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Ballinger Boy Reported Missing Back on Duty

At least one Runnels county family believes that miracles still occur. On October 2, Sgt. Elton F. Kevil, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Kevil, was reported missing in action by the war department. He was serving as a waist gunner on a bomber operating from an English base at that time and it was presumed that he was shot down over Germany or some of the occupied countries.

Nothing more was heard from him until Saturday when a message came from the war department, telling that Sgt. Kevil was safe and back on duty with his squadron. No details of his return were given but some news was learned when the soldier has time to write his parents and other relatives here.

Miss Lynn Leading In Bond Queen Race On First Tabulation

First tabulation of votes in the war bond queen contest compiled Tuesday afternoon disclosed Miss Mary Lynn, representing Bettis & Sturges, in the lead, but with all contestants in the race. It was stated that the contest would be continued through January 31 and that the coronation ceremony would be held at the first bond rally after that date, at which time the girl with the greatest number of votes would be declared queen of the 4th war loan drive.

- Following was the standing Tuesday of the other contestants:
- Miss Elizabeth Wear, for King-Holt Co., 2,500 votes
 - Miss Leona Bell, for Rubin's, 1,320 votes
 - Miss Charlotte Miller, for Western Auto Co., 1,060 votes
 - Miss Dorothy Forgy, for Clements', 1,050 votes
 - Miss Patsy Richards, for Higginbotham's, 1,010 votes
 - Miss Natlyne Williams, for George's Ready-to-Wear, 770 votes
 - Miss Carolyn Cheatham, for Kirk Hardware Co., 530 votes
 - Miss Dorothy Ann Holliday, for Woodroof's, 420 votes
 - Miss Bobbie Tunnell, for C. O. D. Grocery, 400 votes
 - Miss Dorothy McMillan, for West Texas Utilities Co., 260 votes
 - Miss Mary Lou Davis, for Stone's, 230 votes
 - Miss June Wright, for Perry Bros., 130 votes
 - Miss Norma Baker, for B. & M. Grocery, 120 votes
 - Miss Norma Jean Bankston, for Weeks Drug Store, 120 votes
 - Miss Gwen Morgan, for Home & Auto Supply Store, 110 votes
 - Miss Katherine Hays, for Pearce Drug Co., 100 votes.
- Mr. Arthur Giesecke is in Curo this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

County Red Cross Quota In March Drive \$13,900

The Runnels county chapter of the American Red Cross has received the county quota for the spring financial drive for the organization in its worldwide war program. During March Runnels countians will be asked to give \$13,900, the largest sum ever asked by any organization in direct contributions during the present war.

Camp Berkeley Units Assist in War Bond Parade in Ballinger

The 4th war loan campaign was officially launched in Ballinger Saturday with initial success. Bond salesmen were active during the day, getting the drive opened, and at 3 p. m. a parade was held to emphasize the duty asked of the citizenry.

The 12th armored division band, now stationed at Camp Berkeley, led the procession and was followed by armored equipment from the Abilene army camp. A large group of Runnels county ranchmen, mounted on horses, made up a big section of the parade and they were followed by the Ballinger Bearcat Band.

The sidewalk booth did a good business all afternoon Saturday and sales totaling \$50,000 were reported from all local issuing agencies. A tabulation in the county to Saturday night revealed about \$115,000 sold on the quota of \$923,000. A number of special days have been calendared here and selling schemes have been mapped to increase interest.

Practically all the present quota must be made up by individual purchases of series E bonds. This part of the quota is the heaviest in the war to date and means that small bond buyers must strive harder than ever to do their part. Salesmen are to remain on duty continuously until February 15, and will make every effort to meet the goal set for this county.

Bonds to be Subject Of Legion, Auxiliary Meetings Tuesday

Post Commander Ollie Floyd has announced an important meeting of the Pat Williams Post, American Legion, for Tuesday night at the city hall auditorium. This is the regular meeting date but because of activities of the membership in the 4th war loan drive there will be important business to be considered.

One of the most important items will be the work of the building committee in selling bonds for the memorial building fund. This committee has already met with considerable success but there is still much work to be done. Tom Agnew, committee chairman, announced Tuesday that he had sold \$1,150 in bonds which had been donated to the fund and the committee expects to sell many more before the close of the war bond drive on February 15.

A number of other important matters will be brought before the meeting and all members are asked to be present. Members of the Auxiliary will meet at the same hour in a separate session.

Feast in Italy; 3 Musketeers; Ingenious Sergeant



Left: Two Allied soldiers utilize an oven in Italy to prepare food which they are going to share with the interested youths. Center inset: These three musketeers clown on the back of a donkey. Right: This sergeant stationed at a bomber base in England devised an ingenious method of pants pressing without electricity. His iron is a mess kit filled with hot rocks.

144 Runnels County Men Ordered For Pre-Induction on February 8

One of the largest groups ever to leave here on a single call, 144 men, will be sent for pre-induction by the Runnels county draft board on February 8. These men will receive their complete physicals and will be informed whether they are accepted and to which armed service they are to report to for duty.

The men going for pre-induction examinations will return home and will have 21 days in which to arrange their affairs and to file for deferment if they wish to do so. Those accepted for duty by the navy will get their calls direct and not through the local board.

In the group to report February 8 are included all the A1 single men who are so classified, all the A1 married men with no children, and a large number of fathers. Cards were in the mail this week and many local men were notified.

A few days after February 8, a list of those accepted for service will be made public by the local board. This will include those who pass physicals and are instructed to report later for induction.

Men reporting on January 15 have returned home and the following list was authorized:

James L. Cooper was accepted by the army and is to report on February 8.

Johnny Delbert Stanley was accepted by the army air corps.

Frank Charles Havlak and Archie D. Smith were accepted by the navy and will get their calls direct.

Frederick Rudolph Sturm, Jewel Wesley Jones, Louis Mack Tuttle, Clarence Rudolph Toburn, and Joseph Ralph Hurley were accepted as army reserves.

Cadet Wives Have Many Activities During Past Week

Wives of cadets living in Ballinger while their husbands are in primary flight training here have experienced a busy week in the activities of their newly formed club with headquarters at the Army and Navy Club. Mrs. Alex McGregor, club hostess, presided at the meeting Tuesday afternoon in the absence of the president. Thursday will be Red Cross day and Friday will be game day, at which time Fred Harman will furnish refreshments for the group.

Mrs. McGregor stated that 75 wives have registered for the club to date, living quarters have been found for more than 50, and 12 have been obtained employment. There are about 40 who hope to visit a ranch while they are in this part of the Southwest and if possible to ride horses.

Twelve Bruce Field cadets have requested the hostess to help them secure apartments so their wives and babies can come here to be with them. Any person with an apartment who will take one of these couples with baby is asked to phone Mrs. McGregor at 564.

A large number of cadet wives will attend the war bond benefit tea at the city hall tomorrow and others have been working in the downtown bond booth this week.

Mrs. Chester Ueckert and little daughter, Faye, of Lubbock, visited relatives here this week.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Mrs. Elia Wood received a card Wednesday from her son, Cpl. Robert F. Wood, a prisoner of the Germans, saying he was ok and feeling fine. He told his mother he hoped she had been hearing from him through his wife, the former Miss Grace Walden, but the wife has never received a card or a letter from him since his capture. The last letter the wife received was written on August 31. The card coming to his mother was written on October 17 and arrived here Wednesday of this week. Cpl. Wood was taken prisoner in Italy on September 13, when a large number of Ballinger boys were captured.

A letter received the past weekend from Lt. Ralph J. Erwin by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Erwin, brought the information that the Ballinger boy was in the initial landing at Empress Augusta Bay, Bougainville. His terse comment was "some party." He said he could not tell where he was when the letter was written but declared he was safe. Lt. Erwin is with a 90 mm. anti-aircraft battalion and has been on duty in the South Pacific for many months.

Mrs. M. H. Morgan received a card this week from her brother, Pfc. J. P. Burk, who is now in a German prison camp. The message on the card only conveyed the information that he was in good health and asked his people not to worry about him. The card did not bear a date but the camp was designated as M-Stammlager IIB (Hammerstein). Burk did not refer to any of the other boys who were taken prisoner at the same time he was in Italy.

Clarence Winans, formerly of Ballinger but recently with the Walker-Smith Co. at Childress, will report at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, on February 2 to begin service in the army. Winans has been away from Ballinger several years, having been transferred to Childress by the wholesale grocery concern. Mrs. Winans and their baby will reside for the duration with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Compton, of Norton.

A letter was received Saturday from Pvt. James McWilliams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elery McWilliams of Winters, stated he was in England and doing fine. He said he enjoyed the trip over, although the weather was rather rough. He has been in the army six months, being stationed at Camp Wolters and Fort Meade, Maryland.

Cadet Luin McWilliams, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Luin McWilliams, received his wings and commission as second lieutenant at Luke Field, Arizona, on January 7.

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Women's, Society and Club News

Gift Tea is Compliment to Miss Kay Evans

Miss Kay Evans, bride-elect of George H. Smith of Dallas, who has been a teacher of public school music here for two years, was paid a pretty compliment Friday evening when Mrs. Harry Lynn, Miss Ruby Thornton, Miss Hilah Jo Blankenship, Miss Katherine Freeman, Miss Dorothy Lynn and Mrs. Fred Vetterlein were hostesses at a beautifully appointed program gift tea in the Lynn home on Seventh Street.

Lovely pink carnations and Scottish heather with acacia blossoms were used in the living room which a reflected arrangement of red carnations flanked by tall white tapers in single crystal holders centered the lace-laid dining table. Red ghesia blossoms were on the buffet.

Mrs. Lynn was at the door to extend formal greetings and to present Miss Evans and Mrs. James Page of Eldorado, who will be Miss Evans' successor. Others in line were Miss Thornton and Miss Blankenship. Mrs. L. R. Tigner presided at the silver coffee service and Mrs. C. J. Lynn, Mrs. E. E. Truly, and Mrs. Marguerite Dow served cookies and salted nuts. Mrs. Vetterlein was at the bride's book and Miss Lynn and Miss Freeman showed gifts displayed in the bedroom.

A program of music was given by the high school girls' trio, which Miss Evans has directed. Miss Carmen Demmer, violinist, and Mrs. Robert Tiffany, soprano.

Mrs. Page accompanied the girls' trio, Misses Lavinia Faubion, Lanetha Arrant, and Juanita Culshaw, who sang "Serenade" and

"I'll See You Again." Mrs. Joe Paxton played other accompaniments. Miss Demmer's selections were "Because" and "Song of Songs," and Mrs. Tiffany sang "Make Believe" and a Scotch love song, "Laddie."

Others included were: Mmes. Lee Parker, J. T. Hornburg, W. E. Elkins, Levy Lee, J. A. Killough, Herbie Fulcher, Bernice Tucker, Nat Williams, Fred Miller, Roy V. Pinson, Felton Wright, W. A. Bridwell, J. M. Williams, Kherbiel Greenwood, Naomi Keithley, and O. G. Joiner; Misses Alta Belle Bilbo, Lea Matteson, Pauline Morley, Dorothy Crawford, Joy Jean Eaton, Grace Lacey, Cleo Lane, Louise LeMond, Vera Taylor, Curtis Gregory, Gladys Green, Ann Kiechle, Marryatt Smith, Eugenia Buskin, Juanita Huddleston, Clara Wheeler, Myrtle Ruth Hale, and Lola Eubank.

Mrs. Tigner is Triple-Four Hostess

Mrs. L. R. Tigner was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Friday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Varied combinations of carnations, ghesia, Scottish heather and acacia blossoms were arranged about rooms where the valentine motif was suggested in game appointments. High score award went to Mrs. J. A. Schnable; bingos to Mrs. Claude Stone and Mrs. Ross Murchison; and a gift remembrance to Mrs. Fred Vetterlein.

A salad course was served with fruit cake and coffee. Others were: Mmes. Tom Agnew, E. W. Stasney, Delbert Vancil, Leslie Baker, Estes Lynn, Troy Simpson, R. W. Earnshaw, Robert Tiffany, Marguerite

Dow, Harry Lynn, W. B. Woody; Misses Dorothy Lynn and Florence Westbrook.

Mrs. Capps Entertains Officers Wives Club

The Officers Wives Club was entertained by Mrs. J. W. Capps on Thursday afternoon of last week in her home on Third Street.

The patriotic tri-colors were used in decorations of rooms and in game and table appointments. The card symbols were featured in the plate of sandwiches served with a fruit drink. High and low score trophies went to Mrs. Donald Thomas and Mrs. Thomas Scanio.

Others were: Mmes. W. L. Morlen, Yale B. Griffith, B. B. Johnson, Joe Ingram, Elbert Black, and W. T. Seibert.

Bridgettes Entertained by Mrs. Matteson

Only a foursome of Bridgette members were guests of Mrs. Howard Matteson Friday afternoon in her home on Third Street.

After the game series, in which Mrs. George Vordenbaum was winner of defense stamps for high score, a dessert plate was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. M. E. McClenney, and Jack Crow.

Shakespeare Club Continues Study of Treaties

A continuation of the study of the peace treaties of history being given for the bi-monthly meetings of the Shakespeare Club held on Thursday afternoons at the Army and Navy Club, included the war of the Spanish Succession and the Treaty of Utrecht by Mrs. Horace Murphy; War of the Austrian Succession and the Treaty of Aix la Chapelle by Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh; and the Seven Years War and Treaties of Hubertsburg and of Paris by Mrs. T. J. McCaughan, last week—Mrs. C. R. Stephens read a Scripture on peace and directed a round table discussion concerning religion's part in peace.

Mrs. Ernest Caskey was given a leave of absence as she is to teach school the second semester. The club will have charge of the down-town bond booth February 14 and 15.

Twelve members were present.

Mr. Harman Sponsors Afternoon Tea for Cadet Wives

Cadet wives were included as guests at an informal afternoon tea on Thursday, sponsored by Fred Harman and planned by Mrs. Alex McGregor, hostess at

the Army and Navy Club, and Mrs. Harman.

Mrs. McGregor was at the door to welcome guests and to present recently elected officers of the Cadet Wives Club: Mrs. Robert Danner, Mrs. Allen Ballard, Mrs. Robert Faihey, and Mrs. Arnold Brent.

Mrs. Danner presided for the brief business period during which Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., asked for volunteers to assist with the Fourth War Loan at the downtown booth; and Mrs. McGregor gave plans for organized work at the Red Cross surgical dressings center, and announced schedules for activities at the club. The Allies benefit bridge tournament Friday afternoon at the City Hall auditorium was announced.

At the tea hour, Mrs. Ballard poured tea from the silver service placed at one end of the lace-laid table, which was centered with a beautiful arrangement of yellow gladioli and acacia with baby's breath and statice in a low blue bowl, all in the Air Corps colors. Other appointments were yellow mints in silver compotes and trays of orange candies and fancy cookies. Members of the refreshment committee, Mmes. Robert Claybough, J. H. Cornelius, and E. B. Collins, assisted in serving.

Entertainment committee members, Mmes. William Block, C. E. Carter, and George Faust, directed games of bingo, bridge, rummy, and ping-pong.

Inspirational Program on Foreign Missions for First Presbyterian Auxiliary

Mrs. Estes Lynn, cause secretary of foreign missions, presented an inspirational program for the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary at its meeting Monday afternoon in the church parlors on Broadway.

The theme for the comprehensive review given by Mrs. Lynn was "Why Believe in Missions." Mrs. Alex Saunders led the devotional and the Lord's Prayer, spoken in unison, concluded the program. Announcement was made concerning the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial to be observed with morning prayer services at ten o'clock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 1, 2, 3, and the all-church fellowship supper and the concluding program on Friday evening, February 4, with the church pastor, the Rev. Gary Hoffius, director.

Mrs. M. E. Bogress and Mrs. Victor Miller were hostesses at the social hour and served cake with tea. Others present were: Mmes. Jack McGregor, Warren Lynn, C. R. Stephens, G. G. Harwell, Harry Lynn, Leslie Baker, L. H. Barnes, Dick Carter, E. A. Trail, R. F. Zedlitz, George Holman, Lela McAdams, and Elma Mann.

Garden Club to Meet

The Ballinger Civic-Garden Club will meet Tuesday, February 1, at 4:00 p. m. in City Hall auditorium. Mrs. Claude Stone will lead the program. Mrs. R. L. Sutphen will discuss "How to Start a Herb Garden" and Mrs. J. D. Eoff "The Factors to Consider for a Successful Victory Garden." Mrs. Roy Hill will conduct the Question Box.

GROENWALD 4-H CLUB

The Groenwald 4-H club held its regular meeting on January 10 at the Groenwald school. All members were present except Delbert Caffey. Two demonstrations were given. Mr. John Barton, Runnels county farm agent, gave a demonstration on how to cull hens. He explained the kind of hens to keep for laying. After Mr. Barton finished his talk the boys and girls separated. The boys went to Mr. Joe Holubec's farm to learn something about culling hens.

The club girls modeled their aprons and all looked very pretty indeed, and showed splendid cooperation in carrying out their work. Then Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent,

gave a demonstration on planning our spring gardens and gave us three bulletins as follows: "Food Conservation Plan," "Grow a Garden," and "Declare War on Rats." We also received our yearbooks in which we are to keep all of our plans and accomplishments. Miss Tankersley told which vegetables are best to plant in this county and how to preserve our food. The demonstration was very interesting. Miss Bessie Bubenik suggested that all girls get together for the next meeting and have a lesson in cooking.

We are sorry that our sponsor, Miss Julie Holubec, could not be with us because she has decided to attend a business college in San Angelo, but we are wishing her lots of good luck and hope that she likes it very much.

We decided to work on our scrapbook on Wednesday, January 12, and we believe that we will enjoy ourselves because every member will take part in it. The members have written the history of Groenwald community and many interesting facts were learned. Our next meeting will be held on February 14.

Administrator's Notice

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF RUNNELS:

To those indebted to, or holding a claim against, the Estate of M. H. Wolverton, deceased:

The undersigned, having been duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of M. H. Wolverton, deceased, late of Runnels County, Texas, by E. C. Grindstaff, Judge of the County Court of said county, on the 14th day of January, 1944, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and all those having claims against said estate to present them to O. C. Sykes, Adminis-

trator of said estate, within the time prescribed by law, at his office and place of business, Sykes Motor Company, Ballinger, Texas, where he receives his mail, this the 18 day of January, A. D. 1944.

O. C. SYKES, Administrator of the Estate of M. H. Wolverton, deceased.

GAS KILLS MEXICAN FELONS ABOARD PRISON TRANSPORT

MEXICO, D. F., Jan. 19.—Sixteen of forty-six convicts died of monoxide gas poisoning while aboard the transport Mazatlan en route from Manzanillo to the penal colony on the Tres Marias islands in the Pacific. The gas escaped from a boiler on the transport.

Which Is Better Milk Rationing or Milk-Making Rations?

Increasing need for milk and decreasing supplies threaten to add this most essential food of all to the list of rationed foods.

It can happen here, as in other countries, that milk be made available only for small children, mothers, invalids and others.

LACK OF FEED is one of the main reasons for the declining production of dairy herds. Most important of the feeds that dairymen must have for efficient production is protein, supplied usually in this State through Cottonseed Meal.

More cottonseed meal for milk-making rations can be secured in only one way—by growing more cotton in 1944.

By producing more in 1944, cotton growers will directly help the dairy business do its wartime job—and directly help make more milk for American children, civilians and members of the Armed Forces.

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If Your Nose Fills Up Tonight - Get Quick Relief!

Just a Few Drops Relieve Stuffiness—Make Breathing Easier—Invite Restful Sleep

It's wonderful how Vicks Va-tro-nol clears the transient congestion that clogs up the nose! Results are so very good because Va-tro-nol is specialized medication that works right where trouble is—to relieve stuffiness and make breathing easier. Try it—put a few drops up each nostril—follow directions in folder.



VICKS VA-TRO-NOL

Opening FRIDAY IN NEW LOCATION HOWELL'S MARKET

We will be ready to again greet our friends and customers Friday morning with a modern market, located on Hutchings Avenue, one door from The Ballinger Ledger.

For two weeks we have been remodeling and modernizing the building and installing modern market equipment. We are proud of our equipment and feel that we have the best market we have ever operated in Ballinger. Everything is electrically refrigerated and we will continue to carry a complete stock of the choicest food in the market line.

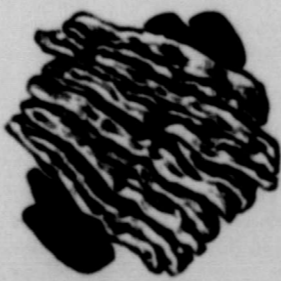
We have been buying choice fat animals and have an extra fine selection of the best foods for our opening. We invite you to see us this week-end and let us serve your needs.

There will be no change in the policy of our operations. As in the past we will strive to have nothing but the best and will make every effort to have a complete stock at all times. We will have a force of experienced market people to serve the patrons and we'll do our best to please you every time you come to see us.



The Best Steaks

We will have those steaks that you can remember long after the meal is over. Also a complete line of cured meat, butter, bread and other foods.



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If you haven't a skill, Army experts will teach you. Perhaps you'd like to drive a jeep, work a typewriter, machine, or help direct airplane traffic.

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TODAY—get full details at the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station (your local post office will give you the address). Or write: The Adjutant General, Room 4625, Warrenton Building, Washington, D. C.

Ration Tokens to be In Use February 27; 120 Points for Pork

The office of price administration has announced that ration tokens will be in use after February 27. These small red and blue tokens will be used in making change where ration stamps are called for. Blue tokens will be used for change on processed food and red tokens for meats.

No tokens will be issued to individuals and the only way the public will get them is in change from retailers. The need for tokens in making change is necessitated by a change in ration books which gives each coupon a value of ten points. Heretofore coupons have been good for 8, 5, 2 and 1 points. Each token will have a value of one point.

Customers will use tokens very much the same as pennies. In the purchase of an article with a value of 18 points two ten point coupons will be torn from the book and the customer will get two tokens in return. These will be kept until they are needed in another purchase. In order to continue the same allowance of points for processed food and for meats, red and blue tokens will be given in change, the blue tokens representing one point on processed food and red tokens one point on meat.

There is no expiration date on tokens and they will be good any time presented.

The change in the system, making each coupon worth 10 points will not give anyone more nor less points for the purchase of rationed goods. A limited number of coupons will be allowed for use at regular intervals in about the same proportion as at present.

Points for Pork

Runnels county ranchmen and farmers who want to slaughter hogs for direct sale to consumers will be interested in a new release received this week by James A. Wear, county board chairman.

According to the release 12 red stamps in war ration book four, or a total of 120 points, were validated by the OPA this week for buying pork and other rationed meats from farmers. This will give consumers ample ration points for buying meat, particularly pork, from farmers who want to slaughter their hogs on the farm and sell them in the form of fresh meat.

The red stamps designated for this in book four are those numbered "B" and lettered from "A" through "M." Each is worth ten points.

BALLINGER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Natilyne Williams

Science Club Dance

The Science Club entertained its members and their guests at an informal dance last Friday night at the Army-Navy Club. The chaperons were Miss Matteson, Miss Bilbo, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Reed. Other parents came in for a few minutes during the evening.

Some of the couples seen dancing were: Billy Curtis and Addie Wanske, Duane Forbus and LaVerne Wiley, Alvin Bryan and Sue Parks, Pannel Legg and Arvena Kendricks, S. M. Jones and Wilma Klingingsmith, Roger Jones and Natilyne Williams, Harold Richards and June Wright, Jack Kopecky and Pauline Witter, Walter Midgley and Carolyn Cheatham. For those who did not care to dance, games were provided. Everyone reported a very enjoyable evening.

Junior Class Meeting

The junior class held a meeting Tuesday morning to discuss their senior rings. The vote was put to the house whether or not to change the style of rings or to continue with the same ring of the last few years. It was decided that the same ring would be kept. For those whose orders are placed now, they expect to have the rings before school is out. Also, a few plans for the junior-senior banquet were discussed.

Basketball Games

The basketball team went to Angelo last Friday night and played the Bobcats. The game ended with the score 44 to 14 with our team taking the small end of the score.

The Mozelle Mustangs came over to Ballinger Monday night to play the Ballinger Bearcats. Both squads A and B competed. The A squads played a very exciting game with Mozelle running up the highest score. The final score was 10 to 21. The B squads ran up a final score of 23 to 14 in favor of Mozelle.

The Mozelle team will return to Ballinger Thursday night. The public is invited to attend the game at the gymnasium.

New Teachers

The coming of the new semester meant the leaving of one of the favorite teachers of Ballinger high school, Miss Kay Evans. Miss

Evans taught here last year, and gained the admiration of everyone with whom she came in contact during the three semesters she was here. Mrs. Maxine Page filled the vacancy and started her classes Monday. Although all of the choral club members miss their former teacher, they have enjoyed the first few days of classes under Mrs. Page.

Mrs. Tucker, the homemaking teacher, also left at the end of the semester. Mrs. Mary Netto Perry is now teaching the classes which started in sewing.

Spanish Club Supper

The Spanish Club, assisted by the sponsor, Miss Eugenia Baskin, entertained members and guests last Friday evening with a Mexican dinner and theater party. The Mexican food was served in two courses at the American Cafe. The entertainment was provided by Miss Pauline Morley, who gave a short talk on her trip to Mexico. After the supper, the party continued at the theatre.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Lil and Benoit

Assembly

On Wednesday, January 19, in assembly we had a "second invasion" from the band. For the second time this year Mr. Joiner brought to us a group of excellent players. A trio was composed of two flutes and an oboe which played "Dancing Doll," a clarinet sextette which played a snappy number known as "Galway Piper," and a novelty arrangement of "Listen to the Mocking Bird."

We always enjoy a visit from the band and are always ready for the next visit.

"Guess Who"

She is a tall, slender, beautiful blond of fourteen. She is a majorette in the high school band and plays a clarinet in the intermediate band. In dramatic work she is very

Lions Will Banquet Bearcats Tomorrow; Dunlap to be Speaker

Arrangements are perfected for the annual Ballinger Lions Club football banquet tomorrow (Friday) evening. On this occasion the Lions will be hosts to the regional championship Bearcats and their dates for a banquet and program. Due to limited space only 200 people will be able to attend the 1943 banquet, which will be held in the school lunchroom. Those holding tickets will assemble in the school gymnasium and after the opening will go to the lunch room where they will be served buffet style and take their places at the tables.

Tickets were first reserved for the team members and their dates, the Lions and their wives, parents of football players, a few special guests, and the remaining tickets were made available to fans. The number of tickets was not sufficient and a large number of fans who wanted to attend were unable to obtain the duets.

After serving the meal, John W. Purfoy, club president, will introduce Rev. Gary Hoffius, who will be toastmaster for the evening. Musical numbers are to be presented by the girls' trio, and the principal speaker will be Rev. E. D. Dunlap, pastor of the Coggin Avenue Baptist Church of Brownwood.

There will be other numbers on the program which have not been made public and will be announced by the toastmaster during the program. R. E. White will lead the audience in the singing of "America" at the opening of the program and also in the closing song.

talented, having played leading roles several times this year. Her ambition is to be a nurse. Guess who? Last week's "guess who" — Francis Martin.

Mrs. Parker Named District Clerk Here To Succeed Caudle

Mrs. Winona Parker was named district clerk of Runnels county by District Judge O. L. Parish last week-end. She will complete the unexpired term of M. S. ("Buster") Caudle, who resigned to move to Abilene, where he will be employed in accounting department of the general office of the West Texas Utilities Co.

Mrs. Parker has already assumed the duties of the clerk's office. She is thoroughly familiar with the details, having been assistant to various county officials for a number of years and also has done abstract work here, making her familiar with the county records.

For a number of years Mrs. Parker has been a deputy sheriff under Sheriff J. L. Moreland, attending to the office records. Sheriff Moreland stated that he had not appointed a deputy to succeed her but would do so in a few days.

Mr. Caudle has served for the past three years in the district

clerk's office. He had served thirteen months on his second term which would have expired next January 1. For some time he had been making a special study of

accounting and decided to enter this field. He and Mrs. Caudle will make home at Abilene. Ledger want ads pay.

Mrs. John Allen, of Temple, was a week-end guest of Mrs. J. F. Currie and Mrs. G. G. Odom. Her husband, Lt. Allen, is now on duty in Puerto Rico.

This Way to Spring



Starring Suits---Coats

Double-feature stars for now through Spring! Suits to set off every blouse... wonderfully versatile toppers to wear over everything!

Step this way to a store-full of Spring! Step this way and see Spring's smartest, most wearable fashions. Excitingly flattering suits, spirit-lifting hats, active duty suits, sunshine-bright coats. Be first to wear them—prize them through Spring. And save on everything with our thrifty low prices.

Future-Bright Spring Fashions! DRESSES---COATS

Come see our line-up of exhilarating Spring prints, lingerie blacks, pastels! See, too, our color-bright wear-everywhere Spring coats—all underscored for a busy Spring—all budget priced! Misses, women.



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Wayne and Jean Arthur Frolic Through 'Lady Takes a Chance'

Packed with hilarious and unexpected comedy from start to finish and with light-hearted tender romance of a novel kind, "A Lady Takes a Chance," in preview at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight, co-stars Jean Arthur and John Wayne is what is said to be one of the year's most entertaining pictures. The production also will be shown at the Texas Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, January 30, 31 and February 1. In addition the program contains a cartoon and a news reel.

A bus trip from New York to the Pacific Coast and back is the idea of the story but nearly all the action takes place in eastern Oregon. There Mollie, a Manhattan bank clerk on her first vacation in years, meets Duke, a rodeo rider who is tossed right into her lap by a bucking bronc.

Mollie has never met anyone like Duke before, and vice versa. Their stormy and picturesque romance sweeps headlong, punctuated by hilarious situations in a frontier gambling room, a rickety hotel, on the desert and at an auto camp, as Mollie, who has missed her bus in all the excitement, hitchhikes across the state to catch the vehicle on its return trip.

Miss Arthur has seldom had a better role for her special brand of comedy. Wayne proves himself an outstanding partner for her in an equally well-fitted part. Charles Winninger as the skeptical Waco and Phil Silvers as an irritating tour guide head the supporting cast, which also numbers Mary Field, Don Costello, Grady Sutton, Grant Withers, Hans Conried and John Phillip among the more prominent players in the gay RKO Radio film.

Friday-Saturday Feature-Length Pictures at Texas Include Comedy and Western

"That Nasty Nuisance," a Hal Roach farce-comedy, and "The Kansan," with Richard Dix, Jane Wyatt and Albert Dekker, are the two feature-length films at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. In addition are a Fox News and a "Snapshot."

A historical western, based on actual incidents which took place in the latter half of the nineteenth century, is "The Kansan," United Artists release.

Once again is re-learned the successful starring trio of Richard Dix, Jane Wyatt and Albert Dekker, who played together so well in "Buckskin Frontier." Dix plays John Bonniwell, a fighting marshal who, against the odds of lawlessness and disorder, cleans up the small frontier town of Broken Lance. Even though he loves peace above all else, the fearless marshal proves on countless occasions that he is a deadly force when aroused.

In supporting roles are Victor Jory, Eugene Palette, and Robert Armstrong. "The Kansan," brimful of action of the rip-roaring western variety, is a romantic love story with Dix, Miss Wyatt and Jory involved in a dramatic triangle.

Lt. and Mrs. Yale B. Griffiths left this week for San Antonio where he has been assigned for one month's duty at the cadet reception center.

Countywide Culling Of Hens is Urged To Save Vital Feed

Runnels county poultry raisers have been asked to cull 10 hens from each 100 in their flocks to aid the general poultry program and the critical feed situation. The national goal is to cull 50,000,000 hens and in Texas raisers have been asked to cull 4,000,000 hens. County Agent John A. Barton estimates approximately 25,000 hens should be taken from flocks in this county.

To aid in doing this right Mr. Barton has been giving demonstrations to 4-H clubs for several weeks and some 150 boys have been given the responsibility of aiding their parents and friends in this important task.

Mr. Barton stated that the feed situation was moving rapidly to a crisis and that unless flocks are culled and feed requirements reduced it may be that baby chicks started in 1944 cannot be fed.

It is pointed out that culls are expensive to keep, the estimate being about 25 cents a month. When these culls are marketed it will aid the meat supply as well as saving feed.

It is suggested that the following kinds of hens be culled from flocks:

- Extra fat hens
- Very old hens
- All lame hens
- Coarse and masculine hens
- Extra small hens
- All hens with gray eyes caused by disease
- All weak, sick and runty hens.

Special bulletins and culling cards can be secured at the office of the county agent that will enable flock owners to do a fair job.

MRS. PERRY EMPLOYED HERE AS HOMEMAKING TEACHER

Mrs. Mary Nette Perry, of Moran, has accepted a position in the Ballinger high school faculty as teacher of home economics. A graduate of the University of Texas, she has had two years' experience teaching at Moran. Her husband is in the services and overseas at this time.

Mrs. K. V. Northington and Martha Kay are in Waco this week for a visit with relatives and friends.

Joe Paxton will leave Friday for Birmingham, Alabama, for a visit with his parents. He is scheduled to report for army physical examination the first part of February.

Citation by Publication THE STATE OF TEXAS TO: J. J. Kvapil and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of J. J. Kvapil, 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 21st day of February, A. D. 1944, at or before

'A Lady Takes a Chance'



Scene from "A Lady Takes a Chance" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

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 27th day of December, 1943. The file number of said suit being No. 4920.

The names of the parties in said suit are: A. F. Kvapil, Elmer L. Kvapil, Mrs. Hedvika Kvapil, Mrs. Elizabeth Dorotik and William Dorotik, as Plaintiffs, and J. J. Kvapil and the unknown heirs, executors, administrators and legal representatives of J. J. Kvapil, deceased, as Defendants.

The nature of said suit being substantially as follows, to-wit: Plaintiffs allege that plaintiffs A. F. Kvapil, Elmer L. Kvapil and Mrs. Hedvika Kvapil are residents of Runnels County, Texas, and plaintiffs Mrs. Elizabeth Dorotik and husband, William Dorotik, are residents of Concho County, Texas; that the residence of each and all defendants is unknown; that plaintiffs and defendants are joint and sole owners of 177 acres of land in Runnels County, Texas, of the W. C. R. R. Company Survey No. 133, Abstract No. 534, described by metes and bounds in plaintiff's petition, and being the same land described in the deed executed by J. R. Knowles and wife, to Joe Kvapil, now of record in Volume 111, Page 622, Deed Records of Runnels County, Texas, which real estate is of the estimated value of \$6,500.00; that

said property" is the community property of plaintiff Mrs. Hedvika Kvapil and her deceased husband, Joe Kvapil; that Joe Kvapil died in May, 1941, in Runnels County, Texas, and left no will and no administration was had on his estate and none is necessary; that plaintiff Mrs. Hedvika Kvapil is surviving widow of Joe Kvapil, deceased, and that plaintiffs A. F. Kvapil, Elmer L. Kvapil and Mrs. Elizabeth Dorotik and defendants are the sole and surviving heirs of Joe Kvapil, deceased, that a partition of the real estate can not be made, and that a sale thereof should be ordered by the court; and that if any of the defendants are serving in the armed forces a partition sale will not jeopardize their interest; and praying for citation and partition of said real estate if a partition can be had and for sale thereof if a partition can not be had and distribution of the proceeds of sale equitably among plaintiffs and defendants, and for costs of suit, and for an attorney to represent defendants and for such other and further relief to which plaintiffs are entitled either at law or in equity.

Issued this the 7th day of January, 1944.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this the 7th day of January, A. D. 1944.

M. S. CAUDLE, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 13-4t

"A Bond for Every Seat" IS OUR PLEDGE IN THE 4th War Loan Drive

We are an issuing agent and would like to issue your Bonds-Day or Night-Sundays or Holidays. With each Bond we will also issue a FREE TICKET to

TEXAS BALLINGER Bond Prevue

9:30 p. m. Tuesday February 8th.

ON THE SCREEN-- ONE SHOW ONLY



— ADMISSION BY BOND ONLY —
Let's All Back the Attack

Suspense-Filled Film Coming to Palace; Stars Jory and Blake

One of the most tensely dramatic motion pictures of the season is Monogram's "The Unknown Guest," billed at the Palace Theatre next Saturday and Sunday in conjunction with a "Wild Bill" Elliott western.

Victor Jory and Pamela Blake play the featured roles in "The Unknown Guest," and are the central characters in a series of eerie events in an isolated tavern. As the story opens Jory escapes following a gangland killing, and makes his way to the suburban inn conducted by his elderly aunt and uncle, who are just closing up for the winter. Disregarding their protests, Jory "moves in" and takes possession of the inn, and that night the old couple disappear, together with all the money they have taken in during the year. Hiring Miss Blake, a girl from the town nearby, as his aide, Jory brazenly keeps the tavern open for business. From this point the story takes on a quality of terrific suspense, with the net of suspicion closing ever tighter about the hunted Jory as the plot proceeds to its startling climax.

The supporting cast includes Emory Parnell, Veda Ann Borg, Harry Hayden, Nora Cecil, and Lee White.

PRIZES POSTED FOR WAR BOND RALLY AT OLDFEN

W. J. Halfmann, chairman of the 4th war loan drive at Oldfen, was here Wednesday and stated that a special war bond rally would be held in the community Monday night. The program, to be held in the community hall, will start at 8 o'clock.

A number of good speakers will be present, musical numbers will be provided, and during the rally a large number of valuable prizes will be offered.

Mr. Halfmann and other leaders in the Oldfen community are urging that everyone in the area attend the rally and also invite any others who care to attend. Members of the county committee will be present and help in conducting the rally.

Mrs. Oliver Wood, of Abilene, was the guest of Miss Winnie Trail over the week-end.

PALACE BALLINGER Sat. and Sun.

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WAR BOND RALLY TO BE HELD AT BLANTON TOMORROW NIGHT

A war bond rally is scheduled at Blanton tomorrow (Friday) night at 8 o'clock to begin raising the community quota in the 4th war loan drive. Members of the Blanton bond committee were in town Wednesday making arrangements

for assistance from the county committee and stated that an old-time box supper would be an attraction with boxes to be auctioned for bonds.

The rally is being well advertised in the community and a large crowd is anticipated. Women of the community are preparing the boxes to be auctioned.

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Friday and Saturday

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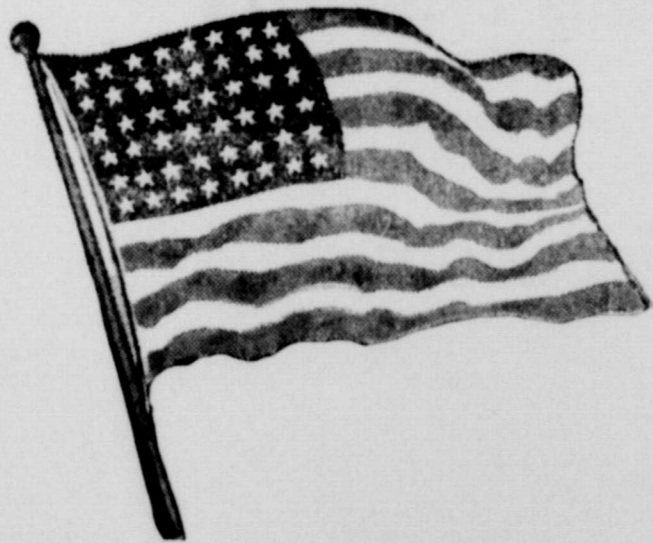


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Maybe some Americans are saying "You'll never get the Fourteen Billion Dollars, asked for in the 4th War Loan. Such Americans are taking the very words out of the Nazi's mouth and are doing no more to help America win this war than the German himself. Of course we will raise that amount and go beyond that. American boys who are willing to fly the machines over Berlin and those waiting to storm across the English Channel into the fortress of Europe, must have what it takes—and we, the people back home are going to provide it.

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So far we have only raised about one-eighth of that amount. The time is getting short and by February 15, every man, woman, boy and girl must do their part.

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SOCIETY

Know Your Neighbors Entertained by Mrs. McAulay

Know Your Neighbors members were guests of Mrs. LeRoy McAulay Wednesday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Mixed flowers were arranged about rooms where a salad course was served with coca colas after the informal sewing hour.

Included were: Meses. R. H. Garner, Bill Pagels, John Barton, Dee Skaylors, Malcolm Morgan, Joe Flynn, Rothal O'Kelly, L. C. Adair, J. H. Endacott, Ernest Moody, Bill Clark, Jack Nixon, Sr., and Cecil Jones.

Married Officers and Wives Entertain Single Officers

The married officers of Bruce Field and their wives entertained single officers with a pot luck no-host affair last Saturday evening in the home of Lt. and Mrs. D. G. Thomson on Sixth Street.

Candies were used to center prettily-appointed foursome tables where the menu was served buffet style.

Honor guests were: Major L. E. McConnell, Captain Robert Moore, Lt. Robert W. Daily, Charles W. Clark, James Walker, H. M. Mc-

Avay, Ralph Bernfeld, and Warrant Officer Gale Hoard. Lt. Frederickson of Camp Barkeley, commanding officer of the group from the Twelfth Armored Division, was a special guest. Others were: Captain and Mrs. B. B. Johnson, Captain and Mrs. L. A. Handrick, Lt. and Mrs. Tom Scario, Lt. and Mrs. Wendell Siebert, Lt. and Mrs. Yale B. Griffith, and Lt. and Mrs. William Morien.

Fidelis Class Has Social Meeting

The Eighth Street home of Mrs. Zell Ringle and Miss Mary Reese was the scene of a social meeting of the First Baptist Fidelis Class last Friday evening with Miss Audrey Reese and Mrs. J. C. West co-hostesses.

The valentine theme was emphasized in the red and white carnations used to decorate rooms, in games, and the refreshment plate of sandwiches, red punch, and cherry pie served with nut cups of red and white heart-shaped candies and mints.

Others were: Meses Lillian Knowles, Vhelma Parrish, Rena and Anna Walker, Demma Barron, Edna Mae Lowry, Anna Bell Hash, Marie Norwood, Hattie Mae Dunlap, and Mrs. O. T. Toney.

Small Lynne Ann Vanden Bulcke Honored

Small Lynne Ann Vanden Bulcke was honor guest on her first birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon at a prettily-appointed affair given for her friends and their mothers by her mother, Mrs. A. C. Vanden Bulcke, in her home on Seventh Street.

Better Times rosebuds with baby's breath and fern in a crystal bowl centered the dining table laid in hand made crochet where Mrs. W. B. Woody presided at the silver coffee service. The three-tiered cake, which was iced in white and decorated with pastel sugar spun flowers and the words Happy Birthday, Lynn, was cut and served with ice cream.

Others included: Mrs. C. D. Shamburger, Alma Lynn and Douglas, Mrs. Joe Duncan and Gwynne, Mrs. Robert Gee and Bob, Jr., Mrs. Ray Livesay and Lynn; Mrs. W. F. Norris and Vicki; Mrs. Dale Daniell and Charles; Mrs. Charles Georgette,

Mrs. Carl Bentzen, Mrs. Bill Daly, and Mary Brian Woody.

Mrs. McCook is Ace of Clubs Hostess

Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., was hostess to the Ace of Clubs contract club Wednesday afternoon in her home in Wilke Terrace.

Jonquils and acacia blossoms gave floral beauty to rooms where high club score prize was won by Mrs. Virgil Reynolds and high guest by Mrs. W. L. Barber. Binges went to Mrs. D. O. Henson and Mrs. E. C. Apts.

A chicken salad plate was served with sandwiches, cookies, and coffee. Others were: Meses. Edward Sommer, H. G. Agnew, W. O. Irby, and B. C. Roberts, Jr.

High School Choral Club Fetes Miss Evans

Members of the high school choral club named Miss Kay Evans guest of honor on Thursday evening of last week at a surprise crystal shower in the home of Lavinia Faubion on Ninth Street.

Mrs. Evans left Sunday for her home in Leonard where her wedding to George H. Smith of Dallas will be solemnized.

Punch was ladled from a crystal bowl surrounded with dainty yellow and white flowers placed at one end of the lace-covered dining table. Cookies were served from crystal trays.

First Meetings of Year for Methodist Circles

Circles of the Methodist Woman's Society of Christian Service held their first meetings Monday afternoon under the leadership of the new chairmen.

The Sally Odom Circle met in the home of Mrs. J. F. Currie on Ninth Street with Mrs. C. P. Shepherd, circle sponsor, and Mrs. J. G. Douglass, society president, hostesses with Mrs. Currie. This circle is composed of the younger women.

Gladioli were used about spacious reception rooms and pink carnations were used to center the dining table. Mrs. W. O. Irby presided for the business session after she gave a devotional on "Loyalty" and Mrs. Fred Middleton led in prayer.

Other officers are: Mrs. W. O. Middleton, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Y. B. Griffin, study.

Mrs. Currie was at the electric organ for hymn accompaniments and for the solo "Just as I Am," sung by Mrs. Elbert King. Mrs. Griffin played two piano selections, "The Juba Dance" and "Chinese Dance," and Mrs. I. J. McCook, Jr., read "The Florist's Shop."

A molded salad plate was served with sandwiches, cookies, and spiced tea. Others present were: Meses. G. G. Odom, for whom the circle is named, Jack Scates, Jack Nixon, Jr., Vernon Dankworth, Leonard Scates, Bill Bell, L. M. Bowden, E. L. Rampy, Wilson Middleton, Tom McEntire, E. C. Caskey, Roy Neal, Pat Woods, Roy V. Pinson, John Allen of Temple, O. L. Hart, Virgil Reynolds, Raymond McShan, Murphy, Hamp Byler, and Miss Bonnie Mae Clark.

The Etta Burrows Circle was entertained by Mrs. J. L. Davis and Mrs. L. C. Adair in the Adair home on Tenth Street.

Mrs. Davis presided and Mrs. Troy Simpson gave a lesson on

"Loyalty." Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw is secretary-treasurer. It was voted to sponsor two baby life memberships and to buy a \$25.00 bond for the parsonage fund as projects.

Plans were made for visitation among sick and shut-ins, and attendance was stressed.

Mrs. Douglas Cox assisted in serving a dessert plate with coffee in a valentine motif. Others present were: Meses. John Lovelless, Edward Walsh, T. P. Brown, M. L. Wyatt, and W. W. Chastain. Mrs. R. D. Midgley and Mrs. Joe Forman were hostesses to Ettie Gressett members Tuesday afternoon in the Midgley home in Wilke Terrace.

Potted plants decked rooms where Mrs. Joe Forman gave the lesson on Loyalty and Mrs. Midgley presided. Other officers are: Mrs. Cecil Jones, assistant chairman; Mrs. R. A. Dickinson, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Forman, study leader. Plans were made for various projects and committee personnel was announced.

Miss Zedie Royalty gave the 103 Psalm from memory to conclude the inspirational period.

During the social hour, hostesses served cake with coffee. Others were: Meses. O. R. O'Neill, E. C. Baskin, J. G. Douglass, W. E. Midgley, Wesley Reese, W. D. Scates, and J. B. Striplin.

Mrs. Cottelle is Altar Society Hostess

Mrs. Simeon Cottelle was hostess to St. Mary's Altar Society Monday afternoon in her home on Sixth Street.

Bowls of acacia graced rooms where sewing was done on Red Cross kits and defense stamps contributions were made.

A salad course was served with cake and coffee to: Fr. Edward B. Postert, Meses. Charles Castor, L. Afferbach, Leo Castor of Mannington, W. Va., Walter Muller, E. C. Schott, Chester Afferbach, Oscar Schott, H. B. Halfmann, Marie Carter; Miss Mary Kre; and Charles Afferbach.

Two Are Hostesses to Virginia Douglass Class

The home of Mrs. L. M. Bowden in Wilke Terrace was the scene of the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class meeting Tuesday evening with Mrs. E. L. Rampy co-hostess.

Potted azaleas gave floral adornment to rooms where Mrs. Roy V. Pinson presided after the devotional by Mrs. J. G. Douglass.

At the social hour Miss Carmen Demmer, accompanied by Mrs. O. G. Joiner, played a group of violin numbers. Hostesses, assisted by Marilyn Joyce Bowden, served a dessert course with coffee, emphasizing the valentine theme. Others present were: Meses. J. W. Guynes, George Davis, W. O. Irby, W. O. Middleton, Tom Peays, Tom Mc-

Entire, Pat Woods, Allen Davis, Henry Moody, H. G. Agnew, J. W. Jones, M. E. McClenney, Edward Sommer, O. R. Hart, and G. C. French.

Music Club to Meet

The Ballinger Music Club will meet Tuesday, February 1, at 8:00 p. m. in the home of Mrs. O. R. Lasater, 811 Sixth Street.

All-Day Study for Eighth Street Presbyterian Society

Miss Maggie Lilly, secretary of missionary education of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society, planned an all-day study of the book "For All of Life" by William and Charlotte Wiser for members Monday in the Eighth Street home of Mrs. W. A. Erwin.

After the devotional by Miss Lilly, Mrs. Erwin discussed the first two chapters and Mrs. B. H. Erwin the third before the noon hour. Immediately following the delicious two-course luncheon, Mrs. Carroll Bell, president, directed a short business session. The study was then completed by Mrs. W. A. Taylor, and Mrs. C. A. Doose.

At the tea hour, a new brand of Chinese tea named Mayling for Madame Chiang Kai Shek and sent from China to Mrs. W. A. Erwin, was served with cookies. Others present were: Meses. J. W. Black, J. A. Ostertag, A. W. Sledge, Rufus Allen, J. D. Coulter, and Miss Eva Lilly. Mrs. U. S. Daniel and Miss Carmen Demmer were added luncheon guests.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. John A. Weeks was dismissed from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Wednesday afternoon and returned to her home following an operation two weeks ago.

W. R. Bogle, a medical patient in the local hospital, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. Harvey Lisso is recovering satisfactorily from an operation at the local hospital.

Mrs. Dick Ueckert was operated on at the local hospital this week and is reported to be doing satisfactorily.

Mrs. L. C. King, of Paint Rock, is continuing to improve this week and Mr. King has been dismissed

from the local hospital.

Wilma Richards, of Talpa, was operated on Friday at the local hospital and is doing nicely. He will soon be able to return to his home it is believed.

Mrs. Herbert Dean, a medical patient in the local hospital, was dismissed today and has returned to her home.

Mrs. W. C. Barber is a medical

patient in the local hospital, entering today. Her condition this afternoon was unchanged.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Hector Billa are parents of a daughter, born Sunday, January 16, in the Winters hospital. Mrs. Billa and the baby are doing nicely.



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Let's back them up by buying an extra \$100 War Bond in the Fourth War Loan Drive. You'll help to keep Old Glory flying everywhere it belongs!

PENNEY'S

BEING BUILT HERE BY SIMCO

Jess McDonald is in charge of construction of an apartment house for Simco Ice Co. between the Ballinger Ice Co. building and the Ballinger Butane Gas Co. warehouse on Railroad Avenue. The lot was sold to Simco by G. A. Swann, owner of the adjoining properties. Employees of Simco will occupy the two-story house when completed.

Miss Verda Bell Allen, daughter of Mrs. George Allen of Ballinger, who has been taking special training at the SPARS camp in Tampa, Florida, was at home on furlough this week and will report at New Orleans in a few days for assignment. She formerly was employed at Abilene and that was the place of her enlistment in the women's division of the coast guard.

DENTISTS

Miss Alice Morgan
Miss Alice Morgan, 76, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Sunday evening at 6:35 o'clock after illness of only four days. She was taken to the hospital Saturday and an operation was performed that night in an effort to save her life but her condition became worse until she succumbed.

Decedent came to Ballinger 30 years ago from Coleman and made home here ever since. She was active in church work, being a member of the First Methodist Church, a worker in the Etta Burrows circle and in the Workers class.

Survivors include three sisters, Mrs. John A. Weeks, Ballinger; Mrs. Clay M. Leeper, Chicago; and Mrs. W. J. Coulson, Coleman.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw in Wilke Terrace, Rev. W. E. Shipp officiating. Another brief service was held at the graveside in Coleman, Rev. John Mueller, of Coleman, officiating.

Pallbearers here were Paul Kirk, J. E. Dankworth, Ollie Floyd, G. A. Swann, Troy Simpson, Weldon Howell, W. B. Woody, and Bill Clark at Coleman the pallbearers were Ray Howell, George Wilkins, Charles Shepherd, T. J. Allen, W. B. Allen, Ollie Gideon.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Oscar Skaggs

Oscar Skaggs, 65, of Paint Rock, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Monday morning at 3:40 o'clock following illness of five days.

Decedent came to Concho county in 1904 and for a time farmed there. For the past twenty-seven years he had been a rural mail carrier. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and W. O. W. lodges and in his younger days was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include three sons, Noel M. Skaggs, San Angelo; Cecil M. Skaggs, Houston; Oscar Skaggs, Jr., Paint Rock; five daughters, Mrs. Hugh Bishop, Paint Rock; Mrs. Joe Prewitt, San Angelo; Miss Bernice Skaggs, San Angelo; Miss Mary Dew and Janie Joyce Skaggs, Paint Rock; three brothers, E. D. and Charley Skaggs, Florence; George E. Skaggs, San Francisco; two sisters, Mrs. R. E. Ward, Georgetown; Mrs. A. W. Coleman, Los Angeles; and twelve grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Paint Rock Methodist church, Rev. M. Williamson officiating. Interment was in the Paint Rock cemetery.

Pallbearers were Wilbur Waide, A. A. Goforth, Stanley Mosteller, Barton Crabb, Alton C. Tomerlin, and Joe Baxter.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Virma Lee Rymes

Virma Lee Rymes, colored, 21

days old, died at home of the parents, J. L. Rymes and wife, on South Broadway, Monday, after illness of four days.

Services were held at the graveside in Evergreen Cemetery at 3:30 Monday afternoon.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mima Holman

Mima Holman, 72, colored, died at the family home on South Broadway Sunday morning after illness of fourteen days. She came to Ballinger from Grimes county 21 years ago and had lived here ever since.

Survivors besides the husband include two sons, six half-sisters, and two half-brothers.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at a colored Baptist church, Rev. I. G. Goodin officiating.

Interment was in the negro section of Evergreen Cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Maggie Irene Cotton

Mrs. Maggie Irene Cotton, 43, died at the Winters hospital Tuesday afternoon. She had been in ill health several months and underwent surgery at the hospital Tuesday, dying a few hours later.

Decedent lived in the Bethel community several years before moving to Drasco 17 years ago. She was a faithful member of the Drasco Methodist church and had been a church member since girlhood.

Survivors besides the husband, O. M. Cotton, include her mother, Mrs. J. H. McDaniel, Paint Rock;

one daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Faye Aldridge, Dallas; one son, Vernon Cotton, in the navy in the South Pacific; four sisters, Mrs. L. P. Ditto, Paint Rock; Mrs. J. H. Scales, Mrs. G. G. Cotton, Ballinger; Mrs. M. L. Leonard, Norton;

four brothers, J. B. and Floyd McDaniel, Paint Rock; O. L. McDaniel, Winters; Harold McDaniel, now stationed at the Pyote army air field.

Funeral services were held at the Drasco Methodist church Wednesday afternoon, Rev. D. O. Deaver officiating. Interment was made in Fairview Cemetery, Winters.

Spill Funeral Home (Winters) was in charge of arrangements.

William Jeff Jackson

William Jeff Jackson, 82, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Saturday as the result of a fall during the recent blizzard, at the home of his son, Allen Jackson, of near Crews. The elderly man slipped on the ice and broke a hip in the fall.

Decedent had lived at Talpa for eight years and for the past six months had been making home with the son near Crews. Following the fall he was brought here for treatment but his condition and age was such that he could not survive the shock.

Survivors include three sons, W. B. Jackson, Talpa; Lloyd Jackson, Levelland; Allen Jackson, Crews; two daughters, Mrs. Ida Morton,

Rising Star; Mrs. Clara Brooker, Rising Star; twenty-two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the Emanuel Baptist Church, Talpa, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. Dick De Lap officiating. Interment followed in the White Chapel cemetery.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks for the kindness and sympathy of our friends and neighbors during the illness and passing of our dear husband and father. Especially do we thank Rev. and Mrs. Wilson and members of the Grace Baptist Church, V. Fikes and Mr. King, and all those who sent flowers. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Mrs. E. Parkinson and family 27-11

BALLINGERITES ATTEND FUNERAL OF RELATIVE

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. George and Miss Samantha McElroy returned Wednesday from Baird, where they attended the funeral of Ed Moore, father of Mrs. S. L. McElroy. Mr. Moore was apparently in good health until the time of his death, falling from a chair while reading a newspaper, the cause being a heart attack. Last rites were conducted at Baird Wednesday afternoon.

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The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

BUY BONDS

The 4th war loan drive is starting slowly and it appears that it is going to take some hard work to put over the quota. Some people are fooling themselves into believing the war is nearing an end. Such a thought is far from the truth for this country is just now preparing to shove great armies against a strong and determined enemy, and when this happens thousands will die, many others will be permanently injured, big quantities of war materials will be blown to bits, planes will be shot down in great numbers, ammunition will be burned up as fast as modern weapons can handle it, and every expense of war will mount faster than ever before in history. Bonds must pay for this. To quit now is walking out and leaving our boys facing the enemy with nothing to fight with. The 4th war loan must go over because it is the one way of telling our boys on the battlefronts that we are with them and will back them up until they come home. Get busy—buy bonds.

HONORING OUR SOLDIERS

Members of the American Legion are looking forward to the day when hundreds of local boys will

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come back from this war to resume their lives at home. With this in mind they have started a fund with which to build a memorial to all those who served in this war. This fund will make possible a "home" at some desirable location in Ballinger. It is to be a clubhouse and general meeting place where the veterans can assemble for business meetings, for socials, or just to pass away some time in comfortable surroundings. Veterans of the first world war realize just what this can mean to the returning soldiers and sailors and are determined to build a structure that all will be proud of and can call their own. It will also be a place they can look to with pride because their buddies of World War I were interested long before the war ended and because the folks back home thought enough of them to put their money into the fund. This movement is also helping to sell bonds, as all contributions are in the form of bonds. If you would like to have a part in this fine work see Tom Agnew and he will explain the plan.

WACs Needed More Than Ever Before; May Select Camp

Lt. Virginia Williams, WAC, of Abilene, was in Ballinger Tuesday in the interest of this branch of the army. She stated that girls may now choose their job in any division of the women's army corps, provided they have reasonable qualifications for the work. A total of 229 positions are now available to WACs, including such unusual work as dog trainers or pigeoners. WACs may also volunteer in the army air forces or the service group for ground work. In these they may request and get foreign service.

Volunteers may also make application for the camp where they are to be stationed. Thus Ballinger girls may be able to serve as near home as Camp Barkeley or Fort Sam Houston. This selection of camps excludes air bases.

Lt. Williams stated that the need now for women is the greatest since the program was launched. WAC quotas have never been attained on the volunteer basis and as a result many married men are being put on draft lists. When a woman joins the WAC she automatically releases a man for combat service, it was pointed out.

Interested persons are invited to visit the recruiting office in Abilene, 301 post office building.

When a horse wandered close to the Western Railway near Floresta, Argentina, the engineer applied the brakes so vigorously that the train jumped the track.

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Workers Make Parachutes to Rhythm of Waltzes



One of the nation's largest parachute factories is located in downtown Oakland, Calif. It employs 50 women for every man and all workers produce 'chutes to waltzes and other soothing music. Left: Hilda Taylor forces bomb 'chute into cylinder. 'Chute must snap open at 350 miles an hour and must suspend fragmentation bomb for an exact number of seconds. Center: A parachute is examined by Frank Bell of the experimental department, Olga Bonelli, army ordnance inspector, and John J. Maggi, head of the firm. Lower right: Louise McCormick tests 'chute harness in specially made machine.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

The 4th war loan drive was launched in Concho county last week with Jimmy Daniels, of Eden, county chairman. Citizens of the county were asked to buy \$214,000 in war bonds and all communities have been given quotas and are organized for the campaign. Mrs. Ellen Sims, of Paint Rock, is chairman of the women's division.

The Menard fire department has scheduled its annual banquet on February 1. The spread, to be held in the school gymnasium, will be served by wives of the firemen. A program is being arranged which will include both business and entertainment.

At a court of honor for Rowena Boy Scouts held recently a number of boys were up for advancement. Following these ceremonies the scouts voted to act as a salvage committee and to start collecting waste paper for the government at once. Twenty-five merit badges were presented at the court of honor.

A large number of Comanche county citizens are signing up to give blood when a special medical unit comes there soon. The mobile unit will be set up and all who agreed to give blood will be examined and the blood taken for reviving wounded fighting men within one day. This is part of a plan whereby 80,000 people a week will give blood from which the plasma will be extracted.

The Stephenville state guard had its annual inspection Monday of last week. Col. Carl L. Capton, of the eighth service command, U. S. army, was the chief inspecting officer and more than 40 officers and men of the company were on hand for the review. At the conclusion of the inspection the guardsmen were complimented for their good showing.

Receipts at the Melvin post office reached an all-time peak during the last quarter of 1943. The total for 1943 was \$3,857, an increase of about \$800 over the previous year. J. A. Ables is postmaster at Melvin.

Troops at Camp Bowie continued their work during the snowstorm last week with no let-up in drilling or other activities. The 13th armored division, stationed at the Brownwood camp at this time, is in the last phase of its training before going into combat. It was the first time some of the soldiers had ever seen a snow.

A silver tea has been added to the other events connected with observance of the president's birthday at Sweetwater. Balls, dances and other entertainment are slated in the effort to raise money for the infantile paralysis fund. Clubs and other organizations in the city are assisting in arranging programs.

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primary airfield there. It is estimated that the population at this time is 7,100.

Rising Star citizens have been given a quota of \$65,000 in the 4th war loan campaign. Teams have been organized and appeals for purchasing bonds were made last week. The total sought is about \$5,000 less than the quota for the 3rd war loan drive.

TAX PAYMENTS AT LOCAL RECEIVING OFFICES HEAVY

The three tax collecting agencies in Ballinger, the city, school, and county-state, reported heavy payments this week when many citizens visited the collectors to settle their obligations. All local collectors expect the best tax payments in many years at the close of business on the last day of the month.

Poll tax payments were coming in better this week but if all have the privilege of voting many more must be paid before the rolls are closed on January 31.

Delinquent tax collecting programs are proceeding well, many old accounts having been paid at the three offices. The rush, however, is in the current tax rolls and the percentage of collections will be high on the final day for payment. On February 1, all unpaid accounts will be transferred to the delinquent lists.

War Bond Program At Texas Theatre Billed February 8

"A war bond for every seat" is the slogan of the Texas Theatre for the special show on Tuesday, February 8, at 9:30 p. m. when the house will be opened to all holding tickets for the performance. Tickets may be obtained only by the purchase of war bonds of any size. When a bond is bought a ticket will be issued and admission will be by showing the ticket at the door.

A special feature film, "Happy Land," a 20th Century-Fox production starring Don Ameche, Frances Dee, Harry Carey and Ann Rutherford, will be shown. This picture is made available to the Texas Theatre by the motion picture industry for showing to buyers of war bonds. It is the theatres' way of helping to put over the 4th war loan. Similar programs will be screened all over the nation under the same motto, "A Bond for Every Seat."

The Texas is also operating an issuing agency and will issue bonds at any time, day or night, on Sundays or holidays.

Tickets for the special bond show will be given at any issuing agency when a bond is bought. Ask for them.

GRINDSTAFF APPOINTED TO STATE COMMITTEE

Judge E. C. Grindstaff received notification this week that he had been named on the legislative committee for the County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas. This committee will work with the executive committee of the association in planning and promoting legislation that the organization favors.

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

IRISH CHILDREN LEARN GRAMMAR FROM GAME

DUBLIN, Jan. 19.—Teachers in the schools of Elre have been taking a course in Dublin which shows them how to "brighten up" education. The first steps in education are to be made into a game that will absorb the child's interest and bring the Irish language into the plan as a vital factor, and not merely as a routine study of grammar.



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WELCOME

Some day in the future OUR BOYS will win that final battle and head back to home and loved ones. Then, as now, we can show them that we are behind them, that we appreciate the sacrifices they have made, that we are glad to have them back home.

These men will come back restless, some wounded, others in ill health because of service. They will need a home. Veterans of the First World War realizing this, and in order to help the 4th War Loan, have started a building fund for a veterans' home when this war is over. Already a large number have bought war bonds and had them made out to the American Legion Memorial Building Fund. These will be held until after the war and then used for the making possible of the veterans' home.

This project is open to everybody. It is an outright gift to be used for this good cause. It is a way to show appreciation for the sacrifice of our boys who have met and whipped an enemy who intended to destroy this and other civilized nations.



KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE

Help Raise the Quota in the 4th War Loan
Help Build a Memorial Home For Our Boys

The American Legion Memorial Building Fund is operating under a legal trust fund. Every dollar contributed will be invested in war bonds and held in escrow. A list of all bond contributors will be kept and some day, when the home is completed, will be placed in the hall, showing who was responsible for the construction.

The American Legion is not begging for funds. It is merely offering the home folks an opportunity to do a fine thing for the boys who are giving so much. The Legionnaires realize how much such a place would have meant to them at the end of the first World War and they want to take the lead in making possible such a place for their younger buddies.

Anyone who desires a part should contact Tom Agnew, J. E. Smith, O. C. Sykes, A. McGregor, or Tom Caudle, the building committee. These men, or any other Legionnaire will be glad to explain the whole plan.



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FOR SALE—Cordwood. Kirk & Mack. 20-2t

WANTED—To buy a good electric ice box. Milton Gibson, route two, Talpa. 20-3t

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FOR RENT—Bedroom, 1106 Ninth Street. 27-2t

Two women want to keep your children at your home at night, or at 603 Twelfth Street, day or night. Phone 1201. 27-2t

LOST—Brown leather billfold. Has Martha Edna engraved across top. Contains money and valuable papers. Reward. Return to Martin's Beauty Shop. 27-1t

FOR SALE—House at Norton. Earl Cope, on Coca Cola truck. 27-2t

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FOR SALE—5 burner New Perfection cook stove. Good condition. See A. T. Chapman, Norton. 27-1t

FOR SALE—Iden's rooming house, eleven rooms, 111 Eleventh Street, two blocks from town. See Mrs. Sarah Iden or call 497. 27-2t

ALLIES WILL SPONSOR BENEFIT BRIDGE PARTY

A benefit bridge party will be held tomorrow (Friday) afternoon beginning at 2:30 in the city hall auditorium, sponsored by the Airfield Allies as a benefit for the 4th war loan campaign. The club is looking after all details of the party but asks that foursores arranged by local women bring their tables and cards. There will be a number of tables for players who come without arranged foursores and there will be plenty of chairs for all who wish to play. The charge will be twenty-five cents each and the money taken in will be used in raising the 4th war loan quota.

LOCAL SURGICAL DRESSING CENTER AWAITS MATERIAL; LARGE GROUPS SEWING

Work on the surgical dressing quota was completed last Tuesday and classes have been dismissed until a new shipment of material is received. Material was expected before completion of work on the last quota but there has been a slight delay. It was announced that no classes will meet until the new quota is ready to start and that regular workers will be called and publicity given. All knitting has been shipped and that department of production is also idle until more material arrives. In the sewing division large groups are going ahead with the kits and "housewives" to be issued to men going overseas. In publishing the working groups last week the First Christian Church group, of which Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh is chairman, was left out by error. This group has accepted its share of the work.

FOR SALE—Baby bassinet, jumper. Call 405 Sixth Street. 27-2t

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LOST—Red Cocker Spaniel. License tag No. 31. Answers to name Michael. Reward. Mrs. N. B. Creasy. 27-2t

FOR SALE—28 laying hens. Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr., 303 Eleventh Street, Phone 586. 27-1t

WANTED—School girl to help with housework Saturdays and Sundays. Phone 567. 27-1t

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Mrs. Jack Williams and Mrs. W. M. Boswell, of Houston, visited the past week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw. Pvt. Jack Williams is now at Sheppard Field awaiting assignment.

FATHER OF MRS. WOODY IS BURIED AT TEMPLE

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody were called to Temple Monday morning at 2 o'clock on account of the sudden illness of Mrs. Woody's father, J. J. Miller. They left as soon as the message came but arrived at Temple shortly after he had passed away at 6 a. m. Decedent, a pioneer citizen of Temple, was 78 years of age. He had been in apparently fair health until about 11:30 Sunday night when he became very ill. His children were notified and all five daughters were present for the funeral. His wife passed away in 1937.

The five surviving daughters are: Mrs. Woody, Ballinger; Mrs. Fred Norwood, Mrs. Bert Johnson, Salado; Mrs. C. B. Yarborough, Austin; and Mrs. T. E. Cole, Coffeyville, Kansas.

Funeral services were held at the Seventh Street Methodist Church, Temple, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the pastor, Rev. Peacock, officiating. Burial followed in Hillcrest Cemetery, Temple. Mr. and Mrs. Woody returned home Wednesday afternoon.

MESSAGE RECEIVED HERE TELLS OF MOTHER'S DEATH

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buffington received a message today telling of the death of Mrs. Buffington's mother, Mrs. A. S. Herron, at Atlanta, Texas. The widow of a Confederate soldier, decedent was one of the few surviving in that section of the country.

Funeral services were to be held at Atlanta this afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Buffington were unable to attend.

REV. WILEY TO PREACH AT HATCHEL SUNDAY
Rev. F. M. Wiley, of Crosbyton, will be in Hatchel Sunday for a visit with relatives and friends

and will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Hatchel Baptist church. Rev. Wiley was at one time pastor of the Blanton Baptist church but for several years has held a pastorate in Northwest Texas. The public is invited to hear him at either or both services Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the Action of the Democratic Primaries
For State Representative, 92nd District:
W. H. RAMPY

James Striplin will arrive home tomorrow (Friday) from A. & M. College to spend the between-semester holidays with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Striplin. He will be accompanied by a schoolmate, Tommy Walker, of Woodville.

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

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Juice Towa House Grapefruit Juice No. 2 Can 13¢	Sweet Peas Highway No. 2 14¢
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