash, S. S. Superintendent  
WEEKLY SERVICES:  
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.

### 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

Miss Billie Howell, student of Hardin-Simons University, Abilene, is at home for the Yuletide holidays.

Mrs. A. S. Love has gone to Pearsall, where she will spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

### A MEXICAN WILLIAMSBURG IS EL RANCHO DEL ARTISTA

MEXICO, D. F., Dec. 22.—A 15-minute ride from the heart of the Mexican capital takes the visitor to the pre-Spanish days of Montezuma, through the cultural life of later centuries up to the present time. El Rancho del Artista is a composite reproduction of a picturesque Mexican village, which might have grown up through the centuries so natural is the setting of authentic antiquity.

The village, which idealizes the life of colonial days, has been created and built from vacant fields in three years.

Within architectural inclosures, which reflect the passing periods, are typical homes and household objects, the arts and crafts and the cultural attainments of a native village. In an outdoor

theatre, folklore dramas and picturesque ceremonial dances are to add animation to the beauty of Mexican costumes, the rainbow tints of old Oaxaca shawls and the daring colors of the serapes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gosnell, of Anson, were here Monday transacting business and visiting friends. They formerly operated the Central Hotel here.

Miss Marryatt Smith is in Gainesville for the holiday period with her sister, Mrs. F. H. Turbeville.

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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It is Christmas again and time to be remembering friends like you who remember us throughout the year. For your patronage and friendly good will we wish to express our gratitude and to wish for you all the good things in life which you so richly deserve.

## Jack Rudd

Texaco Agent

*We'd like to wish each of you all the Joys of the Christmas Season because we feel deeply grateful to all our friends whom we have had the privilege of serving.*

**Bettis & Sturges**

## Santa Has Traded His Reindeer

In this day and age old Saint Nick has gone all out in his efforts to please his friends. In some distant parts of the globe he may even surpluse his reindeer and sleigh with a jeep . . . or a tank . . . or a P-40 . . . but knowing him like we do, we know that he will find a way to bring the true spirit of Christmas to all.

It is a comforting thought and a blessing to know that regardless of the unhappiness and disappointments which have been the experiences of many the past few years, there remains the traditional feeling of good cheer at Christmastime. Let each of us be conscious of the things that are expected of us this present season. Let each of us spread cheer and happiness and good fellowship with all those whom we come in contact to perpetuate the glories of an American Christmas.



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## "And His Name Shall Be . . . . . . the PRINCE of PEACE"

Again we celebrate the birthday of the Savior, again we join with people of the world in observing this great day . . . which war cannot interrupt. As we offer prayers for the dear ones far away, and ask that His loving care protect them from the dangers and vicissitudes of war, let us pray also that His word may be carried out in the Victorious Peace that is to come—that the spirit of Christianity may draw all peoples, all nations together in a greater understanding—that the Peace for which He stands may become a truth among all men.

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