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March Tax Collections By City One of Best

The city government is continuing to make a notable record in delinquent tax collections, and March was a banner month for the tax department. Months ago the city authorities employed J. W. Patterson as special collector in charge of delinquent taxes and his calls since the beginning of the campaign have brought results.

During the past month there were payments, either in full or in part, on sixty-six accounts. The total collected in March was \$857.78.

The system followed has caused many past due tax accounts to be completely liquidated as well as clearing current levies on the property. Many accounts are being paid monthly and in extreme cases where no effort is made to pay suits are being filed and collections will be made or the property sold for the taxes.

During the past tax collecting period the city has had the best percentage of collection in many years and since the end of the period many unpaid accounts have been settled.

These collections will enable the city government to meet all items in its budget and at the same time has permitted a slight reduction in the tax rate.

Draft Board Has 2 Calls for Physical Exams This Month

The Runnels county draft board has received calls for two groups to report for physical examinations during April. On April 13 a group of 70 men will go to be examined and on April 20 another list of 50 men are to be sent. May orders for physicals will be even greater than in April.

Calls for induction of men are very small, however, and only a few men have been asked so far in April. Calls have been received for both army and navy in April but each is small and the navy call will not take all of the volunteers on the waiting list.

Those sent for physicals on February 9 are yet to be called and unless they are included in groups by May 9 the 90-day period will have passed and they must be sent to be examined again.

In the examination calls this month the first group will include men of all ages up to 38 but the second group will be mainly those under 26. The selective service system has made a number of announcements through the press regarding the method of reclassifying men under 26 and calling them first, but the local board has received no information on this subject.

Men called during the past few days to report from this county include the following:

John Travis Longbotham to the army
Eugene Gerald Galbraith to the army

W. J. Davis, of Winters, to the navy, and given a commission as an ensign

Richard W. Ueckert to the navy
Wesley Layton Burks, accepted as a naval reserve, will be permitted to complete the term in the Ballinger school
William Robert Paschal to the navy

A large number of men in their 30s who were next on the list for examinations have not been called and the new orders may delay their departure for some time. According to news dispatches Tuesday those under 26 will be taken first and the next group is to be 29 and under.

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War Loan Drive To Start June 8; 16 Billion Asked

Announcement was made the past week-end that the fifth war loan campaign would be conducted from June 12 to July 8, and that a total of sixteen billion dollars would be asked from citizens of the United States. This is the largest amount sought in a war loan campaign so far and indicated to members of the Runnels county war bond committee that the county quota will be approximately \$1,300,000. This estimate is based on the county quotas for the third and fourth war loans when almost this much was assessed against Runnels county and sold each time.

W. J. Hembree, county chairman, has received some information on the next bond campaign but county quotas will not be calculated until later.

Advertising and publicity are being prepared by the treasury department and no time will be lost in putting the issue up to the people.

Within a short time community chairmen will be appointed for the 5th war loan campaign in this county and the canvass will begin the opening day of the drive.

The Red Cross war fund campaign has been successfully concluded and the home front will have a short rest period before the special bond campaign is launched.

OPA ANNOUNCES NEW PRICES ON ONIONS

Effective March 27, 1944, the Ft. Worth district office of the OPA issued amendment No. 2 to district order No. 6-F, removing 1944 crop dry onions, both yellow and white, and 1944 crop Irish potatoes from the community price list for fresh fruits and vegetables. The 1943 crop onions and potatoes are still subject to the prices named on the price list.

The 1944 crop onions and potatoes are not under price control at the country shipping point at the present time; however, it is expected that prices will be established for them within a few days.

New crop onions and potatoes are subject to revised maximum price regulation No. 271 at the wholesale level. Wholesalers may purchase new crop onions and potatoes from country shippers at what ever price they have to pay and add transportation at the carload freight rate, plus 40 cents per 50 pounds mark-up for onions and 60 cents per hundred pounds mark-up for potatoes. Retailers will take their mark-ups above their delivered cost, as provided in maximum price regulations Nos. 422 and 423.

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A brief entertainment period concluded the meeting.

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHOLASTIC CENSUS HERE IS APPROVED; INCREASE IN DISTRICT

Supt. Nat. Williams returned yesterday from Austin where he had been to attend to business. While there he got approval for a supplemental scholastic census which adds 72 to the Ballinger district and will bring the total count to 1,643 for the next school year.

Accompanying Mr. Williams were Tom Agnew, W. J. Hembree, Jimmy Agnew and Donald Williams who investigated schools at the University of Texas and A. & M. College. Jimmy Agnew and Donald Williams plan to enter A. & M. College in June, a few weeks after they graduate from the Ballinger high school.

BALLINGER BOY MAKES GOOD RECORD AT TEXAS UNIVERSITY

John A. Killough, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Killough, has made an excellent record at the University of Texas, Austin. He has been on the honor roll since entering the university, making As or Bs during every grading period. He was on the staff that worked for the successful election of Mac Wallace as president of the student association. He has been elected to membership in the Tejas Club, a non-fraternity group with high scholastic average, at present only thirty boys belonging. John A. is working half time in the office of the state comptroller.

Up and Coming People Make Today's News



Now that so many wives and mothers are engaged in war work, men are learning to cook. Picture at left shows Carlton Roll, student at a cooking school for men, just opened in New York. Center: Miss Mary French, whose suggestions for speeding up production have saved 2,500 man hours a year in one plant, receives special award from Donald M. Nelson, head of WPB. Right: Merrill Wolf, 12, youngest student ever enrolled at Yale.

Victory Council Elects Officers at Meeting Here

The Runnels county victory council met here last Saturday for the purpose of reorganizing for the ensuing year and to hear a planned program.

Answering roll call were: Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Routh, Ballinger; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Buxkemper, Kristoff; W. H. Schwartz, Sr.; Mrs. Claude Thompson, Bethel; Mrs. Harold Hudgens, Baldwin; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schwertner, Red Bank; Mrs. Leo Muter, Offen; Mrs. Wilma Davis, Dale; J. B. Estes, Hatchel; R. V. Pinson, J. A. Barton and Miss Ozzie Folkes, Ballinger.

The newly elected officers are: George Kemp, president; J. B. Estes, vice-president; J. A. Barton, secretary; Miss Ozzie Folkes, corresponding secretary.

Mr. Estes stated that all Runnels county communities are asked to elect officers for another year for their areas. He said a man and a woman should be elected to represent each community. The community leaders are to select their neighborhood leaders.

The program included a talk by Mr. Pinson, of the farm security administration, on the growing of black-eyed peas in Runnels county. He said that 400 to 600 pounds could be produced on an acre and that the peas could be combined. He informed the gathering that the government had placed a floor under peas at \$5.75 per 100 pounds.

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NOTHING HEARD ON CAR STOLEN HERE TUESDAY

A 1941 Chevrolet club coupe was stolen here Tuesday night at 612 Park Avenue from A. D. Milligan, an instructor at the Harman Training Center. A description of the car has been broadcast by state police but at noon today nothing had been heard by local officers or the owner.

HEDGES SENTENCES ARE TO RUN CONCURRENTLY

S. M. Hedges, recently convicted of burglary here in a case seven years old, was sentenced in 119th district court this morning. At the end of the trial he received sentences in each case, totaling 9 years, but the court ruled the sentences would run concurrently and the prisoner will only have to serve 3½ years in all.

Ballinger Soldier Killed March 12 On Bougainville

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Keese received a message from the war department last week, informing that their son, Pvt. Bobbee Keese, was killed in action on Bougainville on March 12. The telegram gave no further information but stating a letter would follow in a short time.

Pvt. Keese was serving with the 37th cavalry and had been in the South Pacific war theater for some months. He took part in the invasion of Bougainville and it was there that he met his death.

No other information was available here today regarding the death of the Ballinger boy.

Banquet for District F.F.A. Chapters to be Held Here Tomorrow

The district Future Farmers of America banquet will be held here tomorrow (Friday) night with chapter members from Ballinger, Winters, Wingate, Bronte and Robert Lee attending. Also present for the banquet and program will be the superintendents and wives of the five schools and the vocational agriculture teachers and their wives.

A check up this morning showed that 120 will attend the banquet and the members of the Ballinger chapter will provide the meat for the menu. The Ballinger boys started fishing last Friday and have caught and stored enough fish to serve each of the 120 a full fish dinner. The meal will be prepared by the regular lunch room. Special guests will be the sweethearts and queens from each of the five chapters.

W. E. Williams, area supervisor for this section, will be the principal speaker of the evening. Boys to appear on the program will be from the Bronte and Robert Lee chapters. Musical numbers will be rendered by Mrs. E. C. Snyder, wife of the V. A. teacher at Wingate and by Mrs. Wallace Martin of Winters.

All boys and school delegations will arrive here early Friday evening.

James Duke, seaman 1c, is here from Sanford, Florida, for a 15-day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Duke. Another son, Ted Duke, is in the naval air school at Shawnee, Oklahoma.

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SERVING UNCLE SAM

Sgt. Carl and Irene Manske are at home on a 15-day furlough to visit their parents and friends. Sgt. Manske is stationed at Perrin Field, Sherman.

Letters have recently been received from Cecil A. Nunn, first-class petty officer, USNR, now based in Hawaii. He had just returned from the Marshalls where he picked up some souvenirs. Among them was a blanket that belonged to an imperial Japanese (he won't need it any more). The blanket, which arrived this week, is very similar to our army blankets. He also sent a ten-year note to his son, Terry, who was born after his father entered the service. Cecil is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Nunn, and his wife and small son are making home with them.

William D. Batts, of Ballinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Batts, is at the aviation cadet center in San Antonio, where he has already been classified for pilot training. He will complete his work there shortly and be sent to some primary field to begin flying.

S-Sgt. Robert Lee has written his parents from England that he has just completed a furlough, spending a large part of it in Scotland. It was the first letter from him Mr. and Mrs. Lee had received in several weeks. Based with a fighter training unit in England, Sgt. Lee has been overseas for some time.

A. M. Haliburton received a letter Friday from a son, T-Sgt. David Haliburton, in which the father was informed the son had been awarded the silver star for gallantry in action in Italy. The letter did not explain the action but a citation probably will be issued in the near future. The silver star is one of the highest army awards that can be given, ranking third in importance.

David stated that he was in a hospital for treatment but had not been wounded and would be all right soon. He also said he had seen his brother, T-Sgt. Jack Haliburton, who also is in Italy. Both men are members of company C, 142nd infantry.

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POSTAL RECEIPTS GAIN IN FIRST '44 QUARTER; RATES NOW INCREASED

Postal receipts in the first quarter of 1944 were considerably more than in the same period of 1943, the gain amounting to \$1,376.73. Receipts are based on postage alone and account for only stamps sold through the window.

Postmaster Tom Caudle stated that each month had made a gain over the same month last year and that the new postage rates, in effect from April 1, would make the gain even greater in the future. All letter mail now requires three cents postage and air mail is up to 8 cents, except to men overseas, these letters still taking the 6-cent rate for half an ounce.

A comparison of business done at the local office by months for the first quarters of 1944 and 1943 follows:

January	\$2,992.86	\$2,447.86
February	2,913.25	2,344.63
March	2,891.62	2,628.51
	\$8,797.73	\$7,421.00

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Runnels County Livestock
Association

Red Cross War Fund Drive Raises \$15,703

Finished Articles Shipped by Local Red Cross Groups

Large shipments of Red Cross production were sent by the Runnels county chapter to headquarters this week to be distributed to fighting men in all parts of the world.

Surgical dressings totaling 64,200 were boxed and ready the first of the week to be shipped to overseas depots and thence to hospitals and first aid stations to care for American wounded. In this shipment were 30,000 2 by 2 bandages, 27,000 4 by 4 bandages, and 7,200 4 by 8 bandages.

Mrs. R. T. Williams stated Monday that additional shipments of materials had not been received and classes for the first part of the week were called off. Work is to be started as soon as materials arrive.

A knitted consignment shipped from the county Tuesday included olive drab garments only, for use by soldiers. In the shipment were sweaters, gloves, mufflers, and helmets.

Those completing and turning in knitted garments since last week's report included:

Sweaters—Mmes. Jim Duncan, J. F. Currie (2), Jack Nixon, Sr., C. W. Jennings, Jack Nixon, Jr., and Tom Agnew.

Mufflers—Mmes. J. A. Killough (2), H. G. Agnew, and Miss Cleo Lane.

The production department also shipped a number of kits to soldiers embarking for overseas duty last week.

Mrs. Williams announced that the new surgical dressing quota would be 9,000 4 by 4 and 4,200 4 by 8 bandages.

TROOP 30 BOY SCOUTS ENJOY WIENER ROAST

Boy Scouts of troop No. 30 enjoyed a wiener roast Tuesday evening when they went to city park for a regular meeting plus added features. Knot tying and other phases of scouting occupied part of the time and after playing games the meal was eaten.

Attending were Allen Davis and Rev. Gary Hoffius, assistant scoutmasters; D. G. Posey and Ernest Moody.

Scouts and their guests present were: Eldon Moody, Edward Kevill, Antonio Alvarez, Troyce O'Neal, Howard Fletcher, Clifton Reneau, Bob Vancil, Gene Scroggins, C. B. Boggess, Bob Moody, Clark Black, Charles Miller, David Clements, Bob Clements, Billy Boggess, W. E. Wallace, Johnny Marshall, Jacinto Esquivel, Frank Smith, Bobby Sutphen, Bill Zedlitz, Jack Wallace, Billy Hart, Billy J. Middleton, C. W. Jennings, Scotty Bell, Walter Hill, Bob Turner, M. J. Cole, and Oscar Batts, scoutmaster.

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E. Shepperd, county chairman for the Red Cross war fund campaign, closed the books this week and revealed a total of \$15,703.61 had been contributed on the quota of \$13,900. Mr. Shepperd stated that only five communities in the county failed to reach the goals set for them and that others far exceeded their quotas to put the county over by \$1,803.61.

A check for \$11,071.04 was sent to national headquarters this week and the remainder, \$4,632.57, will remain in the treasuries of the chapters in the north and south portions of the county to be used in home service work for soldiers and to pay necessary expenses connected with Red Cross production and other items. Each chapter received 25.5 per cent according to its contributions.

Ballinger, with a quota of \$4,500, donated \$4,990.86, and the colored district is yet to report. Latin-American groups here contributed \$84.00.

Winters and the north end of the county, with a quota of \$4,500, raised \$4,673.73.

Mr. Shepperd expressed appreciation for the good work done in all parts of the county and for the splendid response of the citizens of the county. This county has met every Red Cross call for money and work, as well as looking after the requirements of the home service, which is the go-between homes and men in the armed forces. Hundreds of calls have been looked into, funds provided where families were not getting their allotments and in dire circumstances, and loans have been made direct to service men in order that they might come to funerals of relatives or to sick beds of their families.

The Army and Navy Club program for the past few weeks has been stepped up, due to the cooperation of a large number of people.

Mrs. A. McGregor, hostess, said assistance had come from a large number this week for week-end entertainment and refreshments. She reported that Mrs. O. R. Laska had given a violin which is now being used by the Bruce Field orchestra to be heard at dances during the next two week-ends.

Last Saturday evening a large quantity of sandwiches, cookies, and flowers as well as punch were provided at the club. While the amount was large, not a crumb was left at the conclusion of the program.

Mrs. McGregor has been informed that the Paint Rock home demonstration club will help in the future, with one member sending cookies and sandwiches each week. Last week Mrs. B. M. Batts brought in a large gift of chicken sandwiches and cookies. Mrs. J. E. Lusk and Mrs. J. McGregor also helped with refreshments.

Cadet wives will assemble at the club late today for a trip to the air field where they will dine with their husbands and witness special entertainment.

Plans are being made for the graduation dance which is slated some time next week.

Miss Lorene Wood is in Hamilton this week, temporarily taking the place of the manager of the Perry Bros. store.

T. J. Sanders, formerly of Ballinger, but now residing at Fort Worth, is recovering from an eye operation.

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Women's Society and Club News

First Christian Society Has Pre-Easter Services

The First Christian Woman's Missionary Society is holding three pre-Easter services this week. On Monday afternoon Mrs. M. A. Foy presided for the regular business and program meeting held in the church parlors on Broadway. Eleven missionary books were reported read. Mrs. E. D. Walker was program leader and gave the devotional on the theme, "Jesus, the Example." Mrs. Foy discussed "Christian Homes a Gleam of Light" and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh's topic was "Women and World Highways."

On Wednesday evening the Rev. J. T. Simmons, church pastor, was program director and on Friday

afternoon at 4:00 o'clock Mrs. J. W. Longenette, Mrs. Ray Vineyard and Mrs. Stobaugh are planning a program on "Crown Him with Many Torns."

Others present were: Mmes. O. P. Dorsey, Oscar Pearson, Horace Murphy, W. F. Atwell, J. R. Lusk, Claude Wilmeth; Misses Agnes Gieber and Lula McElroy.

Mrs. Griffiths is Honoree

Mrs. Yale B. Griffiths, who is leaving Ballinger for Pampa, where Lt. Griffiths has been assigned to the Army Air Base there, was guest of honor last Friday afternoon when Mrs. Louis A. Handrick was hostess in her home on Ninth Street with a farewell coc party.

Varied spring flowers decked rooms where a dessert course was served with coca colas and Mrs. Griffiths was presented with a surprise gift shower. Others were: Mmes. W. L. Morien, W. T. Seibert, Joe Ingram, D. G. Thomason, E. L. Black, Thomas Scario, Bruce Johnson, and Cayle Hoard.

Affair for Lt. and Mrs. Griffiths

Lt. and Mrs. Griffiths shared honors Friday evening when Lt. and Mrs. Thomas Scario, and Lt. and Mrs. Joe Ingram were hosts in the Scario home on Sixth Street with an informal open house.

Others were: Captain and Mrs. Bruce Johnson, Capt. and Mrs. Louis A. Handrick, Lt. and Mrs. W. L. Morien, Lt. and Mrs. W. T. Seibert, Lt. and Mrs. E. L. Black, Lt. and Mrs. D. G. Thomason, W. O. and Mrs. Gayle Hoard; Capt. R. F. Moore, Lts. Ralph Bernfeld, Henry McAvay, Edward J. O'Neill, Charles Statler, and Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Moss.

Mrs. Harman Entertains Club

Mrs. Fred Harman was hostess to her contract club last Friday, entertaining with a luncheon at the Central Hotel followed by games in her Eighth Street home. Mountain laurel combined with

bridal wreath trailers decorated party rooms where Mrs. Roy Worley received high score prize. Mrs. Herman Giesecke, Jr., low, and bingos went to Mmes. E. L. Ingram, C. D. Shamburger, and Giesecke. Others were: Mmes. W. L. Barber, D. O. Henson, Virgil Reynolds, K. K. Hoffman, and Arthur Underwood.

Fred A. Tomlins at Home Here

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Tomlins are at home in Ballinger following their marriage Sunday, March 19, at 6:00 p. m. in the home of Rev. W. S. Brown, of Norton.

Miss Bonnie Turner attended the bride as maid of honor and Wayne Brown was best man.

The bride, the former Virginia Louise Hodges, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hodges, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tomlin of Maverick.

First Baptist W. M. S. Has Business Meeting

Mrs. James Wear, president of the First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society, directed the regular monthly business session held in the church parlors on Eighth Street Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Carl Black gave the devotional discussion "The Four Freedoms" after the theme song "The Morning Light is Breaking," and prayers by Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Elmer Shepperd, Clarence A. Morton, and C. J. Lynn. Reports of all officers, circle and standing committee chairmen were made and Circle One, of which Mrs. E. P. Talbot is chairman, was presented the attendance banner.

Others present were: Mmes. E. L. DeWitt, Talbot, Charles Ferguson, A. S. Love, J. W. Blasdel, W. A. Nance, Emma Speer, T. J. McCaughan, A. F. Brock, Ernest Moody, R. D. Jackson, Miller, Ed Longefeld, J. H. Endacott, Ralph McShan, W. E. Harvey, J. A. Norwood, Melvin Patterson, H. O. Campbell, C. W. Jennings, Mattie Holliday, O. L. Parish, A. O. Bartlett, R. P. Canady, Lee Maples, Calvin Roberson, Ted Whitehead, E. F. Lawless, Alton Underwood, Wesley Whitman; Misses Emma and Alice Thomas. New members were Mrs. George Cape and Mrs. O. L. Britton.

Surprise Party for David Middleton

David Middleton was surprise guest of honor on his seventeenth birthday anniversary Monday evening when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Middleton, were hosts in their home on Eighth Street.

Vari-colored verbenas and petunias were used to decorate the living rooms while the Easter theme was featured in the dining room. A low crystal bowl of daisies was flanked by tall yellow candles in two-point candelabra to center the lace-laid table where Easter chicks and rabbits surrounded the crystal punch bowl at one end and the decorated birthday cakes at the other. One of these was a gift from Mrs. Ed Parr. Mrs. Royal Bishop of Winters, ladled frosted punch and Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly cut the cakes. Mrs. Middleton, Mrs. Parr, and Mrs. Bill Harper served fancy sandwiches from the buffet.

A hayride and an outing in City Park concluded the evening's festivities. Others were: Gwen Morgan, Carolyn Cheatham, Natlymne Williams, June Wright, Charlotte Miller, Betty Jean Underwood, Pat Richards, and Peggy McGregor; Walter Jones, Walter Midgley, Bob Sykes, Wellington Pearce, Johnny Earnshaw, Don Williams, Rothal O'Kelly, Jr., Bobby Parr, Milton Dankworth, Bob Northington, L. W. Paris, Harold Richards, George McCorstin, Jackie Russell, Aubrey Frazier, Jimmy Agnew, and Harold Jones; Messrs. Bishop, O'Kelly and Parr.

Kaydettes Enjoy Outing and Have Regular Meeting

A series of activities, including a visit to Bruce Field, the election of officers for 441, a graduation dance for 441, and a theatre party, were planned at the regular meeting of Kaydettes held Tuesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club with Mrs. Herbert Thomas presiding.

New members introduced were Mmes. A. R. Bergman, James Bawlin, Paul Appel, James Dunn,

Bernard Holmes, M. C. Palmer, Bonnie Sanks, and Norman Byrd. Refreshments, furnished by Mr. Fred Harman, were served.

On last Friday afternoon about 25 members, accompanied by the club hostess, Mrs. Alex McGregor, made a trip to Paint Rock, where Mrs. Ellen Sims conducted them on a tour of the historical Painted Rocks. Afterwards, a delicious picnic supper was enjoyed on the Concho River.

Civic-Garden Club Meets

The Civic-Garden Club met Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium with Mrs. Rothal O'Kelly presiding. It was announced that Yearbooks would be ready for distribution at the May meeting. The annual spring plant exchange was indefinitely postponed because of the recent freeze and plans were made for an October flower show. Members were invited to attend the annual convention of Texas Garden Clubs in Fort Worth April 18 and 19.

The interesting program numbers, as presented by Mrs. Floyd Thompson of Talpa, included a paper "The Legend of the Dog-wood" by Mrs. J. B. Striplin and an analysis of flower arrangements by Mrs. B. Frazier. She used as illustrations lovely arrangements of tulips, irises, woodbine blossoms and bluebonnets, by Mmes. Estes Lynn, R. L. Sulphen, Warren Lynn, and Chester Cherry.

Twelve new club members are Mmes. Leonard Stallings, Clyde Gabbert, J. A. Killough, Joe Flynt, H. O. Campbell, W. O. Irby, W. H. James, E. F. Batts, Dick Johnson, Edward Walsh, D. R. Hall, and Miss Grace Scheffel. Thirty-four members and a visitor, Mrs. Henry Fennell, were present.

Dinner Given for W. H. Taylor

Mrs. W. H. Taylor entertained in her home Sunday with a family dinner honoring her husband, who is better known to his friends as Bill Taylor. He is entering the service shortly.

Guests attending included his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bryant, Marvin Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Sibley and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lee and family, of Maverick; Mr. and Mrs. Cal Adair, Mrs. Jewel Cartwright, Jake Adair, of Commerce; and

Jack Brunson, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Clayton, of Talpa, called during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have recently completed a new home on Fifth Street where Mrs. Taylor and son, Jackie Harrell, and Mrs. Taylor's mother will reside for the duration.

Church of God Young People Meet in Pastor's Home

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Church of God met on Thursday afternoon of last week in the home of the Rev. and Mrs. T. N. Minix.

The president, Doris Sanders, directed the business session.

Company E Alerted To Test Protection Of Vital Installations

Company E, 11th battalion, Texas State Guard, was called on the alert Monday evening at 6:45 and made a good record in assembling. The call was sounded at 6:45 and at 7:35 a total of 44 men and three officers were assembled in full uniform. Others who had no telephones and were not alerted arrived a short time later for the regular weekly meeting, bringing the count to 58 men out of a roster of 64.

Capt. W. O. Wallace, commanding officer of the Ballinger company, was well pleased with the quick response of the men.

As soon as the men were on duty a special problem of guarding vital installations on highways leading to Ballinger was started. Only a short time elapsed from the sounding of the alert until the most important bridges and other highway installations were under guard by members of company E. Battalion officers were here

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Tuesday evening to witness the alerting and working out of the problem and were very complimentary of the company for its quick response.

The Ballinger company is continually losing men to the armed forces and for this reason usually can accept a few enlistments. Anyone interested should contact Capt. Wallace.

Letter-writing and Christmas package mailing zoomed to phenomenal heights during December, as receipts at 45 Texas post offices jumped to \$8,231,875, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports. Receipts in December, 1942, totaled only \$2,938,873.

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by Richard Robbins
Minister
Eighth Street
Church of Christ

The greatest need of the world today is more emphasis upon the Bible as the Word of God. Infidelity reigns supreme in our land. Yes, even in the lives of those who profess to be followers of Christ. All infidelity is not atheism. Infidelity is Unbelief, Unfaithfulness, the term is applied to our relationships, obligations, and conduct, as well as to our mental attitude.

If we succeed in getting people to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour, we must keep before them the authenticity of the writings on which we depend for a knowledge of his religion. If Christ is divine, and he is, his law of grace and truth is divine. I ask, has one fully accepted Christ as the Saviour, if he refuses to recognize Christ's perfect law of liberty as the complete and final revelation pertaining to life and Godliness? II Peter 1:3, II Tim. 3:16, 17.

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48-Year Rain Records Show 1943 Very Dry

Last year, 1943, was one of the driest in the history of Runnels county, rainfall totalling 15.07 inches. Statisticians would have to go back to 1916 and 1917 to find less precipitation, although there were one or two years in which even less water fell.

Many old residents think of 1918 as the driest year in history because of an almost complete crop failure. This was brought about by only 14.76 inches of rain in 1916 and only 10.86 inches in 1917. The year 1918 was also very dry but a total of 16.47 inches was recorded then.

In 1917, the second of three consecutive dry years in Runnels county, only 12,508 bales of cotton were produced, while in 1918, the last of this dry cycle, a total of 2,638 bales were ginned in this county.

The county's largest cotton production was in 1925 when 71,291 bales were ginned and this crop was made on only 19.82 inches of rain, while the preceding year also had only 19.20 inches. Rains that did fall, however, were in the spring and summer, during the growing season.

The heaviest precipitation recorded in this county since 1895 was in 1935 when good rains fell each of the twelve months, totalling 48.55 inches. In September of

that year there were many floods in this section of the state, Runnels county getting 15.25 inches of rain for the single month.

When Ballingerites discuss floods they invariably refer to the deluge on the Colorado River and Elm Creek in August, 1906, when overflow water ran through the city's streets and the two streams met on the court house lawn. During that month the total was 11.54 inches, but most of this fell within a space of a few days.

The heaviest rainfall in a single month in this county since 1895 was in October, 1930, when the government measurement was 15.57 inches. Many local people remember these rains which fell during Runnels County Fair dates and in one instance people huddled together in the exhibit buildings all one night, the grounds being flooded and hundreds of cars stuck in the parking lots. Over the 48-year span there has been many months in which no rain fell at all.

In the entire record of 48 years there was only one three-month period in which no rain fell. This was in October, November and December of 1917. The driest quarter is normally January, February and March. May has proved to be the wettest of all the months.

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank maintains a complete record of the rainfall in Runnels county by months and also keeps tabulations on the annual cotton production. The bank's record was recently brought up to December, 1943, and new charts are being given to customers and friends.

Campbell Returns From Dallas Trip; Given Pair Boots

Roland Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Campbell, and Farm Agent R. L. Mertz, of Concho county, returned home Sunday morning from Dallas, where they had been guests of Danton's Cafe.

The three-day trip to Dallas was the result of an invitation extended by young Campbell and the county agent when the boy's Hereford calf won first place in the Fort Worth livestock show. The calf was bought by a Mr. Lawler, manager of the Danton Cafe, Dallas.

The trip included all expenses of the two and also gave plenty of entertainment while in Dallas. Young Campbell appeared on two radio programs, on one winning a total of eight dollars by answering questions.

The two visited all the shows they cared to see, were given side trips to principal points of interest and Roland was presented with a pair of \$25 boots as well as other gifts. He brought his mother a beautiful linen tablecloth, and his brother, Damon, who also had winning livestock this year, a sport shirt, gifts of the Dallas group. Mr. Mertz was given a hat by the Dallasites.

The visitors were guests of the Dallas Lions Club and of the Dallas Jaycees.

MacArthurs Shop



Young Arthur MacArthur, son of Gen. Douglas MacArthur, accompanies his mother on a shopping tour in Australia. The bashful lad, who has just celebrated his sixth birthday, holds tightly to Mrs. MacArthur's hand.

All Food Stamps Good Indefinitely, OPA Announces

From now on all food stamps will be good indefinitely, unless advance notice of expiration is given, the OPA has announced. Housewives may budget their purchases on the basis of three red 10-point stamps every second Sunday and five blue 10-point stamps the first of every month.

To release cold storage space for other foods, all frozen fruits and vegetables will not be rationed through April 29. Lard will remain unrationed, ready-to-eat hams will be one point lower, "dry cured" hams are to be only one point above fresh hams and other meat points will remain almost unchanged.

Food expected to be in plentiful supply over most of the country during the next three months are: potatoes, cabbage, spinach, lettuce and other leafy greens, carrots, beets, citrus fruits, canned green and wax beans, tomatoes and other fresh vegetables, frozen vegetables, shell eggs, fluid milk, bread, flour, noodles and spaghetti.

The war food administration says every American will have an average of 132 pounds of meat in 1944, or one pound more than he had in the decade 1931-1940.

Engineering and natural science departments at the University of Texas will operate this summer on a straight 16-week semester, without a break in mid-summer. Last year the 16-week summer program in all departments was split into two eight-weeks' terms, each complete in itself.

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New Books Arrive For Library Here; Circulation Jumps

The Runnels county librarian reports a large circulation of books during March, 921 being checked out to readers all over the county. The library has been open each afternoon to render service to citizens of the county and the librarian has been kept busy with the large number of calls.

Members of the board announce the arrival of a new shipment of books which have been put in the shelves. Several books are on gardening, especially interesting at this time when so many are preparing victory gardens. Also there are numerous mystery novels and short stories which have been very popular lately.

Among the new books are:

- "They Came to a River," by Allis McKay
- "The Prodigal Women," by Nancy Hale
- "Winter Wheat," by Mildred Walker
- "Storm Over the Land," by Carl Sandburg
- "Indigo," by Christine Weston
- "Goodnight, Sweet Prince," (biography of John Barrymore), by Gene Fowler

There is a big selection of children's books, including:

- "Stephen Foster and Little Dog Tray," by Opal Wheeler
- "Aesop's Fables," by Munro Leaf
- "River Secret," by Mary Kennedy.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Patterson and daughters have returned from Corpus Christi, where they had been at the bedside of Mrs. Patterson's sister, Mrs. Wayne Phillips, the former Miss Frances Armstrong, of this city.

Ledger want ads pay.

'Fall of Bataan' Theme of Rotary Club's Program

The Ballinger Rotary Club heard a special program Tuesday noon, requested by Rotary International, to be held in all clubs of the world, observing the second anniversary of the fall of Bataan, on April 9, 1942.

After the playing of the Filipino national anthem, Judge O. L. Parish brought the message on the Philippines, giving the area, population, educational institutions, and the wonderful growth and development that occurred between 1898 and the present, after the islands were taken by the United States from Spain.

He outlined the plan for the defense of the Philippines after they had been promised complete freedom in 1946. Gen. Douglas MacArthur was called as military advisor and a training program arranged which would have given the islands 200,000 trained troops by 1946.

In closing his address Judge Parish pointed to the great three months' defensive battles fought on Bataan and Corregidor and declared that the glorious deeds of the heroes there, both American and Filipino, would live forever. He summed up the importance of the battles, showing that they would go down as some of the greatest in history because they gave time to fortify Australia and other islands with men and material and thereby stop the sweep of the Japs in that direction.

The speaker closed with remarks from President Manuel Quezon on the faith of his people and their determination to some day again be free. He cited information coming from the Philippines since the fall of Corregidor, in which it was said they looked for Gen. MacArthur to again come back and free the islands from the Japs.

SOLDIER SERIOUSLY INJURED FORMER BALLINGER WOMAN

Mrs. Herbert Peoples, 38, wife of the mayor of Dalhart, was seriously wounded Wednesday of last week when she was beaten and robbed by a soldier. Mrs. Peoples was helping out in an emergency by driving a bus from Dalhart to the Dalhart army airfield. According to information reaching here she had taken a bus load of soldiers to the field and unloaded them and was returning to town. One soldier is alleged to have hidden in the rear of the bus and to have attacked Mrs. Peoples, beating her with a GI shoe and then throwing her off the bus. The motive was said to be robbery, her money and jewels having been stolen.

The field commandant stated Monday that the soldier was under arrest and a court martial would be held immediately. Mrs. Peoples is in the army hospital suffering from concussion but is reported to be recovering satisfactorily. The bus line was operated by Mr. Peoples and a partner.

FOY AND HARBER REELECTED BALLINGER SCHOOL TRUSTEES

M. A. Foy and Oscar Harber were reelected trustees of the Ballinger independent school district in the election Saturday, each receiving all of the twenty-six votes cast. These two men, who have been serving on the board, were elected for three-year terms.

There was scant interest in the election, only a few passers-by dropping into the board's downtown office to cast ballots. Mr. Harber has previously served two terms and Mr. Foy was appointed last year to complete an unexpired term.

EASTER SERVICES ANNOUNCED BY FIRST BAPTIST PASTOR

Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, has announced special Easter services at the First Baptist Church for both morning and evening worship hours Sunday. At the morning hour he will deliver his Easter sermon and the choir will present special Easter music.

At the evening period the choir, under the direction of R. E. White, and with Mrs. Charles Hambrick as organist and Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap as pianist, will offer a varied musical program with Easter as the theme.

The public is cordially invited to be present at each of these services.

Farm cash income in Texas during 1943 totaled \$1,087,217,000, the University of Texas bureau of business research reports. This is the highest total ever shown in the bureau's records, dating back to 1927.

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SUNDAY NIGHT 8:00 O'CLOCK SPECIAL EASTER MUSICAL PROGRAM BY THE CHOIR

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The war has brought a richer understanding and a deeper appreciation of Easter. Gone are the days when it was thought that man-made nations could endure without Divine guidance. There has been a return to religion and to the simple teachings of the man of Galilee.

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Women's Society and Club News

Fannie Stephens Club Installs Officers

Formal installation of officers for the 1944-1945 club season was held Wednesday afternoon in the home of Mrs. W. H. James in Wilke Terrace, which was decorated with irises and pansies. Mrs. Loyd Herring, an honorary member, was installing officer for the following: president, Mrs. Lee Maples; vice-president, Mrs. W. O. Irby; recording secretary, Mrs. Dee Saylor; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. H. Garner; treasurer, Mrs. Alton Underwood; parliamentarian, Mrs. H. G. Agnew; historian, Mrs. J. H. Endacott; and critic, Mrs. Ernest Moody. Mrs. Maples announced the committee appointments as follows: program, Mrs. O. G. Joiner, E. C. Grindstaff, and E. L. King; social, Mrs. Jack Rogers, W. H. James, and M. E. McClenny; community enterprise, Mrs. Agnew, Miss Grace Lahey, and Mrs. J. D. Eoff; telephone, Mrs. L. E. Lefler, L. A. Sakewitz, C. E. Paford, S. G. Christopher, H. L. Magnuson, E. C. Apts, Louis Handrick, and Gayle Hoard.

Reports of all officers and standing committee chairmen were heard. Girl Scouts, sponsored by the club, collected between \$400 and \$500 on the recent Red Cross war fund. It was voted to make the payment of 12 cents per girl scout registration a permanent project. Mrs. Irby, delegate to the recent Sixth District convention at San Saba, gave an interesting report. Others attending with her were: Mrs. Maples, Newby, and Underwood. The Shakespeare Club will be included as guests at the last meeting of the year April 19th at the Army and Navy Club when a Ballinger pastor will make an inspirational address.

At the tea hour, social committee members served cookies with punch. Others present were: Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Chester Aftersbach, J. A. Killough, Allen Davis; Misses Eugenia Baskin, and Carmen Demmer.

Mrs. Murchison is hostess to Triple-Four. Mrs. Rosa Murchison was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Wednesday afternoon in her home

on Fourth Street. Irises were combined with bridal wreath to decorate rooms where Mrs. Leslie Baker won high score prizes and bingos went to Mrs. Hill Hampton and Mrs. E. W. Stasney.

A molded salad plate was served with hot rolls, iced tea, and homemade candies. Others included: Mrs. Claude Stone, Harry Lynn, L. R. Tigner, Delbert Vancil, J. A. Schnable, R. W. Earnshaw, Troy Simpson, Tom Agnew, Alex McGregor, E. L. Ingram, Oren Chandler, and Miss Florence Westbrook.

Naomi Class Missionaries Entertain Members

Missionaries of the First Baptist Naomi Class, who are members serving as teachers or officers of other Sunday school departments, entertained other members with a prettily-appointed Easter party Tuesday evening in the Wilke Terrace home of Mrs. W. H. James. Hostesses besides Mrs. James were: Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, Malcolm Morgan, O. T. Toney, John Castor, C. E. Maedgen, J. E. Vaughan, W. E. Elkins, Carl Black and Ernest Moody.

Mrs. W. J. Hembree presided for the business session and Mrs. Elkins brought the devotional "At Easter." At the social hour, games were directed by Mrs. Maedgen and Mrs. Castor and movies taken by the Moody family were shown. At the tea hour Mrs. Vaughan ladled frosted punch from the lace-laid dining table, which was centered with a low arrangement of varied spring flowers flanked by burning tapers. Other hostesses served sandwiches and cookies.

Others present were: Mrs. Clarence A. Morton, Jim Golden, Wesley Whitman, L. L. Stroble, Earl Cope, Lillie Lee, Ed Lengefeld, W. D. Davenport, W. A. McDonald, J. H. Endacott, Naomi Keithley, Alton Underwood, Cam Blackmon, J. A. Killough, W. A. Rippen, and Joe Flynn.

Ann Currie is Seven

Ann Currie was honor guest on her seventh birthday anniversary Monday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. Wix Currie, Jr. gave a party for her in City Park. After an hour of directed games and play on the park equipment, the birthday cake, which was iced

in white and decorated with sugar spun rosebuds and the words "Happy Birthday Ann" and topped with tiny blue candles, was cut and served with Eskimo pies.

Mrs. Dell Thorpe assisted. Other grown-ups were: Mrs. Arthur Crockett, Paul Kirk, Ross Murchison, G. R. Touchstone, Dick Ayres, Carl Poteet and Jones Parrish. Children were: Lin Currie, Dickie, Marcia and Michael Murchison, Markie Touchstone, Louise Miller, Patsy Zappe, Sally Bailey, Wesley Whitman, Joy Lengefeld, Shirley Burk, Billy and Linda Kay Crockett, Charles Parrish, Wanda Jean Williams, Calvin Kirk, Bobby Dell Pruitt, Richard Ayres, Janice and Jimmy Church, Margaret Ann Adair, Jerry Eoff, Carla Poteet, Ethna Calvert, and Josephine Wallace.

Airfield Allies Entertained by Mrs. Greene

Mrs. H. M. Greene was hostess to Airfield Allies Wednesday afternoon, entertaining with games of contract and rummy in City Hall auditorium. Prizes in bridge went to Mrs. J. R. Church and Mrs. W. L. Barber and in rummy to Mrs. C. B. Polansky.

Pie topped with ice cream was served at the Central Hotel. Others were: Mrs. T. A. Thomason, L. E. Lefler, L. A. Sakewitz, C. E. Paford, S. G. Christopher, H. L. Magnuson, E. C. Apts, Louis Handrick, and Gayle Hoard.

Music Club Committees Appointed

Miss Carmen Demmer, vice-president, conducted the business meeting for the Ballinger Music Club Tuesday evening when it met in the Ninth Street home of Miss Olga Schawe, which was decorated with tulips and potted hydrangeas. Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, president-elect, made the following committee appointments: executive, Mrs. Stobaugh, Misses Schawe, Demmer, and Eugenia Baskin; program, Miss Schawe, Mrs. Arthur Giesecke, J. A. Schnable, and Troy Simpson; membership, Mrs. C. R. Stephens and Miss Hattie Mae Dunlap; Music Week, Mrs. Roy V. Pinson, Mrs. O. G. Joiner, Miss Myrtle Ruth Hoff; entertainment, Mrs. F. M. Pearce, W. B. Halley, and L. R. Burnett; defense chairman, Mrs. Stephens; and war activities, Mrs. Alex McGregor. It was reported that \$12.00 had been contributed to the war service fund, and that Mrs. O. R. Lasater had given a violin to Bruce Field. Mrs. Stobaugh announced that the president of Texas Federated Music Clubs would be a guest at the October meeting.

Mrs. Giesecke gave the study of Schubert and Mendelssohn from "Masters of Symphony" by Percy Goetchius. Other members present were: Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, and J. P. Currie, Miss Lola Eubank, Mary Brian Woody and Martha Saunders. Visitors were Mrs. A. Schawe and Mrs. James Wear.

Mrs. Handrick Entertains Officers Wives

Mrs. Louis A. Handrick was hostess to the officers' wives Club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street. The pretty floral decoration was of stocks and Gerber daisies where Mrs. D. G. Thomason and Mrs.

Carl Feist of Rowena won high and second high score prizes. Refreshments were served in two courses. Others were: Mrs. W. T. Seibert, Bruce Johnson, Gayle Hoard, Joe Ingram, and W. L. Morien.

Many Expected By Local Lions For Ladies Night

The Ballinger Lions Club will have "ladies night" at the Central Hotel tomorrow (Friday) evening with one of the largest crowds in a number of years in prospect. The president and secretary of every club in district 7 have been invited and most of them, with their wives, are expected. Clubs in this district besides Ballinger include: Winters, Coleman, Santa Anna, San Angelo, Sterling City, Mertzon, Big Lake, Edoorado and Sonora.



John Purifoy

John Purifoy, president of the Ballinger club, will preside at the meeting and introduce the numbers following the menu. Under the active leadership of Mr. Purifoy the Ballinger club has had a healthy growth during the year, while losing a number of men to the armed forces.

Roy Keaton, Austin, secretary of the Lions Clubs of Texas, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Keaton, noted as a public speaker, will have as his subject a timely theme and filled with entertainment.

A musical program will be rendered by a group of high school girls.

The ticket sale here this week indicates that all members of the local club and their wives will attend the meeting and banquet tomorrow night.

RUNNELS CEMETERY WORKING IS SCHEDULED NEXT TUESDAY

Citizens' of the Runnels community have announced a work day at their cemetery next Tuesday, April 11. Leaders urged that all interested in maintaining the burial grounds be on hand with tools and work. It was pointed out that there are many sunken graves, because of rains and snow the past winter, and that weeding and other work is urgent. Workers will meet at the cemetery in the morning and remain until the job is completed.



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

Eighth Street Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Sunday, April 9: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 8:00 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. 7:15 p. m., young people's meeting. 8:00 p. m., evening worship. Wednesday: 8:00 p. m., prayer meeting. RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

First Baptist Church

(400 Eighth Street) Sunday, April 9—Easter Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. 11 a. m., Easter sermon by the pastor, "Earth's Fairest Morning." Easter music. 6 p. m., Youth Fellowship hour. Service men guests of honor. Baptist Training Union, 7 p. m. 8 p. m., special Easter musical program.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK

Monday and Tuesday: The W. M. S. and Auxiliaries will meet according to regular schedule. Wednesday: 8:00 p. m., mid-week service by the pastor. The public is cordially invited to worship with us. CLARENCE A. MORTON, 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. E. M. WALKER, 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.

Grace Baptist Mission

(South Ballinger, two blocks from Tercer Store) Pfc. John F. Parker, Pastor Sunday school, 10:30 a. m. Preaching, 11:15 a. m. Evening service, 7:45 p. m. A cordial invitation to all.

First Methodist Church

Sunday, April 9: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Evening service, 8:15 p. m. You are cordially invited to worship in all these services. W. E. SHIPP, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church

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

St. Mary's Catholic Church

(608 Sixth Street) (Telephone 521) SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES Holy Thursday: Holy mass, 8:00 a. m. Adoration of Blessed Sacrament until 8:00 p. m. Holy hour 8:00 p. m. with sermon, "Do this for a remembrance of Me." Good Friday: Mass of the presanctified 8:00 a. m. Veneration of the Cross after mass. Station of the Cross, short sermon, and veneration of Cross 2:00 p. m. Station of the Cross 8:00 p. m. Holy Saturday: Blessing of Paschal candle, reading of the twelve prophecies and blessing of baptismal water followed by holy mass at 8:00 a. m. Holy Week climaxes the life of our Divine Saviour, Jesus Christ, on earth. This week which marks the Passion and Death of our Lord is close to the heart of every Christian because in it we bring back to our memories the great price of our salvation. It behooves us, therefore, to pause in our work and pleasure to commemorate the greatest events in the life of Christ. EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor

First Presbyterian Church

Sunday: 9:45 a. m., church school, classes for all ages. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 5:00 p. m., vesper service. At 8:00 p. m. the pastor will preach at Paint Rock. Wednesday: 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting. GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

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. CARL POOL, Pastor

Church of God

(Corner Sixth and Strong) Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning service, 11 a. m. Young people's service, 7:15 p. m. Junior service, 7:15 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, 8 p. m. Wednesday: T. N. MINIX, JR., Pastor

VICTORY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Preparation of food for the frozen locker was the demonstration presented by Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, at the regular meeting of the Victory home demonstra-

tion club held Wednesday afternoon at the club house. Miss Folkes conducted a very interesting lesson.

Hostess for the meeting was Mrs. John Kemp, assisted by Mrs. Grover Davis. Mrs. Davis, club president, presided for a short business session.

Three new members, Mrs. James H. Gill, Mrs. Chester Busher and Mrs. Nanell Bougher, were added to the club. Mrs. George Onken, of Hatcher, was a visitor.

Mrs. Kemp reported that she saved her garden from the recent freeze by covering the small plants with soil.

A social hour was enjoyed and cake and coffee served to: Mrs. Grover Davis, V. A. White, J. D. Sowell, Loss Williams, Bill Cole, Jim Eoff, J. W. Parr, Riley Marks, Bud Davis, John Kemp, James H. Gill, Chester Busher, Nanell Bougher, and Miss Folkes.

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RURAL NEWS

NORTON

Students who will arrive home this week to spend the Easter holidays include Naomi Ash, of Howard Payne College, Brownwood, and Eleanor Bryan and Pansy Setser, of T. S. C. W. Denton.

Clyde Willis is here on furlough, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Willis. Clyde is stationed with the army in North Carolina.

Jay Taylor arrived home this week from California on a 15-day furlough to visit with his wife and little daughter, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Taylor.

Pfc. Kay Berrey, Jr., of Wichita Falls, visited here over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Berrey.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Morrison and sons, Billy Marvin and Dickie, spent the week-end with relatives at Big Spring.

Mrs. Ray Smith and children, of Water Valley, visited here the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Lewis.

Mrs. Tom Mitchell, of Rankin, visited here recently with relatives.

HERRING

Rev. Allen filled his regular appointment at the church here Sunday morning. There was an Easter program presented before the Sunday night preaching service.

We had a very blustery week-end with high cold winds and some dust. Monday has been a nice spring day, however. The grain is looking very badly since we have had some warm days following the extra cold weather. Some grain farmers predict that unless we get rain soon a lot of the grain will have to be plowed under or grazed, the stand being too irregular to leave for harvesting.

Several from here attended the so-called senior play at Talpa high school Friday night—the cast

including three juniors and one sophomore boy. We do not have a senior boy this year as they have answered their country's call instead of finishing school. However, some are in school.

There are a lot of people sick with bad colds. It seems that the colds this winter have been hard to get rid of.

Mrs. Telitha Ray and daughter, Miss Allene, visited Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Arthur Fuller, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Stokes and son, Wesley, of Talpa rural, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard and other relatives.

M. F. and Mrs. Arthur Kerby visited on Thursday of last week with Mrs. M. F. and "Aunt" Mertha Kerby at the Rawls Sanatorium in Christoval. They report Mrs. Kerby almost well and "Aunt" Mertha greatly improved.

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

Cpl. John C. Fuller has an overseas address now. He writes he has a good bed, plenty to eat, the days are hot but the nights are nice and cool.

CREWS

Farmers are taking advantage of the pretty weather and are very busy in the fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Worthington and family, of Levelland, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fuller.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford Goode and baby, of Hatchel, were church attendants and visitors in our community Sunday.

Cpl. Manie M. King, of Shepherd Field, is visiting her mother and other relatives here.

Friends here who read of Mrs. Nina Davis' serious injury in a car wreck a few months ago will be glad to learn that she is released from a Los Angeles hospital and is in the home of a son in that city, and can be about on crutches. Mrs. Davis plans to return to Bal-

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linger to visit a son there during this month.

S-Sgt. and Mrs. Obed Fuller and little daughter returned to Denver Sunday after a visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fuller.

Mrs. Leslie Phillips has been notified that her husband, Sgt. Leslie Phillips, has landed safely in England.

Mrs. Pink King has returned from a visit with Mrs. Greda Carter and family, and reports Mrs. Carter's little grandson, Dwayne Cochran, improving from a serious attack of pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Pumphrey and Ronnie, of Monahans, were recent guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey. Clifton was planning while here to enlist in the navy on a specified day.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Brooker left Friday for Okeas, in response to a message that her mother, Mrs. Preatridge, had passed away.

Mrs. Louie Fritts and daughter, of Wichita Falls, have been recent guests of her cousin, Mrs. Rupert Rainwater.

DEATHS

Almer Dowdle

Almer Dowdle, 63, whose home was in Blanket, dropped dead while working at Camp Bowie last Friday.

Decedent lived at Norton and Winters for about twelve years before going to Blanket two years ago. The body was brought overland from Brownwood and funeral services were conducted at the Killough & Davis chapel Sunday

afternoon at 3 o'clock. Rev. Kellogg officiating. Interment followed in the Norton cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include five children, Mrs. Callie Ward, Sterling City; Ray Dowdie, Amarillo; Cpl. Thelton Dowdie, Concho Field, San Angelo; Cpl. Darrell S. Dowdie, Fort Bliss, El Paso; Lynn Dowdie, Blanket; five brothers and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Frances S. Pool, of Ballinger.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Maria Albiar

Maria Albiar, born February 9, 1941, at Millersview, died in the John Sealy Hospital, Galveston, on March 28 from results of a brain tumor and pneumonia. The body was shipped to Ballinger by rail arriving here Friday. Rites were held at the Killough & Davis chapel Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Funeral services and interment followed in Fairview Cemetery at Millersview.

Killough & Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Pundz Infant

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Fetoso Pundz died at the family home here Tuesday. Funeral services were held at the graveside in the Mexican cemetery Wednesday morning.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Theo Bell and daughter, June, and Patty Gene Eager, of Stamford visited here the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mills.

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BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By Lil and Bonnie

Assembly

Our picture show man gave us another rare treat in the way of a show in assembly last Wednesday, March 29.

"Wings of Defense," showing naval cadets in dive bombing and gunnery practice, was breath-taking. A sports review giving questions answered by an expert in his fields was informative.

But the picture we liked best was "Popeye" as the hero of "Olive Oyle's" new sensational play, "Alladin's Lamp." But alas, it failed to impress the management and she was thrown out with her play!

Twirlers

The "Twirlers," a group of girls being coached by Wanda Crager, present an interesting sight on the grounds after school hours, going through their routine practice. Our bandmaster, O. H. Joiner, who has done much for junior high, pronounces they are very clever, and hopes to develop some fast twirlers out of the group which includes: Marilyn Agnew, Pat Caudie, Betty Jean Underwood, Betty Jean Smith, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Jerlene Buckemper, Martha Saunders, Rose Mary Wal-

den, Iris Nell Bales, June Chapman, Juanda Patton and Lourdeen Bryan.

Guess Who?

Our "small but loud" package this week is a favorite among both boys and girls. He is quite a business man, having worked since he was a very small boy at some job. He has enough energy for three boys his size and so many little sweethearts he never tries to count them.

He has merry, twinkling blue eyes, and a smile and wisecrack for everyone. He is quite a football hero, playing right guard on the junior high team. He is one of those air-minded boys, a member of the aeronautics club. Guess who?

1944 LICENSE TAGS MUST BE ON CARS IMMEDIATELY

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt stated this morning that a check-up of parked cars Wednesday and today disclosed that a number of motorists have not attached the 1944 tags to their number plates. Chief McNutt calls attention to the car owners that this is an offense bearing a fineable penalty and that additional check-ups will be made and tickets issued to any whose cars do not bear the new tags.

COMMUNION SERVICE FOR GRACE BAPTISTS

The Grace Baptist Church will have a special communion service for members Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. Raymond C. Wilson, will deliver special sermons at both morning and evening hours Sunday.

Rev. Wilson is conducting a revival at Kerrville this week but will return here Saturday night to be with his church Easter Sunday.

On Wednesday night of next week M. Sgt. Charles Hedges, of Camp Bowie, will preach at the local church.

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The shipment of eggs from Boston to Ballinger to be used in school lunch rooms of the county when there was a surplus in local produce houses has brought on considerable comment. The eggs probably were originally bought in this section and shipped east for storage. Shipping them back to Texas for consumption here required the use of refrigerator cars at a cost of more than a dollar a case and also called for crates which were vitally needed here in order that shipments of fresh eggs could be made.

Ballinger citizens paid little attention to the school trustee election Saturday, only twenty-six casting ballots. It requires some kind of agitation and issues to make people vote here and no attention is paid to elections when everything is running smooth and there is no friction. The light vote may be a compliment to the Ballinger schools and those in charge of their operation, but it is a dangerous thing to do. Appreciation for good work should be expressed to free workers with a better vote than 26, most of whom were school people.

Next Sunday is Easter, an event which is featured in all churches.

and the date when spring is considered here. For many years it has been the time for changing apparel and the fashion parade has become a regular part of the observance. In Ballinger practically all the churches will emphasize the Easter theme in their services and all look forward to the largest attendance of the year at the morning hour Sunday.

During the past week Ballinger has been headquarters for a large number of peace officers who assembled in this area to search for German prisoners of war who escaped from the stockade at Camp Barkeley. All but two had been arrested Monday and the manhunt was renewed for them. Information gained in this area indicated most of the nazis were hiding in and around here and for this reason the officers were centering their work out of Ballinger.



**WEST TEXAS
NOTES**

Melvin orchardists reported the past week-end that the recent freeze had eliminated prospects for a fruit crop in the area. The temperature registered 29 degrees and besides killing fruit damaged many gardens. Livestock damage is believed to be minor.

A delegation from McCulloch county was before the state highway commission last week, asking for road improvement in the area. The No 1 project sought is from Camp San Saba to Llano. The McCulloch countians were joined at Austin by groups from adjoining counties. Alteration of flood control on U. S. highways 87 and 190 at Brady also was sought.

There are 19 active 4-H boys' clubs in Comanche county at present with total membership of 375. The lads have selected their projects for 1944 and many are already making good progress. County Agent Calvin Holcomb, aided by a large number of adult leaders, is in charge of the boys' program. Excellent showings have been made in livestock production.

The Sweetwater city commission last week ordered a check on traffic violations. One commissioner stated that many motorists were openly disregarding traffic ordinances and a stricter enforcement was necessary. Police were instructed to keep a close watch for infractions and were given certain places and specific violations to look for, one being the driving from alleys into streets without stopping or giving signals.

The Stephenville Empire-Tribune management announced last week that no more new subscriptions to the paper would be accepted outside Erath and adjoining counties except to service men. Shortage of newspaper and the desire of the management to cooperate with the government request for reduction in the use of paper was given as the reason for the move.

Five candidates, asking for three places in the city administration at Menard has been attracting political attention. The election was to name a mayor and two aldermen. Two sought the mayor's office and three council positions.

A shallow oil well brought in near Rising Star last week is one of the best to be drilled in the vicinity in some time. Located on the farm of Miss Annie Innis, the 1,047 foot well was drilled by Guy Greynolds. Tests showed the well making about 20 barrels of high grade oil daily. Arrangements are being made to put it on a pump.

J. H. Brooks, who has operated a produce house at Miles for the

past twelve years, announced last week he would close the business in the near future. Brooks has accepted a position with the state department of weights and measures and will assume the duties soon. He will attend a short school to prepare himself for the new position.

Fuller Park at Paint Rock has been further improved this spring and an appeal has been made to all citizens of the community to help build and maintain the recreation center. Improvements include new shrubs and trees, water lines, vine trellis, grading of roads and walks, and putting out a number of plants and bulbs from the Ballinger city park.

Ralph Burns announced at Winters last week that he would be a candidate for reelection to the office of county commissioner, precinct 2. Mr. Burns has represented the precinct for a number of years and has made good progress in road improvement.

Coleman county Red Cross war fund leaders announced last week that the quota had been raised and a total of \$17,000 would probably be contributed before the end of the drive. The entire county had been organized on a community basis and when reports were tabulated the fund was over the goal of \$15,300 set by the national committee.

The second annual championship rodeo at Brownwood has been set for May 2 to 6. The program is being arranged by the Jaycees and already enough of the nation's top performers have accepted invitations to participate to make it one of the best shows slated in the Southwest. Stock has been secured from the World's Championship Rodeo Association.

**METHODIST PRE-EASTER
SERVICES IN PROGRESS**

Rev. W. E. Shipp, pastor of the First Methodist Church, began pre-Easter services at his church Sunday and will continue through Sunday night, with services each evening except Saturday. The night programs begin at 8:15 and Rev. Shipp will deliver his Easter sermon at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, at which time Easter music will be presented by the choir.

Large congregations attended both services Sunday and communion was observed during the morning worship period. Approximately 40 service men were given communion in one group at this service.

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

**Agent Urges Home
Gardens to Relieve
Shortages in Food**

Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, is renewing efforts to encourage home gardens this year. This move is necessary, she states, because some are discouraged since the recent hard freeze killed many of the tender plants and because others had bad luck with their gardens last year. Miss Folkes points out that this is the way everyone can help in the food production program. In a prepared statement she says: "Maybe you did have a garden last year and the drought came and you did not get enough vegetables to pay for the seed, or you have to replant because of the freeze last week and you decided that you can buy all the fresh vegetables you need. What would have been the results if our army and navy and other services had decided that just because the Japs bombed Pearl Harbor, or some other time when the going was hard, to pack up and go home. Well, what will they think if just because you had one garden failure, you won't try again.

- 1. Here are suggestions for a garden if you haven't already started one:
 1. Have your soil thoroughly prepared.
 2. Plan your garden before planting it; have quick growing vegetables on one side and slow growing vegetables on the other, then when those of quick growth are used that space can be used for something else.
 3. Get the insects controlled before they get the garden.
- Next week Miss Folkes will publish an article on insect control, listing the most common garden enemies, how to identify them, and methods of preparing and administering poison to rid the garden of these pests.
- The war food administration is urging more gardens this year than ever before to help relieve the food situation all over this country and in order that our citizens may help more and more in lands where people are starving.

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**17 Couples Obtain
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Walter Owen Walker and Miss Melba Lee Condra
Velin Millard Oates and Miss Evelyn Florene Caudie
Tom M. Beasley (col.) and Miss Albert Runnels
John T. Jackson and Miss Rosie V. Lewis
John I. Anthis and Miss Verlene Gideon
D. Johnson and Mrs. Annie Moss
John Nevin Johnston and Miss Donnie Mae Simpson
J. W. Benson and Miss Lola Faye Fisher
R. A. Knouse and Miss Margaret Maurine Weatherly
Carl E. Fouts and Miss Mary Tiny Chapman
Fred Adolph Tomlin and Miss Virginia Louise Hodges
R. P. McKenzie and Mrs. May King
Jesse Melvin Stanley and Miss Jeanie Corine Cabe
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Merry Funfest, 'Swing Fever' Has Kay Kyser as Great Lover

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer has made a tuneful, well-rounded film of Kay Kyser's newest screen effort called "Swing Fever." In the picture, to be shown at the Ritz Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 8, 9, 10, 11, Kay's band is given ample support from such performers as the blond, torch-singing Marilyn Maxwell, wise-cracking William Gargan, comic Nat Pendleton, and Lena Horne.

The film revolves around the adventures of Lowell Blackford, played by Kay Kyser, a mid-mannered musician who comes to New York to publish a symphony. He is given the run-around by the group of prizefight promoters he accident-

ally falls in with when they learn that Kay possesses a hereditary evil eye which has the power to immobilize its victims.

They plan to get Kay to use his eye on the opponent of their fighter in order to win the match. To do this they get him a job leading a night-club band and set Marilyn Maxwell as the bait. Things boomerang when Marilyn falls in love with Kay, which is not according to plan. She tells him the plot, but Kay still loves her and both are happy in the romantic finish.

Lovely Miss Maxwell, who was last seen as Wallace Beery's daughter in "Salute to the Marines," sings, dances and acts in "Swing Fever." Kay Kyser, long familiar to movie and radio audiences, turns in an able comic performance. As the crooked promoter, William Gargan stands out not only as a comedian but as a straight dramatic actor.

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Marshall Reed, as the "Texas Kid," and Shirley Patterson, as the beautiful heroine do excellent jobs, and the recipe of saddle-soap, creaking leather and blasting six-guns mixes into a well-finished concoction. Director Lambert Hillyer left out none of the requisites for a good western.

McCORSTIN WINS PLACES IN AREA TRACK MEET

Ballinger high school trackmen were in the area meet at San Angelo Saturday and about four dozen qualified to participate in the regional meet at Abilene on April 22. George McCorstin was the only Ballinger team and he piled up six in three events.

McCorstin ran third in the 100-yard dash, second in the 220-yard dash and was fourth in the broad jump. He had first in the broad jump but broke dirt in landing which disqualified his best jump.

All who place in the regional meet at Abilene will be eligible for the state meet to be held at Austin to determine finalists.

Other events in the area meet, to be held at San Angelo this week-end, include typewriting, shorthand, extemporaneous speaking and one-act play.

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'The Gang's All Here'



Scene from "The Gang's All Here" at Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Alice Faye, James Ellison and Phil Baker in 'Gang's All Here'

In "The Gang's All Here" billed at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 9, 10, 11, 20th Century-Fox adds to its successful roster of glittering musicals.

Starred are Alice Faye, as a night club singer, Sheila Ryan, an attractive newcomer among the brunettes, as a society girl, Phil Baker, in a comedy part, and James Ellison, as soldier-son of a Wall Street millionaire. Ellison falls for Miss Faye, and ditto for her. But, by family agreement and ambition, Ellison is slated to marry Miss Ryan. Then, in the course of these events, Tony De Marco, whose ballroom dancing is a decided bright spot, determines to marry Miss Ryan as his future dancing partner. In between are emotional hurdles marking misunderstandings and heartbreak, but triumphant love emerges in the very shining manner.

Carmen Miranda gets her opportunity and makes the most of it in her inimitable manner and with those baffling turbans. Charlotte Greenwood, Edward Everett Horton and Eugene Pallette also have comedy roles. Benny Goodman and his orchestra help gear "The Gang's All Here" to the top track.

Miss Faye comes forth with two songs worthy of passing note, "A Journey to a Star" and "The Polka Dot Polka."

Gene Autry Western Picture and Burlesque Comedy Give Variety to Texas Week-End Program

A Gene Autry western, "Rootin' Tootin' Rhythm," and a college-comedy-burlesque, "Casanova in Burlesque," comprise the two feature-length films at the Texas tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, April 7, 8. In addition will be shown several short subjects.

In "Casanova in Burlesque" Joe E. Brown enacts the comedian-professor with skill beyond his previous best display, and June Havoc, as a burlesque actress with Shakespearean ambitions, runs away with the picture repeatedly. The story is crisp as a cracker from start to finish, inclusive of the lyrics in several songs by Kim Gannon and Walter Kent, which are sung by Brown, Miss Havoc and Dale Evans.

Others in the cast include Marjorie Gatenon, Lucien Littlefield, Ian Keith, Roger Imhoff, Patricia Knox, Harry Tyler, Sugar Geise, Jerome Franks, Jr., Marga Dean. This "Shakespeare in swing" Be wise—advertise.

Lt. Yale B. Griffis To Pampa Airfield; Here for 20 Months

Lt. and Mrs. Yale B. Griffis left here Saturday for Pampa, where Lt. Griffis has been assigned to the army airfield. He was due to report for duty there Monday morning.

Lt. Griffis came to Bruce Field in September, 1942, and had been on duty here ever since. During his stay in Ballinger he became one of the most popular officers in town and was widely known here. For some time he had been personnel officer at Bruce Field and took a number of special courses, the last being for three months at Randolph Field, San Antonio.

A graduate of Texas A. & M. College in the spring of 1930, Lt. Griffis later completed a law course at Dallas. He entered the army air forces at Randolph Field on July 20, 1942, and was transferred a short time later to Brooks Field to serve in the base intelligence office. In September, 1942, he reported back at Randolph Field and was sent to Ballinger to

be connected with Bruce Field. In June, 1943, he was married to Miss Elizabeth McLarty in Dallas and the couple has made home in Ballinger ever since. They have taken an active part in church affairs and the social life of Ballinger and have made a host of friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clack had as guests the past week Mrs. Howard Spence and daughter, of Level-land, and Mrs. George Blackmon and sons, of Fort Stockton. Mrs. Spence and daughter left Monday for Bend, Oregon, to join her husband, who is in the army there.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

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230 acres in cultivation, 145 in pasture, 5 room house, barns and tenant houses. On Colorado river with 40 horse-power pump for irrigation. Located nine miles northeast of Ballinger.
Price \$47.50 per acre.
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Saturday and Sunday Continuous Show Night Show at 7:15 during week days.

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featuring Harry Babitt - Sully Mason
Ish Kabibble - Julia Conway and Trudy Irwin
Screen Play by Nat Perrin and Warren Wilson
Directed by TIM WELLEN - IRVING STARR

Wear is Elected Rotary President For Second Term

The Ballinger Rotary Club has chosen directors for the new year which begins with the first meeting in July. As soon as the new directors were named, a meeting was held to elect officers and this resulted in James A. Wear being named for his second year as president and head of the club. E. Sheppert was elected vice-president, and L. R. Tigner secretary by reelection. Tommie Stallings will be the new sergeant-at-arms.

Directors named in a special ballot last week include: E. Sheppert, Tommie Stallings, R. G. Erwin, for two-year terms, and F. M. Pearce, Allen Davis and George Clements, for one-year terms.

Directors and officers are elected early each year to permit the incoming officers to act as delegates to the district conference held each year about May. By this method the new officers receive much information regarding Rotary before they assume their duties in July.

President Wear has made a remarkable record during the past year. The club has experienced a good growth, having a membership of thirty and several new members to be taken into the club in the near future. He has attended all conventions and assemblies and has also caused attendance to be improved in the local club.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Houston and son, of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Ben Richardson, of Arkansas City, Kansas, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Black last week. They were en route to Del Rio to visit Provost Marshal Sam Houston, in charge of army enforcement activities in that border area.

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ROOTIN' TOOTIN' RHYTHM
A REPUBLIC PICTURE
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CONTINUOUS SHOWS 1:30 TILL 11:30 P. M.
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JOHNNY MACK BROWN
"The Texas Kid"
RAYMOND HATTON
A MONOGRAM PICTURE
FEATURE NUMBER TWO

SIDNEY TOLER
"CHARLIE CHAN
THE SECRET SERVICE"
MONOGRAM PICTURE

—ALSO—
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Color Cartoon
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Want Ads

FOR RENT—Old house at edge of town. For Sale—Three residences. A. M. King. 23-31*

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Each Tuesday and Friday
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PERMANENT WAVE, 59¢! Do your own Permanent with Charm-Kurl Kit. Complete equipment, including 40 curlers and shampoo. Easy to do, absolutely harmless. Praised by thousands including Fay McKenzie, glamorous movie star. Money refunded if not satisfied. Afflerbach's 5c-55.00 Store.

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Wiginton Auto Parts
has seal beam change over kits for your car which will give you the same lights as the '41 and '42 cars. Try them. 9-1f

FOR SALE—Set of dammers for tractor. See Terry Hardy, Maverick. 16-41*

FOR SALE—First year Watson planting cotton seed, \$4.50 per hundred. E. J. Cervenk, Rowena, Texas. 16-41*

WANTED—To buy used and junked Lawn Mowers. See Chester Cape, 500 Thirteenth. Phone 1247. 30-21*

FOR SALE—Double row cultivator and planter, horse drawn implements and pair of work horses. S. E. Davis, South Ballinger. 23-31*

FOR SALE—50,000 lbs. of threshed Maize. Lawrence Hoelscher, 2 miles west of Offen church. 23-31*

FOR SALE—Residence, 706 Broadway. Price \$1,400. Miss J. Bennett, 36-2020 Mag office, El Paso. 23-101*

FOR SALE—200 acre farm located five miles from Ballinger, river front, windmill with shallow water, good six room house, unusually large storage barn, six year old orchard. No realtor, straight sale. Priced \$65 per acre. Write P. O. Box 523, Ozona, Texas. 23-41

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out of our herd of famous high producers. Some eligible as high as two-stars. Priced right.
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2,000 acre combination sheep, goat and cattle ranch with 300 acre farm. Good grain crop on it now. Fair improvements. Immediate delivery.
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Address P. O. Box 111, Ballinger. 23-31

FOR SALE—Sudan grass and Red Top cane seed. Free of Johnson grass and high germination test. W. J. Halfmann, phone 3304, Rowena. 30-21*

FOR SALE—Thousands of tomato plants now ready. Several leading varieties. Mrs. H. A. Burke, 1303 Seventh Street. 30-51*

REWARD—for the return of a Waltham wrist watch, lost or stolen the night of February 19. A/C Ed Heap. Return to Tigner Jewelry Co. 30-21*

FOR RENT—Apartment, 501 Hutchings Avenue. Mrs. Emma Courvisier. 30-21*

FOR RENT—Five room house, all modern conveniences. Available by the 10th. See Mrs. Wright at Wrightway Cleaners. 30-21*

WANTED TO BUY—A radio record player in A-1 condition. Phone 733. 6-1f

FOR SALE—Boy's Weatherbird bicycle. See Fred Tappee. 11*

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, May 15th. Bedroom now. 800 Eighth Street. Phone 416. 6-11*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries

For State Representative, 92nd District:
W. H. RAMPY

For Sheriff:
J. L. MORELAND

For County Tax Assessor-Collector:
W. A. FORGEY

For County Clerk:
JOHN B. RAYBURN

For County Treasurer:
MRS. AURELIA WEBB

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:
H. E. FULCHER

For District Clerk:
MRS. WINONA PARKER

For Constable, Precinct No. 1:
C. G. CAPE

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carroll, of San Saba, were here today to move their household goods to their ranch, purchased last year, and where they had been living camp style until now.

Miss Nora Dorothy Tefs, of Mason, spent the past week-end here, visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNutt.

FOR SALE—Cultivator for P-2 or Farmall, for power lift or hand lines. Boone's Welding Shop, north end Main Street, Winters. 6-41

FOR SALE—Two used Lawn Mowers in A-1 shape. Chester Cape. 6-11

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FOR RENT—Furnished three room modern house. Will unfurnish for permanent renter. P. J. Legg, 706 Tenth. 6-11*

FOR SALE—Splendid young milk cow. Heavy milker, heifer calf. B. M. Batts, Ballinger route 1. 11*

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FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom with or without kitchen privileges. 1005 Seventh Street. 6-11*

HELP WANTED—Student and experienced operators, permanent position. Students paid while learning. Apply at Telephone Office, Ballinger, Texas. 11*

FOR SALE—Small icebox. Mrs. Bob Boothe, route one, Ballinger. 6-11*

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FOR RENT—Four room furnished house, close in. See A. F. Brock. 6-11*

FOR SALE—165 mixed lambs. Good Acala cottonseed \$1.25 per bushel. Maytag motor. Lee Evans. 6-11*

STRAYED—Reward for small Fox Terrier pup, female, white with black ears, also black spots. Phone 287. 6-11

STRAYED—White face heifer calf, about 450 or 500 lbs. \$10 reward. Mrs. E. J. Kemp, phone 8545F11. 6-11*

FOR SALE—One 1940 Ford, one 1941 Mercury. Good rubber. See Dr. Cheatham. 6-11*

FOR SALE—1941 Pontiac six club coupe. Excellent condition. L. Dally, Bruce Field, or 906 Sixth. 6-21*

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Serving Uncle Sam

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February 8, and only two letters have been received from him since he embarked.

Pfc. Juanito Almandariz, marine corps, has graduated from the mortar gunnery school at the training center, Camp Elliott, San Diego, California.

Mrs. T. B. Owens received three cards Friday of last week from her son, Milton Owens, who is a German prisoner. He said he was well, getting along all right, and not to worry about him. The cards were dated October 18, November 3, and December 26.

Mrs. Owens also received letters from two other sons. Ervin Owens is with company C, 48th engineers, in Italy. His last letter, dated March 11, informed that he was homesick. Tommie Owens is in Northern Ireland with the 43rd field artillery and he wrote that he had begun to get his first letters from his family in months.

A letter dated March 24 arrived here last week from Cicero Smith, CM 1c, stationed on some island in the Pacific. He wrote that he was working at a marine base then but expected to see some more lively action in a short time. Smith, who has been in the service about seventeen months, expressed the hope for a furlough some time this year and a trip home.

Friends here received letters this week from Pvt. Joe Paxton, who is now stationed at Fort Custer, Michigan. He wrote that he liked the army fine but was really getting in some hard work.

C. D. Richards received a telegram from his son, Bob Richards, Wednesday morning, telling that he had been assigned to a dive bomber in the naval air corps as radio man and gunner.

Lt. Phil Kraus, B-24 pilot, who received primary training at Bruce Field in class 42-D, is reported missing in action over Germany since February 22. He has a large number of friends in Ballinger.

Donald McGregor, son of Mrs. M. McGregor, has been promoted to the rating of seaman first-class in the coast guard. Donald has advanced rapidly since entering the service.

Mrs. Eleanor Thorp, Special (9) 2c, of the WAVES, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams, and other relatives and friends. She has just completed a technical course at Pensacola, Florida, and is reporting back at the A. T. C. base, Corpus Christi.

J. L. Henderson, AOM 3c, has been here for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson. He was en route from Jacksonville, Fla., to Hutchinson, Kansas, where he will be stationed for a while.

Letters have been received from Lt. Billy Jack Connelly, who is now overseas. A pilot in the army air forces, he is flying a transport ship.

P/O Charles Terrell has written his mother, Mrs. Ada Terrell, that he has landed safely in England. He added in his letter that everything was still adventurous to him. The last letter from him prior to his arrival overseas was dated February 23.

Pvt. Jack K. Chancy, 23, ranger, with the American army in Italy, was wounded March 8 when a bomb hit near his position, and is now in a hospital in Italy. Jack, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Chancy, of Vernon, formerly attended the Ballinger schools and has many friends here. Pieces of shrapnel entered an eyeball, it is reported.

George W. Harris, seaman 1c, has returned to his base at San Francisco after a ten-day visit with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Harris, and other relatives. Seaman Harris has been in the navy 14 months and in the South Pacific area the past 8 months and has been in combat on several occasions. Formerly serving on the U. S. S. Ashland, he will be transferred upon return to his home base.

Pvt. Helen E. Smith writes relatives and friends here from the WAC center at Morris Field, North Carolina, that she loves the army very much, the quarters are good.

the food excellent, and that she is looking forward to July when she will be due her first furlough. She is anxious to get back to Ballinger and Texas to see her parents, other relatives, and friends.

A letter from Cpl. Jimmie Russell, in Italy with the 36th division, was received this week by his mother, Mrs. R. M. McFarland. He said he had been busy and had not had time to write. He told of Ballinger boys who have been decorated and added that Troy Ransberger was due home pretty soon. He also enclosed a number of soldier poems published in the Stars and Stripes.

Otis H. Power, EMC 2c, with the U.S.N.C.B., is stationed in Hawaii and in a letter said he had been on a pass and visited Honolulu, which he declared was a very beautiful place.

A letter from Pvt. Ray W. Hynson, written from somewhere in England, stated that he liked the country and was gaining in weight there, now weighing 174 pounds.

Lt. Jack B. McGregor, who had been at an embarkation port on the West Coast for some time, sent home his spare clothing, and this week his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McGregor, were told his A.P.O. number, indicating he had left for some spot in the Pacific to visit the Japs. He recently transferred to the army combat engineers and lost no time getting into action.

A letter from Cpl. Alvin Bilibrey to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Bilibrey, stated that his brother, Charles Bilibrey, was getting along fine in the hospital and was now able to stand up two minutes a day. He sustained serious wounds several weeks and was sent to a hospital in Italy. Alvin stated that he would like to see good old dry Texas and be out of that crazy country. He enclosed a picture of himself taken recently in Italy.

Major LaDu Craig, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, met Gordon Powers at a bomber base in England recently. He overheard Powers talking about Ballinger and from that the two discussed West Texas. Powers, a former Ballinger Bearcat football star, is a bomber pilot based in England, and has been flying missions for several months.

Mrs. Bessie James is sending The Ledger to her son, Pvt. William P. James, who is now in training at Fort McClelland, Ala. He was among the group that left here March 8 for Fort Sill, Okla., and with other local boys was sent on to the training camp in Alabama.

Douglas Black, seaman 1c, coast guard, has been transferred to sea duty after a long period of coastal patrol service, he informed his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Black, Tuesday by telegram.

Lt. William M. Bray, of Portland, Ore., who received primary training at Bruce Field in class 42-E and later received bombardier training at Houston, San Angelo and Dalhart, is now in England and has completed fifteen missions over Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Mills received a letter this week from their son, H. L. Mills, in the U. S. navy in the South Pacific. He stated that he was making his first trip fine, had not been seasick but still had a long ways to go.

Truman Williams, seaman 2c, navy, is here on 15-day leave to visit relatives and friends. He is stationed at Mare Island, Calif., where he and his crew are awaiting completion of a new escort vessel which they will take on the "shake-down cruise" very soon and then begin convoy duty in the Pacific.

Vernon Pape is here on a furlough from Ft. Benning, Ga. He has been in the service for the

past eighteen months, most of which was served in Alaska.

Captain James Parrish has been transferred to Camp Atterbury, near Columbus, Indiana. Mrs. Parrish and the children are making home at Flat Rock, Indiana, near the camp.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. O. J. Dean was operated upon at the Bailey Hospital Monday is reported to be doing fine.

Mrs. A. B. Legate, operated upon two weeks ago is doing nicely and showing daily improvement.

Miss Ann Midgley, operated upon Tuesday, is improving satisfactorily and will soon be able to return to her home.

Mrs. W. M. Culp, of Talpa, who was operated upon last week is doing nicely and will soon be dismissed from the local hospital.

Mrs. J. N. Nutt was operated upon Sunday morning and is doing satisfactorily. She had her appendix removed at the Bailey hospital.

Erwin Ripple, of Paint Rock, underwent appendectomy at the Bailey hospital the first of the week and reported recovering satisfactorily.

E. Yarnell, of Norton, a medical patient in the local hospital, will be able to return to his home within a few days.

Mrs. Herb Holland is critically ill at the local hospital, where she is receiving treatment.

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: B. W. Beard, 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 22nd day of May, 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 28th day of March, 1944. The file number of said suit being No. 4951. The names of the parties in said suit are: Henrietta Sides Beard, as Plaintiff, and B. W. Beard, 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, with 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 or about the 4th day of March, A. D. 1944, and permanently separated on March 24th, A. D. 1944, and that no children were born to them; plaintiff further requests that her maiden name of Henrietta Sides be restored to her.

Issued this 5th day of April, 1944.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 5th day of April, A. D. 1944.
(Seal)

MRS. WINONA PARKER, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 6-41

Mrs. A. S. Palmer, of Los Angeles, California, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wood, and other relatives in Ballinger and Maverick.

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HAMS Shank End Pieces	Lb.	31¢	Points Per Lb.
HAMS Center Slices	Lb.	49¢	Points Per Lb.
Pork Chops Center Cuts	Lb.	35¢	Points Per Lb.
Ground Beef Fresh Ground	Lb.	23¢	Points Per Lb.
Sausage Pure Pork Type 2	Lb.	35¢	Points Per Lb.
Slab Bacon By the Piece	Lb.	27¢	Points Per Lb.
Sliced Bacon Grade A	Lb.	37¢	Points Per Lb.
Luncheon Spiced Vacuum Cooked	Lb.	43¢	Points Per Lb.
Lunch Meat Assorted	Lb.	29¢	Points Per Lb.

Selected Fresh Eggs Doz. 25c

Toilet Soap Maxine	3 Doz.	14¢
Camay Toilet Soap	3 Doz.	19¢
Super Suds	24-Oz. Pkg.	23¢
Fruit Jars Ball or Kerr	1-Doz. Pkg.	59¢
Fruit Jars Ball or Kerr	9-Doz. Pkg.	69¢
Jar Caps Ball or Kerr	Doz.	19¢
Jar Lids Ball or Kerr	Doz.	9¢
Sealing Wax Magnolia	1-Lb. Pkg.	13¢
Dog Food Vigo	2 5-Oz. Pkg.	9¢
Cookies Mary Ann	2 12-Oz. Pkg.	25¢

Peanut Butter Best	16-Oz. Jar	22¢
Macaroni and Spaghetti	3 6-Oz. Pkg.	10¢
Rippled Wheat	5-Pkg. Doz.	10¢
Bread Julia Lee Wright's Baked, Enriched	24-Oz. Loaf	10¢
Flour Gold Medal	25-Lb. Bag	1.24
Flour Gold Medal	25-Lb. Bag	1.41
Karo Syrup	1-Lb. Bottle	16¢
Blackeye Peas Dried	1-Lb. Can	11¢

Blue Stamp Items

Juice Orange Old South	No. 2 Can	20¢	Points Per Can
Juice Tomato Swift's	16-Oz. Can	11¢	Points Per Can
Corn Highway White Cream Style	No. 2 Can	13¢	Points Per Can
Pork & Beans You Camp	No. 2 Can	14¢	Points Per Can
Beans Baby Lima Cattle Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	12¢	Points Per Pkg.

Red Stamp Items

Margarine Sunnybank	Lb.	17¢	Points Per Lb.
Margarine All Sweet	Lb.	25¢	Points Per Lb.
Crisco Creamy Shortening	1-Lb. Jar	24¢	Points Per Jar
Wesson Oil	Fl. Bot.	27¢	Points Per Pt.
Chili You Camp Plain	17-Oz. Can	29¢	Points Per Can

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16-Oz. Glass 21¢
4 Blue Points per Glass

Roth's Spiced LUNCH MEAT

12-Oz. Can 35¢
3 Red Points per Can

Boyd's Strained HONEY

32-Oz. Glass 49¢
Not Rationed

Strawberries

Luscious, Red, Ripe Louisiana Berries

PINT 35¢

New Potatoes 3 Lbs. 25¢

Tomatoes Fancy Florida Lb. 19¢

Oranges Texas Valencia 5 Lbs. 38¢

Broccoli California Crisp	Lb.	10¢
Calavos 15 Size	2 Doz.	25¢
Celery Florida Bleached	Lb.	10¢
Lettuce Arizona Firm Heads	Lb.	10¢
Green Onions	2 Doz.	15¢
Red Radishes	Box	5¢
Cauliflower Calif. Early	Lb.	19¢

Cabbage

Texas Green Firm Solid Heads Lb. 2¢

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Information, description and location of this land, together with application blank, will be furnished FREE!
Write **BASCOM GILES** Commissioner of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE Austin, Texas