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United Clothing Drive Gets Off to Good Start

The United Nations clothing drive got off to a good start here last week. Joe Forman, county chairman, stated Monday that 1,200 to 1,500 pounds of excellent clothing were received at the general depot at the Agnew Funeral Home.

The campaign will continue through April, but all who can are asked to get their bundles in as early as possible. This is so the clothing can be sorted and repacked in accordance with the shipping instructions.

New appeals have been received begging everybody to help in this campaign. Clothing is very necessary to prevent suffering and must be shipped overseas and distributed before another winter to keep thousands from freezing to death. Many people in countries liberated from the Germans are almost without clothing and the mills cannot make apparel due to the lack of raw materials, machinery to reequip plants, and scarcity of labor. Many people in Allied countries able to buy clothing cannot do so until normal conditions return.

One truckload of clothing was brought here the past week-end from Millersview and leaders there stated another load would

be sent here during the month. Ballinger school children also put a truckload of clothing in the depot Saturday and will continue the drive.

Mr. Forman calls attention to the fact that the central depot in Ballinger is being provided by H. G. Agnew. A large building with a concrete floor is being used and poison is being put out for mice and moths to prevent damage to the clothing while it is being concentrated.

Mr. Forman said shoes are greatly needed, but that no high-heels, open toes or backs can be accepted. Already many good children's shoes have been turned in. No women's hats are wanted, but almost any other kind of clothing for men, women and children will be acceptable. No worn-out apparel can be shipped.

Those who have bundles may take them directly to the depot at the Agnew Funeral Home, turn them in through the churches, to the local schools or any rural school in the county. Special depots have been provided at Winters, Rowena and Miles.

This drive is nation-wide under the direction of Henry J. Kaiser and shipments will go to people in liberated countries where the need is most urgent.

Rat Extermination Drive Sought to Stop Typhus

Plans are being perfected as fast as possible for a city-wide rat extermination campaign in Ballinger. Four cases of typhus fever have brought a demand from Dr. O. H. Chandler, city health officer, for a poisoning campaign here with every business house cooperating and as many home owners as will.

The city government will aid in the drive by getting poison baits mixed and will send men out to put the baits in the stores. Stores will be asked to pay for the poison at the cost of 75 cents for a single front business house.

County Agent John A. Barton has been asked to contact the proper authority in regard to securing the poison and if possible obtain the services of an exterminator to come here and mix the baits. If this cannot be arranged the county agent will do this himself and the city men will place the baits in the buildings.

Previously some store managers have asserted that they had no rats and did not care to participate in a rodent extermination drive. Dr. Chandler points out that it is necessary for all stores to put out the poison if the campaign is to be effective and thereby eliminate the cause of typhus fever here.

The Ballinger Board of Community Development is cooperating in the effort and especially urges home owners to join in the plan. Baits will be available to residences at a cost of about 30 cents each but cannot be delivered in the residential districts.

As soon as the poison is obtained and other arrangements made, announcement will be made of the day when baits will be ready for distribution. No time is to be lost in getting the drive

Your Cooperation Asked

The manpower shortage has hit the office of *The Ledger* and until such time as we can secure additional help we must request our customers to cooperate with us. With a very limited force we are trying to go ahead with all the work possible and to issue *The Ledger* without curtailing advertising or news. To do this we must have copy of all kinds early.

Heretofore it has been our policy to accept news and advertising on Thursday morning, but until more mechanical workers can be employed this will be impossible. There are only three employees left in the office where formerly six to eight worked.

We have had to refuse a few jobs that required the most labor, especially linotype composition. We hope this is for a short time only, but until more help is available we can only do so much and are limited to the amount of type that can be set each week.

We are making every effort to employ printers but a two weeks search has failed to locate a man. Printing shops, large and small, all over the country are short-handed and some have even had to close because of lack of help.

Please help us in this wartime condition by getting news to us as early in the week as possible and by sending in advertising copy early, especially where cuts are called for.

We will curtail our service as little as possible and will continue to make every effort to augment our force so we can resume normal service.

Rains Cover County; City Reservoir Filled

Living Quarters Wanted by Army Personnel Here

Lt. T. L. Blake, of Concho Field, San Angelo, was in Ballinger Wednesday searching for rooms and apartments to house personnel of the two airfields in that city. He stated that he had a list of approximately 150 people in need of living quarters in his office who have not been placed either in San Angelo or nearby towns. Others are arriving all the time and the situation is becoming serious.

Lt. Blake told of one woman and two children who were forced to sleep in their car on the street for three nights before any accommodations could be found. Others are in about the same situation and many cadets, wives, officers' families and others coming there to make home have no living quarters. Lt. Blake, himself, has his wife in Alabama and so far cannot find living quarters so he can bring her to this section of Texas to be with him. The lieutenant served 18 months overseas in North Africa, Sicily, Italy and France, and of course is very desirous of having his wife with him as soon as possible, but having the inside track as housing officer he will not take advantage of his position to get something for himself ahead of others.

An appeal is being made this week to the citizens of Ballinger to list every bedroom, apartment, room with kitchen privileges or any other living quarters with the Ballinger Board of Community Development so that as many of these people as possible can be placed here.

Those who have spare living quarters are requested to phone No. 39 and give complete information. If it is a bedroom, state if kitchen privileges can be granted, if children would be accepted, and any other data that might help.

Lt. Blake said he had listed about every class of single people, married couples, and families, ranking from private to lieutenant-colonel. If all information is given in listing of quarters only those who meet the requirements will be sent to look at them.

Miss Julia Ulrich, of Hallettsville, is here for a visit with relatives and to attend the memorial service for Pfc. James C. Schott.

Rains ranging from 1.25 to 2.50 inches fell in Runnels county Tuesday night, and all streams were running good Wednesday morning.

The fall at Ballinger was a little over an inch, while nearby communities got as much as two inches and more. Reports from the north end of the county indicated good rains in every community. Elm Creek was up here Wednesday morning, water running over the city reservoir spillway about a foot and the main headwaters not yet this far down. K. V. Northington, city secretary, stated that the rise would be sufficient to wash out the municipal lake and greatly improve the quality of the supply as soon as "hard" water was drained out of the lines.

The Colorado River also was up Wednesday and reports from the Valley Creek area were that that stream was at flood stage. Many ranch tanks were filled Tuesday night and all received some water. The Ballinger Country Club lake, recently drained to kill out mosquitos, was about two-thirds full Wednesday morning and some water was still flowing in.

Farmers and ranchmen are delighted with the moisture and all will benefit greatly. Small grain, hit recently by frost, will be revived and farm lands will be ready for planting within a short time. The range also needed the moisture to push the growth of grass and weeds.

Youth Center Opening Attracts Large Crowd

The formal opening of the Ballinger youth center was held Saturday night, several hundred people attending. Mrs. Joe Forrester, hostess for the Teen Age Club, and members of the activities committee were in charge of arrangements. Officers and members of the Teen Age Club presented the program.

As members entered the building they were registered and those of teen age given opportunity to obtain membership in the new club. Several hundred cards, good for the next three months, had already been issued to local boys and girls.

Members of the board of directors assisted in showing visitors over the entire building and explained what sections will be used for in the future. As soon as guests had gathered they were invited to the auditorium where a welcome was extended by F. M. Pearce, chairman of the youth center board.

He Parrish took over as master of ceremonies for the program which followed: Mary Brian Woody played piano selections, and this was followed by a short address

by Judge E. C. Grindstaff, who told those present what the youth center was for and how it would serve.

Dickie Cope sang a group of solos which met with applause calling him back for encore numbers. Joanne Glover was presenter in a reading and the Ballinger high school sextet under the direction of Miss Sarah Ann Stow sang two numbers.

Bobby Zentner, of the Rowen school, received the biggest ovation of the evening in a group of accordion renditions. Louise Kliney, of the Talpa school, sang two numbers which were well received. Walter Edwards Midgley concluded the program with two cornet solos with Miss Woody at the piano.

Punch and cookies were served all attending and the young guests enjoyed dancing the rest of the evening.

The center will be open each Tuesday and Saturday evening to Teen Age Club members at special programs are to be planned by the hostess and club officer. Other nights at the club house will be arranged on reservation.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Cicero H. Smith, CMIC, who recently was here on leave after serving a long period in the South Pacific, is now in a hospital at Camp Park, Shonemaker, Calif. He had an attack of malaria after returning to San Diego for reassignment in the seabees and expects to be transferred when he is able to leave the hospital. In a letter to a friend here Smith said Ralph Killam, formerly of Ballinger was in the same ward for treatment.

Mrs. Charles van de Putte left Monday for Temple, where she will play at McCloskey General Hospital this week. She is assisting in the program of music therapy being sponsored by the Texas Federation of Music Clubs. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. H. Ravellette, and small daughter, Suzanne.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pearce have just received several letters from their son, Chief Petty Officer David E. Pearce, saying he was back in the South Pacific somewhere. He is aboard a tanker and said he hoped to be back in the States soon.

Coach and Mrs. Felton Wright received the first word Monday from their son, Pvt. Robert Wright, since going into action with the 71st division, 7th Army. He said that he went three weeks without being able to wash his face.

A recent letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lange of Olten, from their son, T-4 Walter Lange, Jr., contained a citation and a notice that he had been recommended and received the bronze star. The official citation reads: "Tech-4 Walter O. Lange, Jr., of the 703rd tank destroyer battalion, for heroic achievement in action against the enemy in Belgium on January 22, 1945. Such an act reflects the highest credit on military service."

Lange's military record dates back to May 5, 1941. In the course of his four years service, he has spent 19 months overseas. He is now in Germany and has served in England, France and Belgium. A Christmas package which was mailed to him included a pocket knife which he was given for outstanding 4-H club work. He writes: "Received your Christmas parcel and my old pocket knife. When I opened the blades, the old feed and cotton leaves fell to the ground and how deep in my heart was the feeling of the days gone by and the feelings of the good old home spirit. Received a copy of the Ballinger Ledger also. It was old but it was good news because it was from home."

Mrs. D. G. Posey was operated on Wednesday morning at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. Her condition today was satisfactory.

Mrs. Fred Harman, medical patient in the Bailey clinic, is improving and will soon be dismissed.

Billy Parrish, medical patient, was reported some better this week after receiving treatment the past ten days.

Mrs. Earl Cope, who underwent major surgery Saturday morning, is improving nicely.

Mrs. A. J. Thorp, medical patient, was considered some better today. She has been in the clinic for treatment several weeks.

Lonnie Watkins, operated on last week, is improving satisfactorily this week.

P. C. Straley, medical patient, was reported doing only fair this morning.

Mrs. C. B. Hedges, of Miles, was operated on Monday morning and is doing nicely today.

Mrs. Charles Woodfin, medical patient, was reported to be doing fairly well today.

Mrs. Ed Lengefeld, operated on Monday, is improving nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Mansell are parents of a son, born Friday at the Bailey clinic. Mother and son are both doing nicely and have been dismissed. In the navy, the father is now stationed at Guam in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Mullins are parents of a daughter, born today at the Bailey clinic. Mother and daughter are doing nicely. The father is in the service.

Virginia Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker, was operated on last Friday and is doing nicely. She was dismissed from the hospital this afternoon.

Mrs. Arthur Giesecke has returned home from New Orleans where she spent a month in music study at Sophie Newcomb College. She also visited in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair were called to Sherman Monday because of the accidental death of a cousin, Jack Helvey.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Caskey spent the past week-end in Rising Star, visiting Mrs. Caskey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cochran.

Memorial Mass to be Held for Pfc. Schott At St. Mary's Church

A public memorial service with requiem high mass will be held for Pfc. James Weidon Schott, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Schott, tomorrow (Friday) at 10 a. m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Edward B. Postert, O. M. I., celebrant.

The Texas State Guard company will provide a military honor guard and firing squad for this service.

Pfc. Schott was reported killed in action in Burma on February 4. He went overseas with a medical unit but shortly before his death was transferred to a combat group and sent into action in Burma.

Miss Clayonae Campbell has returned to Ballinger and is employed by J. P. Flynt, Jr., contractor at Bruce Field.

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SCHOOL HEADS ATTEND MEETING AT JUNCTION Supt. Nat. Williams, and Supt. L. Lasater of Winters, went to Junction Wednesday to attend a meeting of school men of the 21st congressional district. At this meeting the educators were to hear a discussion of federal aid for schools and attend to other business of interest to all schools of this region.

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The First Baptist Church 400 Eighth Street CLARENCE A. HORTON, Pastor

Harvest Problems Many; 110,000 Acres in Grain

County Agent John A. Barton stated today that in a survey of small grain in Runnels county it was found that 50,000 acres were planted in wheat this year, 12,000 more than planted last year. The acreage of oats, barley and speltz totals 60,000 acres, giving the county approximately 110,000 acres in small grain.

Prospects are good for oats, barley and speltz, but red rust is showing up in wheat and the yield will depend much on the weather the remainder of the growing season. Mr. Barton said that should much cloudy weather prevail damage will mount. Dry weather, sunshine, fewer dews and fogs will retard the rust. Large growers are of the opinion that the county can make 15 to 20 bushels of wheat under favorable weather conditions. Mr. Barton said present prospects point to around 3,000,000 bushels of small grain if all is harvested.

The Runnels county labor advisory committee declares that all who have combines should start

early to get their machines in condition, repair all needed and worn parts and give dealers ample time to secure the parts before the rush begins and dealers are caught short.

Another suggestion made by the committee was that farmers see if they can contract for a combine to harvest their crops, and if not to list their acreage with the county agent's office and an effort will be made to bring a combine into the county to take care of these farms. A block of 400 to 500 acres is necessary before an out-of-county combine can be brought here.

It was pointed out that storage space may be another handicap this year as present storage space is about half full already. It was suggested that all who can should fix up as much storage space at their homes as possible. Freight cars also may be lacking when the grain crop is harvested.

Mr. Barton will be glad to discuss harvest problems with any farmer in the county.

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 Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in address furnished by the postoffice. Besides, there always is the probability that your paper will be delayed or fail to reach you altogether if you do not give immediate notification when you move.
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The plan of the war department to send practically all soldiers in the European theatre to the Pacific soon after the conflict with Germany ends probably will be hard to swallow by the soldiers themselves and by parents and loved ones back home. This nation is still at war, however, and it will not be over until both the Germans and Japs are whipped and cry enough. To conquer the Nips probably will take all the strength we have. At any rate, men who have been in Pacific for the past 30-odd months expect help and according to the plan will get plenty of it when the men and equipment in Europe are released. Germany may soon fall but this will be no occasion for celebrating. There will be plenty of fighting to do and the home front must keep on buying war bonds, supporting the Red Cross, doing without things needed by the armed forces, and most of all will have to continue to produce. Let's all understand as soon as possible that we fight a big war, extending around the world, and that this nation will be at war until the fight is over everywhere.

The manpower shortage is affecting many people now and during the remainder of the war some businesses will have a tough time keeping open. Probably the most urgent need for workers will come on the farms during the harvest season this year. Many farmers in this region are trying to operate their farms with little or no help and right now prospects for a bumper small grain crop were never better. When the grain ripens laborers must be supplied and unless they are found much food and feed will be wasted in the fields. With all this rush on, there are a few people

who still remain idle, going about enjoying life with nothing particular to do. Such is life in this great land of ours and it would not be tolerated in any other.

An instance of no apparent shortage is in the number of applications being received here for the position of superintendent of schools. Many applications have been filed with the Ballinger board and it is thought someone will be given a contract within a short time so he can begin early in the summer dealing with the problems connected with the opening of the term next fall.

**Tuberculosis Group
 Will Provide Tests
 For County's Pupils**

The regular quarterly meeting of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association was held here Saturday with a large amount of business to transact. Mrs. Carl Black, president, was in charge of the meeting and Mrs. C. A. Glover was elected executive secretary.
 Dr. O. H. Chandler, representative of the Runnels County Medical Association on the board, said all doctors in the county were ready to cooperate in the testing program which will be started at once. Plans call for testing every school child in the county. Tests will be followed up with a complete campaign and all case findings will be accorded further attention. X-ray treatment and further examinations will be given those who show positive reactions.
 The association set up and approved a budget for April 1, 1945 to April 1946. E. H. Beeton was elected a member of the board of directors. Elected to the executive board were: Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff, Mrs. J. M. Skaggs of Winters, Mrs. C. R. Stephens, Mr. Beeton and Judge E. C. Grindstaff.
 Mrs. Black named the following standing committees:
 Health Education—Mrs. Roy L. Roper, Norton; Mrs. Nat Williams, Ballinger; Mrs. Charles Straach, Miles; I. L. Lasater, Winters.
 Publicity—Mrs. J. B. Striplin, Troy; Simpson, George Hill of Winters.
 Public Health Education—E. C. Grindstaff, E. H. Beeton, and Mrs. H. H. Wagner, Rowena.
 The meeting Saturday was well attended and much interest was evinced in plans for the future activities of the association.

**LOYD CONDUCTING REVIVAL
 FOR WINTERS METHODISTS**
 Rev. H. B. Loyd left Monday for Winters where he will conduct a revival for the First Methodist Church during the next two weeks. He stated that Rev. A. F. Gafford, district superintendent, of Brownwood, would preach at the local Methodist church next Sunday morning. There will be no evening service.

Children at Home Aboard Coast Guard Transports



Troop transports now consider the nursery as a "must." Thousands of refugees, repatriates and babies of U. S. servicemen are being brought to the United States aboard the U. S. coast-guard-manned troop transports, moving east from the Orient and west from Europe. Most of the children are bewildered but soon receive reassurance from Red Cross workers and members of the ships' crew.

**WEST TEXAS
 NOTES**

Roy Brannan, of Comanche, was reelected president of the Comanche county Red Cross chapter setting one of the best records in the state during 1945. The county received a citation from national Red Cross headquarters and Hollis Burton, finance chairman, was given a certificate of merit.
 The Rev. and Mrs. Williamson, of Paint Rock, have received word that their son, Marcos J. Williamson, a Red Cross field director in Europe, has been awarded a certificate of merit for "conspicuously meritorious and outstanding performance of duty." The award was from the 9th armored division. Such certificates are rarely awarded Red Cross workers and this means that Mr. Williamson went far beyond the call of duty.

Winters Lions Club V-E Day committee has announced hours for the service of prayer and thanksgiving. Should the proclamation be made between the hours of 6:30 p. m. and 8 a. m. citizens are asked to gather on the downtown street in front of the chamber of commerce at 11:00 a. m. Should the hours be from 8 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., the assembly hour will be at 8 p. m.

According to Bill Griffin, chairman, Coleman county is offering cash prizes of \$40 to be given to schools for participation in the county-wide old clothes drive being sponsored by the Lions Club assisted by the Kiwanis, Jaycees, B. & P. W. Club, C. of C., schools, churches, and other groups. Ten dollars will go to the Coleman, \$10 to Santa Anna \$10 to rural high schools, and \$10 to smaller schools.

Brownwood Army Air Field will be temporarily inactivated on or about April 10. It is understood that the airport facilities will revert to the city when the government gives up its lease. Then, Brownwood will have one

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 The number of sharecroppers in Texas fell from 105,122 in 1930 to 39,821 in 1940.

Four Awards in Day



Pilot of a navy scout bombing plane, Lt. Kenneth Roy Miller of Hutchinson, Kan., is shown after he had been presented with four decorations in a single day in a ceremony at the naval air station at Patuxent River, Mo.

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The Menard high school senior class made approximately \$180 on the presentation of the play, "The Campbells Are Coming."

The United Nations clothing collection in and around Bronte is being sponsored by the young women's Diversity Club. The C. R. Smith Hardware Store on Main Street is the designated depot.

**Awards Presented
 At Boy Scout Court
 Of Honor Held Here**

A Boy Scout court of honor was held here last Thursday night with a large class of boys ready for advancement. The meeting was held in the district court room of the court house, Judge E. C. Grindstaff presiding.
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The National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis has announced the formation of the McCullough county chapter, with headquarters in Brady, and George C. Parker, county clerk, as chapter chairman. The duty of the chapter will be to disburse 50 per cent of the funds taken in in the January national fund raising. There are 3,000 of these chapters in the United States and it is through these that the local activities are carried on.

Sheep shearing is now in full swing in the Melvin country with some of the big flocks already shorn.

McAllen is planning to construct a youth center building as soon as materials are available. It is to be a three-story structure for education and recreation.

Supt. J. I. Warren, of the Miles schools, is chairman of the used clothing drive and is handling it through the schools.

Formation of a Girl Scout council has been completed at Fort Stockton and definite plans have

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Bearcats Take Big End In District Track Meet

The Ballinger Bearcats made almost a clean sweep of the district track meet here Saturday, with Lake View and Winters the only other schools entering. At the end of the meet, Coach Pooch Wright's track and field men had piled up 90½ points, Lake View taking second with 26½, and Winters third with 18.

The highlight of the entire meet was the broad jump in which George McCorstin turned in a jump of 20 feet 3 inches. McCorstin also won the 100-yard dash and turned in a tie for second place in the high jump. Ballinger winners were:

120-yard high hurdles—David Middleton, first; Jack Farmer, third.
 100-yard dash—McCorstin, first; Charles Burger, second; Aubrey Frazier, third. Time 10.5 seconds.
 440-yard dash—McCorstin, first; Carl Black, third.
 200-yard low hurdles—Middleton, first; Walter Jones, second; Farmer, fourth.
 440-yard relay—Ballinger, first; Burger, Sykes, Frazier, McCorstin. Time 48 seconds.
 Pole Vault—Walter Jones, Ballinger, third.
 High jump—Sykes, first; McCorstin, and Baldwin, Lake View.

tie, second.
 Shot Put—King, first; Earnshaw, second; Pearce, third.
 Broad Jump—McCorstin, first; Sykes, second; Burger, third.
 Discus Throw—Earnshaw, first; Pearce, second; King, fourth. Distance 107 feet 3 inches.
 880-yard run—Elmer Curry and Griggs, tie for first; Copt, fourth.
 220-yard dash—Black, first; Sykes, second.
 One-Mile Run—Davis, second.
 Mile relay—First won by Winters; Ballinger, second; Burger, Black, Evans, Middleton.
 In the tennis matches, boys' singles, Troy Stewart won second. In doubles Calvin Bryan and J. Frank Nance won first. In girls' singles Belle Graves won first; while in doubles Rose Wynette Pieper and Frances Wessels took first.

Church SERVICES

First Presbyterian Church
 Sunday:
 10:00 a. m. Sunday school.
 Classes for all ages.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 6:00 p. m., evening worship.
 GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

First Baptist Church
 (400 Eighth Street)
 Sunday, April 15:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school;
 a Standard Bible school.
 11 a. m., the Baptist brotherhood of the church will present the program with President James Wear in charge and the

special address by Prof. W. E. Elkins.
 Baptist Training Union, 7 p. m.
 8 p. m. the Baptist Brotherhood will present Dr. Loyd C. Corder, acting secretary of the home mission board of Southern Baptists, as special guest preacher.

ACTIVITIES OF THE WEEK:
 Monday:
 2:15 p. m., Sunbeam Band.
 4:00 p. m., The Woman's Missionary Society will meet in circles.
 5:00 p. m., junior choir.
 Tuesday:
 4:00 p. m., Royal Ambassadors.
 Wednesday:
 7:45 p. m., "All Church" Night. The public is cordially invited to worship with us.
 CLARENCE A. MORTON, Pastor

First Christian Church
 (Broadway and Murrell)
 Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
 Worship service, 11 a. m.
 Evening service, 7:00 p. m.
 Come and join the fellowship.
 J. T. SIMMONS, Minister



Cpl. G. A. McCrary, Centralia, Ill., combat military police, and Carol Hagerman, Kansas City, Mo., Red Cross worker, shown with the 250-pound man-eating tiger killed by the couple in Burma. Servicemen and women on the Burma front have organized several successful tiger hunts in this war theater during the last year.



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 Sunday, April 15:
 9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
 11:00 a. m., morning worship.
 5:00 p. m., vesper service.
 W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Eighth Street Church of Christ
 Sunday:
 9:45 a. m., Bible study.
 10:45 a. m., worship service.
 6:45 p. m., young people's meeting.
 7:30 p. m., worship service.
 Monday:
 4 p. m., ladies' Bible class.
 Wednesday:
 7:30 p. m., Bible study.
 RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

St. Mary's Catholic Church
 (608 Sixth Street)
 (Telephone 521)

REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS:
 Sunday mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of month at 8:30 a. m.; 2nd and 4th Sundays of month at 11:00 a. m.

Beethoven Standing

After the symphony of war had hounded through his home town of Bonn, Germany, most of the city was left in ruins, but the statue honoring Ludwig Van Beethoven, one of the great composers, still stands in the war square.

Church of the Nazarene
 "The Friendly Church"
 (Ninth and Harris)
 Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
 Junior N. Y. P. S., 5:30 p. m.
 N. Y. P. S., 6:30 p. m.
 Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.
 E. M. WALKER, Pastor

Grace Baptist Church
 (10th Street and Phillips Avenue)

Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.
 Rosary and Benediction of Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:30 p. m.
 Holy Hour with our Eucharistic Lord for our boys and girls (Catholic and non-Catholic) in the service of our country on the 1st Thursday of the month at 7:30 p. m.
 Devotion of the First Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on 1st Friday of the month at 7:00 a. m.
 Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m., and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m. Before the early mass on Sunday, 7:30 to 8:20 a. m., and before daily mass.

Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially invited to assist at the above services and devotions.
 EDW. B. POSTERT, O.M.I., Pastor

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

First Methodist Church
 Sunday, April 15:
 Church school, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
 Evening worship, 8:00 p. m.
 H. B. LOYD, Pastor

More than 600 species of birds have been catalogued in Texas. The public school system of Texas began under the administration of Gov. E. M. Pease in 1854. Early Spanish maps show much of southern Texas, along with northern Mexico under the name of New Philippines.

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RURAL NEWS

HERRING

We had 37 in Sunday school Sunday, and hope to have a larger crowd next Sunday. Rev. Eastham, Howard Payne student, has promised to be with us and preach after Sunday school and at the night service.

We had our share of the frost and freeze last week. Some fruit and gardens were all killed and in other parts of the community they were not killed. The grain was damaged some, but grain farmers say if we get rain soon the grain will be all right.

We have a high south wind today (Monday), making it seem like March instead of April weather.

Relatives of Pvt. Perry Bragg received his change of address today. He now has an A.P.O., c-o the New York postmaster.

Randall White leaves April 18 for army induction at Fort Sam Houston.

Marshall Belcher, of Barnett, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Fuller, is to go for pre-induction physical on April 17.

Mrs. Kate Fuller and daughter, Rena, of Waco, are visiting relatives here. They will go to San Angelo Wednesday to visit Jack Fuller and Harve Alaman and families.

Tom Powe, of Lubbock, spent Thursday night with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Powe, while en route to visit his son, Pvt. Edwin Powe, in training at Camp Hood, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Dell, Mrs. Juanita Norris and daughter, Marcia, of Coleman rural, visited in the Welby and Arthur Fuller homes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fuller spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fuller in San Angelo. They were accompanied by Mrs. Vava Simpson, of Ballinger, who visited Pfc. and Mrs. Fred Simpson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Lexie, and Lt. Jack W. McCamie, of Cleveland, Ohio, now stationed at Sebring, Fla., where he is attending a B-17 school. The wedding will take place in Sebring the latter part of April. Lt. McCamie received his wings at the Blackland army air field, Waco, on March 11.

NORTON

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford, of Levelland, spent the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dave Compton and other friends here.

Mrs. Rex Haughwaut, of Fort Worth, spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patton.

Rev. and Mrs. Kay Corley and Mrs. E. O. Allen attended the clinic of young people's leaders and counselors at the First Baptist Church in Ballinger Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. Deavers attended to business at Winters Tuesday.

There is to be a "community night" at the Norton school gym Friday night. Everyone interested in the school is asked to be there. There is to be an interesting and entertaining program. The P-T. A. is sponsoring the program.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club met on Thursday of last week in the home of Mrs. Henry. Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on how to clean hats and veils.

Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne was appointed to take orders for pineapples for canning on or before April 21. The price is \$4.00 per dozen. Visitors present were: Mmes. McClurly, Pain, and Tally.

DALE HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Dale home demonstration club met Tuesday in an all-day meeting in the home of Mrs. Emmitt Taylor, with a covered dish luncheon.

Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, gave an interesting demonstration on making over hats. A quilt was quilted. Others present were: Mmes. I. W. Rogers, Reese Jones, W. E. Jones, Charles Adams, W. J. Hendrick, V. E. Fisher, E. Taylor, Rae Gideon, a new member; and N. J. Alexander, A. L. Monence, W. A. Pace, and Miss Gracie Hendricka, visitors.

The colors in the flag of Texas mean courage (red), purity and liberty (white) and loyalty (blue).

NORTON PARENT-TEACHER CLUB

At a meeting of the Parent-Teacher Club on Wednesday, April 4, the Norton Future Homemakers styled garments they had made as classwork. Toni Willi was the announcer, introducing the girls, and asking the girls questions concerning the problems they had met in sewing.

During the business hour, plans were made for the next meeting, which is to be Friday, April 13, in the form of a "community night" meeting.

The special feature of the evening will be a style show by the men of the community.

Special songs and an auction will complete the evening's entertainment.

Stock Association Will Meet Saturday For Good Program

Frank Lehman, president of the Runnels County Livestock Association, has announced a meeting of the organization to be held in the district court room of the court house here Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. This is the second quarterly meeting and all members are urged to attend.

The program committee states that Walter J. Gardner, of Winters, one of Runnels county's veteran livestock feeders, will tell the members his latest experiences in fattening cattle by the grazing method on permanent and temporary pastures.

J. M. Williams, former vocational agriculture teacher at Ballinger, will talk on and lead a round-table discussion on the importance of dehorning cattle. A display of the latest dehorning equipment will be made. A new method of stopping blood after dehorning also will be shown.

Concluding the program will be a 15-minute sound picture presented by County Agent John A. Barton on six-legged saboteurs. This is a picture of some of the most destructive insects that affect both man and animal.

All livestock producers and others are invited to attend this meeting.

Agnew, Maedgen Elected Trustees; Board to Organize

The school trustee election here Saturday was a quiet affair, only about 40 votes being polled, and the two men on the printed ballot receiving the full count. Tom Agnew was reelected for a three-year term and C. E. Maedgen was elected to a three-year term, his first service on the local board.

Hold-over members are Oscar Harber, Jim Dankworth, M. A. Foy and O. C. Sykes. The new board will be organized this week.

This board will have a number of big problems before it. The first is the election of a new superintendent. Already there are about thirty applications for the position and the trustees have interviewed most of these men personally. The superintendent will be named as soon as possible so he can move to Ballinger at the end of the present school year and make plans for the 1945-46 term.

Another problem is finances. For the past two years the Ballinger district received federal aid because of the airfield located here. This money will be lost after this year and will have to be replaced from some other source in order to maintain a standard school with all departments functioning. Federal aid for the term being concluded totaled about \$23,000.

REVIVAL AT FOURSQUARE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE REMAINDER OF THE WEEK

The revival at the Ballinger Foursquare Church will continue all through this week with services every night. Much interest is being shown and the meetings are being enjoyed by those who attend.

The Sunday morning message will be presented by Rev. Mrs. Lewis Walton, entitled "When He Awoke." The Sunday evening evangelistic service will be climaxed with a message by Rev. Lewis Walton, entitled "Weights and Measures."

Monday afternoon and night there will be a district young people's rally with representatives coming from San Angelo and Miles for an afternoon service and picnic supper following which there will be a mass rally at the church, this being the closing service of the revival. The public is invited to come and bring a picnic supper and enjoy the time of fellowship and spiritual blessing.

Sunday school is at 10:00 a. m., and Junior Crusader meeting is at 7:00 p. m.

Pay-day is bond-buying day.

Bond Sales Drag In Runnels County At Start of Drive

With the 7th war loan drive underway Runnels countians will have to dig down and purchase \$615,000 in series E bonds and about one million dollars in all types of bonds during the current three-month period ending in June. So far buying has been light, local issuing agents declaring that very few bonds have been issued to date to apply on the big quota.

All communities have been organized and given quotas for the period of April, May and June. Some rallies have been arranged in various communities and in

most sections personal solicitation will be done.

In Ballinger all business house managers have been given cards and asked to have employees sign up to buy bonds each month of the campaign. This work has been completed here but first reports are that the sign-up was disappointing and not sufficient to go far towards raising the quota.

Allen Davis, city chairman, has appointed personal solicitation committees and this work will get underway soon. Ballingerites alone have about \$319,000 of the E bonds to purchase and this sum is far greater than any ever before bought in any war loan drive. The county quota is 60 per cent higher than in the 6th war loan drive and everyone must buy in that proportion if the goal is reached.

In reporting the launching of

the campaign at Winters last week this paper stated that \$1,800 in series E bonds were purchased at the Lions Club meeting. The figure should have been \$18,000 bought by the members at their meeting Tuesday of last week.

BOY SCOUTS TO HAVE FIRST AID CONTEST

Jack Hodges, Boy Scout executive, was here Wednesday and announced plans for a first aid contest to be held here Friday at 6:30 p. m. in the high school gymnasium. Teams from troops in the Ballinger area are expected to compete.

The public is invited to attend this free exhibition and a prize will be awarded the team having the largest group of members, parents, or friends present. An award will also be made to the winning team.

First and second place winners will be eligible to participate in a 26-county contest to be held at Sonora April 28.

Mr. Hodges and Charles F. White, field executive of the Concho Valley council, will supervise the affair.

HENNIGS SHOW PALOMINO AT SAN ANGELO COLT SHOW

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer W. Hennig, of Rowena, showed a yearling quarter filly and a two-year-old Palomino mare at the San Angelo colt show recently. The yearling placed third in her class and was sold for \$750.00 and the Palomino placed second.

I WANT MY CLUB OPEN

Sure, I'm squealing like a pig under a gate. I want profits from my investments as is the case of most people. No business—no profits. There is more than just profits, however. I feel toward the Ritz Club as a philanthropist does toward a park he has given a community—a place of recreation and relaxation. Here men meet, trade, hire hands, make contracts, advertise their products for sale—all as a part of the service of the club. Returning service men, not yet able to work, have no place to rest—just stand on the streets. The club opened would offer them the comfort of at least a friendly place to sit and pass a few moments—enjoy a cool drink of water—a social visit.

When Mrs. John Doe wants to see the picture—one her husband doesn't like—she simply says: "It's another one of those Mark Anthony-Cleopatra bedroom affairs." And refuses to come along. Of course, that keeps both at home and doesn't help Ballinger. If the Club were open, he'd say: "O. K., you go to the show and I'll visit some of the fellows in the Club until you have seen the show." What helps me helps Ballinger because this Theatre is home owned and operated.

A vacant building in a town is just like a rotten apple in a barrel; it isn't usually long before the entire barrel of apples have deteriorated. Let's open the Club and not let the building be a rotten apple in Ballinger's barrel.

Other amusements are permitted to remain open, including our own golf links—a fine sport—many enjoy it. In England where the war has hit so hard, and even in France overrun for so long by the German hordes, many places of amusement are being re-opened—no shortage of man-power being found in those countries where so many have been sacrificed. Surely, Ballinger, a town of only 5,000 can find a way for a place where men may go and get a minute's relaxation. A place where a man from our rural communities while waiting for the rest of the family may be out of the weather among friends, enjoying himself, and with the privilege of wash-room facilities—the only other place in town is in the public court house—let's give the rural man a club where he will be welcome.

Now, I'm for the Youth Center here, too; and I'm for a center for a bunch of bent-over, down-trodden, tax-burdened husbands and fathers. After all, they, the backbone of the town, are due a little consideration. Last Saturday there was a driving rain all day and hundreds of our very best citizens stood cold and cramped against buildings, hoping against hope they could stay in town an hour or so and visit.

The other forty-seven states do not regulate the operation of clubs as does Texas. Only a limited number of communities have gone to the limit, as in Ballinger, of closing these places of amusement; the vast majority have remained open. If the Ritz Club had been operated by a bunch of hoodlums and trash, it would be a different story to tell, but George McCorstin and Sid Caskey are friends and neighbors of many Ballinger citizens; both have as fine families as can be found in town. These good men want their places back where they may work, pay taxes and enjoy being citizens of Ballinger.

I don't want my club closed from public view where people can't see what's going on inside. "Vice thrives on secrecy." I haven't yet and never intend to get anybody by the seat of the pants and make them go in and join the club. People come there because they want to, and stay because they are treated nice.

It is time for the people of Ballinger to wake up. I know personally lots and lots of ranchmen and farmers who have practically quit coming to Ballinger because it's like they say: "If you don't want us to come, we will go elsewhere." They seem to feel the closing of the club is a direct slap at them. But don't take my word for the sentiment; investigate in any of the neighboring communities within the trade territory. Is Ballinger too big? or is it big enough? The closing of the club directly affects every business in town. Hadn't you rather see a well-lighted, nice place in this building, than a drity, rat-infested eye-sore?

Now, we are down to the facts:

Naturally, I want to open the Club—the Ritz Club. To do so I must have members. If you are for it simply sign the card that is inserted below and send it to me, or write me a card or letter, or come by the Ritz Theatre and sign a request to become a member. Don't wait! Get some kind of reply to me. You will not be obligated in any way should you later desire not to join, or desire to withdraw. The membership fee is \$1.00 per year, payable upon opening date.

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Library Has Heavy Traffic in March; Four Books Added

The Runnels county free library had heavy traffic during March, the records revealing 717 books issued to readers, an increase of 100 over the preceding month. In addition 73 books were sent to Norton during the month.

Since the opening of the youth center in the same building the library has changed hours and is open each afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock. These are the hours when most people call for library service, the biggest rush generally occurring around 4 p. m.

Four new books were added to the library in March. Each month the board is trying to place some of the best late books on the shelves and in this way the local library is getting to be one of the largest in this area.

The board points out that the library is a county institution and urges citizens of nearby towns to take out books. Officials in charge believe the library is already rendering good service but that it could be more useful if people of nearby communities would avail themselves of the facilities.

Recent improvements have added beauty to the library and

also made it more convenient for the librarian and patrons.

SOCIETY

Junior G. A. Reorganizes

The Junior Girls Auxillary of the First Baptist Church met Wednesday afternoon at the church with Mrs. E. E. Curry, counsellor.

Officers elected were: president, Norma Pearl Wallace; vice-president, Bobbie Lee Pearse; secretary, Theresa Jan Elkins; and treasurer, Dian Tuckey.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, and all girls are urged to attend. The affair will be a party in City Park after a business meeting at the church. Frances Thomas was also present.

Conquest Class in Allen Home

Mrs. Rufus Allen and Miss Mae Stubblefield were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class Tuesday evening in the Allen home on Seventh Street.

Roses and amarillis blossoms decked attractive rooms where Mrs. Allen presided for the business period after the devotional by Mrs. E. S. Malone. Mrs. Carroll Bell was elected assistant teacher and Mrs. Malone was elected secretary.

Mrs. Clark Koller assisted in

servicing a sandwich plate with angel cake and punch.

Others present were: Mmes. B. H. Erwin, Bell, G. P. Teague, W. A. Erwin, C. J. Jennings, A. H. Wiesepaper, and Ola McMillan.

Nancy Guynes is Tabu Hostess

Tabus held their regular monthly business meeting Tuesday afternoon with Nancy Guynes as hostess in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guynes, at the Humble Booster Station.

After a short business meeting, directed by Pat Richards, a sandwich plate was served with coca colas. Flowers and a gift were sent to Virginia Baker, a member who is ill.

Others present were: Carolyn Cheatham, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Natilyne Williams, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Elizabeth Wear, Betty Jean Lengefeld, and Anna Sue Hembree.

Mrs. Irby Attends Sixth District Meeting

Club women's participation in the United Nations Used Clothing and the Seventh War Loan drives were stressed at the Sixth District Federated Club convention held in Brownwood Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. L. E. Dudley was elected president.

Mrs. W. O. Irby attended from the Fannie Stephens Study Club, and Mrs. J. W. Guynes was the Shakespeare Club delegate.

Mrs. Flynt is Sew Club Hostess

Mrs. Joe Flynt entertained Know Your Neighbors Tuesday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Irises and snapdragons gave floral beauty to rooms where the usual informal sewing hour was enjoyed.

A salad plate was served with iced tea. Included were: Mmes. Royal Bishop, Cecil Jones, Dee Saylor, L. C. Adair, Jack Nixon, Sr., LeRoy McAulay, Malcolm Morgan, Bill Clark, John Barton, John Castor, and J. H. Endacott.

Mary Brian Woody is Honoree

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall were hosts at an enjoyable affair Wednesday evening to compliment Mary Brian Woody.

Guests assembled at the Woody home on Broadway and rode to the Hall ranch on a truck, where a delicious barbecue supper was served with all the trimmings.

Others present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Woody, Natilyne Williams, Charlotte Miller, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Dorothy Ann Holliday, Martha Saunders, Elizabeth Wear, Gwen Morgan, Anna Sue Hembree, Nancy Guynes, Carolyn Cheatham, Betty Jean Lengefeld, Virginia Routh, Pat Richards, Betty Jean Underwood, and June Wright; Johnny Earnshaw, Bob Northington, Melvin Scoggins, C. B. Looney, Bob Parr, Charles Burger, George McCorstin, Leon King, Walter Jones, Rodger Jones, Bob Sykes, Jackie Russell, Robert Evans, Charles Miller, Jr., Dickie Cope, and David Middleton.

Girl Scout News

In the current issue of the Girl Scout Leader the many contributions of girl scouts throughout the nation to the war effort were told. Among these was the collection of milkweed floss for navy life jackets.

Busy Bee Brownies continued work on their knapsacks and started a scrap book of jokes to be sent a veterans' hospital. Sally Bailey served refreshments and Arabella Toney was in charge of games.

Lo-Ki-Wo Brownies discussed their sales of greetings cards and completed their uniform fund.

Clover Scouts had a 100 per cent attendance and reviewed the laws, promise, salute, sign, and handshake. Several have finished the work for their health and safety merit badges. LaRue Lett served refreshments.

Thistle members enjoyed a wiener roast in City Park. Louietta Haines is a new member.

The Meadowlark Troop worked on their arts and crafts badges. Some made their own embroidery designs and others drew house floor plans.

Patrol One of the Bluebonnets planned their concession for the Youth Center Tuesday evening and Patrol Two went on a nature study hike.

Yucca members made definite plans for the improvement and decoration of the girl scout room in the Youth Center basement. New members are Gwen Berry and Mildred Hash.

POSTAL RECEIPTS HERE GAIN IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1945

Receipts at the Ballinger post office for the first quarter of 1945 made a gain of \$294.86 over the first quarter of 1944. This gain was made in the face of the closing of Bruce Field when many had expected a decided drop in postal business.

Postmaster Tom Caudle reported receipts for the first quarter of 1945 as \$9,632.13 compared with \$9,237.27 for the same three months of 1944.

Referring to the gain, Mr. Caudle stated there was not a post office box available and a waiting list had been made up for those desiring box service. He also said a hike in postal rates and the greatly increased use of air mail stamps was responsible for the gain in receipts.



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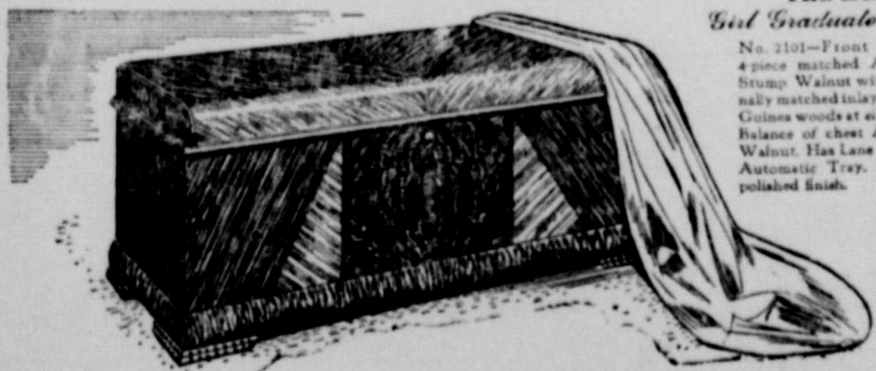
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HIGGINBOTHAM'S



Women's, Society and Club News

Picnic for Methodist Juniors
 Mmes. R. W. Earnshaw, Allen Davis, R. D. Midgley, and Ed Curry, officers and teachers of the First Methodist Juniors gave a picnic for members last Friday after school in City Park.

After directed games, sandwiches and cookies were served with punch to Jerry Hooks, Mary Jo Forman, Freddie Sue Underwood, Margaret Ann Hampton, Gale and Catherine Hays, Joan Vestal, Peggy Warren, Carolyn Bigby, Grayum Hart, Jimmy Nixon, Gwen Williams, Patsy Sue Bowden, Darrell Howell, Kenneth Pison, Jimmy Williams, and a visitor, Theresa Elkins.

Mrs. Herring Gives Book Review for Shakespeare Club

Shakespeare Club members included a group of friends as added guests last Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Loyd Herring was presented in a review of Summer Welles' "Time for Decision."

Mrs. J. W. Guynes, president, directed the business session during which a \$1.00 contribution was made to the Penny Art Fund and the next club meeting was announced for the home of Mrs. R. T. Williams. Mrs. Guynes was elected delegate to the Sixth District Federation meeting at Brownwood April 9 and 10 and Mrs. Williams' resignation as

president for the next club year was accepted.

Club guests were: Mmes. C. L. Baker, F. M. Pearce, Leonard Stallings, H. Giesecke, Jr., Charles Bailey, H. Giesecke, Sr., of San Antonio, Leonard Stallings, R. M. Lowry, Victor Miller, E. C. Baskin, Alex McGregor, Elmer Shepperd, M. A. Poy, and Elma Mann.

Other members present were: Mmes. H. Ravellette, W. J. Hembree, Ford Taylor, J. R. McGraw, C. P. Shepherd, Alex Saunders, Estes Lynn, Bruce Creasy, J. B. Striplin, Williams, F. C. Miller, C. R. Stephens, Lela McAdams, A. B. Stobaugh, Dorsey Read, and A. J. McDaniel.

First Baptist Ruth Class in Morgan Home

Mrs. Malcolm Morgan and Mrs. B. E. Tucker entertained the First Baptist Ruth Class last Thursday evening in the Morgan home on Sixth Street.

Roses and carnations decorated rooms where Mrs. Paul Kirk presided for the business period after the devotional by Mrs. O. G. Joiner.

During the social hour, Gwen Morgan gave a reading and Mrs. Roy Phelps played a group of piano numbers. Hostesses served a sandwich plate with frosted punch. Others were Mmes. Robert Jay, Bernis Camp, Jack Jobe, W. R. Murphy, Jr., Theo Isbell, Ross Bartlett, Barnett Frank, Jack Gibbs, Doyle Condra, Arthur Crockett, J. J. Hauser, Taylor Henley, Dick Ayers, Melvin Beddo, A. W. Brunson, and Harold Routh.

Miss Ellen Jo Early Honored at Two Affairs

Miss Ellen Jo Early, bride-elect of Aviation Cadet Duane Davidson, was complimented with two affairs recently.

Misses Mary Lynn, Marjorie McGregor, and Patsy McGregor were hostesses at a prettily-appointed late afternoon Easter gift tea in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Estes Lynn on Eleventh Street with their mothers, Mmes. Alex McGregor, Malcolm McGregor, and

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 Thomas T. Handy, deputy chief of staff, U. S. army.
 Breton B. Somervell, commanding general, army service forces.
 George C. Kenney, commanding general, Far East air forces.

Lynn assisting in entertaining.

Floral arrangements in the living room were of daisies, painted in the soft pastels and the Normandy lace-covered tea table was centered with a low bowl of columbine blossoms.

Clara Beth Lynn music student at North Texas State Teachers' College, presented a musical program of classical numbers and played the Mendelssohn March as hostesses presented Miss Early an Easter basket filled with gifts of china.

Others included: Mmes. J. R. Lusk, David Caudle, Hill Hampton, M. S. Karmany, August Bethany, F. M. Pearce, C. R. Stephens, Elma Mann, Jack Nixon, Jr., Loyd Herring, Leonard Stallings, F. T. Wright, Paul Kirk, Tom Agnew, Charles Bailey, Lloyd Johnson, Oscar Batts, Don Gibbs, Charles Pafford, E. B. Clampitt, C. W. Cheatham, Ed Sommer, C. D. Richards, Drury Hathaway, Misses Earlene Webb, Maryatt Smith, Louise Batta, Billie June Walker, and Dorothy Miller.

Mrs. David Caudle, Misses Marjorie and Patsy McGregor, and Miss Mary Lynn were hostesses at a supper party on Monday evening with the first course being served in the Alex McGregor home on Eleventh Street.

Purple irises with bridal wreath trailers centered the dining table at the Broadway home of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Clampitt, where other courses were served and bridge games played. Mrs. Alex McGregor and Mrs. W. E. Hall assisted. Others present were Misses Clara Beth Lynn, Earlene Webb and Dorothy Miller; Messrs. McGregor, and Hall.

Mrs. Stasney is Club Hostess

Mrs. E. W. Stasney was hostess to the Triple-Four contract club Friday afternoon in her home on Eighth Street.

Roses and tulips gave a pretty floral adornment to rooms where

Mrs. Tom Agnew won high score prize and Mrs. Alex McGregor binged.

A dessert course was served. Others included: Mmes. Walter Boswell, Jr. of Houston, Tommy Hall, Jack Williams, Delbert Vancil, J. A. Schnable, Cloude Stone, Ross Murchison, R. W. Earnshaw, Harry Lynn, L. R. Tigner, R. T. Williams, F. M. Pearce, and Troy Simpson.

Methodist Young People Have Installation Service
 Mrs. H. B. Loyd, superintendent

of the Methodist senior group of the young people's department, directed an impressive candle-lighting installation service for officers at the worship service Sunday morning with all class officers, members and teachers participating.

Katherine Sensabaugh is department president and Bonnie Davis is secretary-treasurer. Miss Davis and Winona Howell are class secretaries. Other teachers are Mrs. Charles van de Putte and Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr.

Sophomore Class Gives All-School Party

The Sophomore Class of senior high school sponsored an enjoyable all-school affair last Friday evening at the youth center with class sponsors, Misses Ann Kiechle and Inez France, and Mrs. Tony Nixon, being assisted by officers, Howard Fletcher, Robert Earl Morgan and Betty Jean Lenefeld in planning all details.

Dancing and games of ping-pong and a clever comedy amateur program gave diversion. Barton O'Neal in his imitation of Mortimer Schnur was declared first place winner and second honors were shared by Hie Parrish, as a hypnotist, and Gwen Berry, who impersonated the movie actress, Judy Canova.

Punch was served with cookies. Other adult chaperones were Supt. Nat Williams, Principal and Mrs. Joe Forester, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Earnshaw, Mrs. Don Gibbs, and Miss Katherine Freeman.

SCHOOL OPENING HOUR TO BE CHANGED MONDAY

Supt. Nat Williams announces that beginning Monday school is to begin 30 minutes earlier and all schedules will be moved up half an hour. This will start classes at 8:30, lunch at noon, and all classwork will end at 3:45 p. m.

Changes in the schedules were made in order to better accommodate children who ride busses here from other districts. Two changes of 30 minutes each are made during the year. There will be no further changes until school ends on May 22.

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Think on These Things
by Richard Robbins
Minister
Eighth Street
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"And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus." Acts 8:35. This expression means that he used the prophet's words as the starting point of his sermon. The statement that he "preached unto him Jesus" is certain evidence that the prophet meant Jesus. The words, "preach Jesus," are very often misunderstood. To preach Jesus is to preach his death, burial and resurrection; or as Paul sometimes put it, "Jesus Christ and him crucified." But that cannot mean that Paul used other words in his sermons. To "preach Jesus" means to preach all the facts that constitute the evidence that he is the Christ; it also means to preach all the commands he has given as terms of salvation; and it means to preach all the blessings he has promised to the obedient. Verse 5 says that in Samaria Philip "proclaimed unto them the Christ." Verse 12 says they believed "Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ." So preaching Christ means to preach anything pertaining to salvation through him—facts, commands, and promise.

Big Crowd Attends First Night Party At Youth Center

The first night party at the Ballinger youth center was held Tuesday night with more than 150 young people attending. Mrs. Joe Forester, hostess, reported a fine evening but a definite need for more games, especially table games that can be enjoyed by all. There was a waiting line at all table games and contests offered on the first floor of the building. Mrs. Forester is asking for at least five more card tables and extra chairs and would like to have them by Saturday night if possible. Anyone who has this equipment that can be spared is requested to call Mrs. Forester or take it to the center. Oulja boards, checkers, and other similar games are needed to provide for all the would-be participants.

The center is getting off to a good start and the Teen Age Club membership is growing fast. The major problem now is to secure enough equipment to take care of the large attendance anticipated at the two weekly affairs, each Tuesday and Saturday night.

Games on the first floor had a waiting line all evening Tuesday and dancing was provided upstairs for those who preferred this kind of diversion.

Mrs. Forester and officers of the Teen Age Club are planning varied programs for meetings of the club and it is the intention to have all the boys and girls of this area in the club within a few weeks. Membership cards are being issued for the fee of 25 cents each for three months, and already several hundred have been delivered to members.

George McCorstin is president of the club and Miss Gwen Morgan is secretary. Cards may be secured from them or at the center any Tuesday or Saturday night.

BROTHERHOOD TO HAVE CHARGE OF SERVICES

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church of Ballinger, of which James A. Wear is president, will have charge of both services at the local church next Sunday. R. E. White, choir director, will present male quartet music at both services. Other officials of the brotherhood will present numbers and be heard during the programs.

At the 11 a. m. service, W. E. Elkins, teacher and coach of the junior high school, will be the speaker, delivering a special message to the congregation. At the evening hour Dr. Loyd C. Corder, of San Antonio, secretary of the home mission board, will be the speaker.

The public is invited to attend both services.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Adair and Margaret Ann, and Mrs. Douglas Cox and baby daughter, Gena Merle, spent the week-end in Commerce, visiting relatives.

Navy in Khaki Crosses Rhine



Upper photo shows a powerful Sherman tank, ready for the crossing of the Rhine. Lower left shows naval personnel in army khaki, as they took part in the crossing of the Rhine at various points. Much of the success of the crossing was given to the navy. Lower right, Comdr. William J. Whiteside, U. S. N., of New York City, who was in command. This is the first time that the navy personnel, in any size, has been taken inland to aid with land operations. The navy relieved many army men in the operations.

Home Demonstration Council in Business Meeting Saturday

The Runnels county home demonstration council held a called meeting Saturday, April 7, with the chairman, Mrs. John Swatchesue, in the chair. All of the clubs were represented, 24 members being present.

The most important business of the meeting was report of the marketing committee that pineapple will be ordered cooperatively again this year. The following community chairmen have been named for taking orders:

- Bethel—Mrs. Hedrick Sheburne
- Dale—Mrs. J. W. Hendricks
- Rowena—Mrs. W. A. Eggeneyer
- Norton—Mrs. Tom Crockett
- Winters—Mrs. C. L. Green
- Victory—Mrs. V. A. White
- South Ballinger club and Millar community—Mrs. Harold Routh
- Miles—Miss Nettie Mills
- Olfen—Mrs. Theo Halfmann
- Wingate—Mrs. E. C. Schneider

Ballinger—Mrs. George McMillan will take orders in the home demonstration agent's office in the court house Saturday morning, April 14, from 10 to 12 o'clock only, and from 1 to 5 p. m., April 16 through 20. Purchasers are asked to remember the time and dates as Mrs. McMillan can only

be at the office these hours. The time limit for taking orders is April 21.

None for the pineapple must be left at the time the order is booked, and if the fruit cannot be delivered the money will be refunded.

Marketing committee members are: C. Hairman, Mrs. Ralph Osborne, Winters route; Mrs. Bud Davis, Winters; and Mrs. George McMillan, Ballinger.

Those desiring to buy pineapple should give their orders to the chairman most convenient to them.

WAR PICTURE SHOWN TO LOCAL ROTARIANS

The Ballinger Rotary Club enjoyed a good program at its meeting Tuesday when a war film was shown. The picture covered all theatres of operations and was taken by signal corps photographers.

Many shots of actual combat, aerial attacks and engineering feats were included as well as political episodes and scenes in the path of war. The running time was 35 minutes.

Pvt. Alvin E. Spreen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Spreen, has reported at Camp Hood for army infantry training.

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Canadian Will be Third Institute Speaker in City

The third speaker in the Rotary Institute of International Understanding will be presented by the Ballinger Rotary Club next Tuesday night at the high school auditorium. The public is invited to hear this speaker, who comes with excellent recommendations. The musical program will start at 8 p. m. and the speaker will be introduced at 8:30.

The third speaker is Major H. G. Scott, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. His subject is "The Role of the North American Continent."

Major Scott, born and educated in Scotland, came to Alberta, where he practiced law and was, for several years, magistrate of the city of Calgary. During World War I he served first in the Canadian Corps in Flanders and then with the British staff in Greece. For a number of years before World War II he went to Europe every year. In World War II he served as liaison officer between the Canadian and Allied armies, returning to Canada in 1943 for special service in con-

nection with internees. In the summer of 1944 Major Scott was a special war correspondent attached to the Royal Air Force, visiting France after D-Day, particularly witnessing the triumphal entry of General de Gaulle into Paris.

Members of the Ballinger club hope to have a full attendance for this speaker. Other Rotary clubs before whom he has spoken report he is one of the best in the current series and has an important message for every American.

Donald Williams, son of Supt. and Mrs. Nat Williams, has received the rank of distinguished student at Texas Agricultural & Mechanical College of Texas for his scholastic record during the second semester of 1944-45. During the first semester Donald completed 19 hours and 46 grade points and during the second 20 hours and 44 grade points.

The Terrell election law, so-called for Judge A. W. Terrell, was passed in 1905, instituting the popular primary election in Texas.

American Street and Mayor



The ancient Rhine city of Coblenz has a new mayor. He is Brig. Gen. Frank J. Culvin of Tucson, Ariz. Left: At Krefeld, Germany, Sgt. George A. Kaufman of Fort Smith, Ark., is changing a street sign from "Adolf Hitler Strasse" to "Roosevelt Boulevard." The 9th army is erasing all marks of Nazi rule in captured Germany.

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SOCIETY and CLUBS

Mmes. Purifoy and Pyburn Entertain Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle

Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, president of the First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle, and Mrs. John Purifoy, secretary-treasurer, were hostesses at a prettily-appointed buffet supper for members Monday evening in the Purifoy home on Broadway.

Irises were used in the dining room and low bowls of pansies centered quartette tables. During the business session the new year's work was outlined and the budget oversubscribed. An intensive Bible study "Concurring Witnesses" will be used with the circle Bible programs on personal evangelism "Say So."

Others present were: Mmes. Chester Cherry, Auxiliary president; C. R. Stephens, Fred Vetterlein, Elma Mann; Misses Maggie

Underwood, Maryatt Smith, Olga Schawe, Winnie Trail, Virginia Holman, Mary Lynn, and Marjorie McGregor.

Garden Club Has Plant Exchange and Program

Mrs. Frank Pearce presided for the Civic-Garden Club meeting Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium with 30 members answering to roll call. Mrs. Estes Lynn, program committee chairman, announced that year books would be distributed at the next meeting, and Mrs. R. M. Lowry, civic chairman, gave the library report. Mrs. Drury Hathaway and Mrs. A. J. McDaniel were presented as new members.

Mrs. Lynn introduced program numbers which included a talk on American-grown bulbs by Mrs. J. B. Striplin; "Aromatic Oils," by Mrs. O. R. Lasater; and a round

table discussion on "What is New in Your Garden."

Mmes. Tom Caudle, O. C. Sykes, and E. P. Talbott directed the successful plant exchange.

Floral displays, which were especially lovely, included arrangements of painted daisies and columbines by Mrs. Lynn; mixed irises by Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Douglas; pinks and pyroantha blossoms by Mrs. Leonard Stallings; tallsmen roses by Mrs. E. A. Sommer; pink radiance roses by Mrs. Claude Stone; phlox and columbines by Mrs. Caudle; and blue irises by Mrs. J. F. Currie.

Scavenger Hunt for Methodist Intermediate Youth Fellowship

The Methodist Intermediate Youth Fellowship and their guests were entertained Monday evening with a scavenger hunt which began in the church base-

Wounded Vets Join Ball Clubs



Left, Lt. Bert R. Shepard, who lost his right leg on his 34th mission over Germany, is shown as he batted them out at the Washington Senators' training camp. Upper right, Emer Durrett, discharged marine veteran of Guadalcanal, now a Brooklyn Dodgers' outfielder. Lower right, Bright Whiteside, Boston Red Sox catcher, received navy medical discharge, having been wounded in action.

ment. After an hour following clues, guests returned for games and refreshments. Patsy Farris, Cordie Lou Forney, Virginia Henrighar and Mary Lou Howell were members of the winning team.

Others present were: Mmes. Ed Curry, sponsor; M. E. McClenney, Sam Behringer, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Loyd, Dorothy Harral, Nell Wood, Eva Jo Payne, Nettie Sue Cothran, Martha James, Pat Caudle, Arlene Miller, Betty Jo Middleton, Betty Stuart, Janie and Patty Morrison, Barbara Patterson, Dorothy Daugherty, Jane Craemer, Neida Sanders, Carolyn McClenney, Patsy Crawford, Sue and Margaret Ann Hampton, Joyce Lee, Janet McShan, Wilma Duke, Peggy Fox, Jessie Mae Henderson, Bill Hart, Jack Hampton, Walter Hill, Kenneth Landers, Fred Williams, Jimmy Endacott, Jack Middleton, Jimmy Gressett, Neal Loyd, Rex Evans, and Paul Harral.

Oscar Routh Family Has Reunion
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Routh had a family reunion here the past week-end with all their children present.

Lt. Ralph Routh had a short delay en route from Maxwell Field, Alabama, to Lincoln, Nebraska, where he will be assigned a B-29 crew.

Cpl. Albert Routh of the U. S. Marine Corps, who has been here on furlough, will leave this week-end for Cherry Point, N. C., for reassignment, probably to a fighter squadron.

Forest Routh, who was seriously wounded on Saipan, was here from Dallas, where he is employed at North American.

Others were Misses Frances and Mary Lou Routh, who are both employed in San Antonio, and Virginia Routh of Ballinger.

Two Are Initiated in Eastern Star

Mrs. Luna Mae Foy, worthy matron, and Paul Petty, worthy patron, presided in the East Monday evening for an initiation service at the regular monthly meeting of Ballinger Chapter No. 266 Order of Eastern Star, when Miss Joy Campbell and Mrs. Mamie Howell were candidates.

The hall was decorated with varied spring flowers and after the formal chapter closing, a social hour was held.

Other officers and members present were: Dr. W. B. Halley, H. P. Largent, Fael Boswell, H. O. Campbell, Clyde Gabbert; Mmes. Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Ione Teague, Frances Zedlitz, Kathleen Bailey, Beulah Rape, Mary Midgley, Violet Williams, Halley Parker, Thelma Gabbert, Nellie

Campbell, Rama Saunders, Luna Mae Setzer, Doris Shillingburg, Velma B. Halley, Kathryn Vineyard, Odean Largent, Emma Speer; Misses Myrtle Ruth Hale, Agnes Glober, and Marie Norwood.

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINDER OF MONTH GIVEN BY COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION AGENT

Miss Ozzie Folkes, county home demonstration agent, has arranged her schedule for the last half of April, which calls for a number of meetings with the women's and girls' clubs. Dates are as follows:

Monday, April 16—Hatchel 4-H club

Tuesday, April 17—Victory home demonstration club

Wednesday, April 18—Mazeland, Independence and Pumphrey 4-H clubs

Thursday, April 19—Rowena 4-H club in morning; Winters home demonstration club in afternoon

Friday, April 20—Demonstrator visits

Saturday, April 21—Cheese-making demonstration with Miss Gladys Martin, state specialist in charge

Tuesday, April 24—Cooker and sealer clinic at Wingate

Wednesday, April 25—Rowena home demonstration club

Thursday, April 26—Norton home demonstration club

Other days will be spent in visits and work in communities without clubs.

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Roistering Humphrey Bogart In 'To Have and to Have Not'

Humphrey Bogart is the powerful leading character in Warner Bros.' latest adventure romance, "To Have and to Have Not," which is to be presented at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 15, 16, 17.

Besides Bogart, the cast features unusual characterizations by newcomer Lauren Bacall, Walter Brennan, Hoagy (Stardust) Carmichael, Dan Seymour, Sheldon Leonard, and Dolores Moran. "To Have and to Have Not" also serves to introduce a new blues number by Carmichael and Mercer.

The story is concerned with a dangerous mission Henry Morgan (Bogart) is forced to undertake. Skipper of a powerboat, Morgan, for the love of a woman, runs the dragnet thrown around the island of Martinique. Involved in local politics because of this, Morgan's solution makes for a thrilling climax.

Reaching new heights of frightening mystery and strange emotion, 20th Century-Fox's new hit, "Hangover Square," starring Laird Cregar, Linda Darnell and George Sanders, is one of the two features at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday. The other half of the double-feature program is "Army Wives," starring Elyse Knox and Rick Wallin. A "Popeye" cartoon and a Fox News complete the bill.

"Hangover Square" is credited with containing more shudders than any chiller film produced to date. The film horror classic tells the story of a brilliant composer who suffers from lapse of memory, during which he commits brutal, cold-blooded murders, and of a lovely music hall girl for whom he throws away a brilliant career as a serious composer so that he can write her songs, only to be betrayed by her for bigger game.

Frank Duane Jenkins, son of Mrs. H. F. Jenkins, was among the eighty-eight civilian students who made the recent winter semester honor roll in the University of Texas college of engineering. His scholastic honors were ample cause for pride.

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Gold Rush Story And Western Two Pictures to Palace

A lawless, roaring boom town in the gold-rush period is the setting for much of the dramatic action in "The Big Bonanza," one of the two features at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday and Sunday, April 13, 14, 15. The No. 2 feature of the twin bill is "Sheriff of Sundown," starring Allan Lane, an action-type western.

"The Big Bonanza" stars Richard Arlen, Robert Livingston and Jane Frazee and features Gabby Hayes, Lynne Roberts, J. M. Kerrigan and Bobby Driscoll.

The story of "Sheriff of Sundown" is of the stockmen near the small western town of Sundown in the period about 1880 when small ranchers were at the mercy of unscrupulous cattle buyers who controlled the market because of the difficulty in shipping from the West.

Tex Jordan (Allan Lane) and his two helpers, "Third Grade" Sims (Max Terhune), and Chihuahua (Duncan Renaldo) are opposed by Jack Hatfield (Roy Barcroft), who has the principal villainous role. The story moves swiftly to the exciting climax through gun-fights and chases.

ALL TURN UP AT 'SUNDAY DINNER FOR A SOLDIER'

"Sunday Dinner for a Soldier" proved more than that for at least four of the leading members of the cast in the film which is to be the principal attraction at the Texas Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday, April 18, 19, and co-stars Anne Baxter and John Hodiak. Making of the picture virtually amounted to a reunion.

Four of the principals functioned effectively together at 20th Century-Fox less than a year ago in "The Sullivans." They include Director Lloyd Bacon, Miss Baxter, little Billy Cummings and Bobby Driscoll. The latter two portrayed Sullivans as youngsters, Bobby being the little tag-along, whose piping "wait for me" drew focal attention.

Much of the family feeling and nostalgia of "The Sullivans" story is conspicuous too in "Sunday Dinner for a Soldier." Based on the timely magazine story of the same title, it dwells intimately on the efforts and sacrifices of a poor, orphaned family living in poverty on the Florida Gulf Coast to provide a worthy feast for an unknown soldier visitor.

Pin-Up-Bride Puss



This kitty with the soulful expression of an expectant bride is the pet of Miss Roslyn Stock of Bronx, N. Y., who dressed puss in bridal finery for pin-up pictures.

Mrs. H. G. Agnew visited relatives at Waco the first of the week.

'To Have and Have Not'



Lauren Bacall, who is starred with Humphrey Bogart in "To Have and to Have Not," at the Texas Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 15, 16, 17.

Ballinger Housing Units Not Available To Flying Personnel

The plan to open federal housing units in Ballinger for army personnel at San Angelo has been vetoed by officials of the federal agency at Fort Worth. Several weeks ago Col. George Palmer, of Concho Field, started a move to get the local housing project opened. If the forty-three apartments could be opened, it was planned to operate a bus between Ballinger and San Angelo so the army officers who could not find living quarters in that city could come here to live.

The matter was taken up with the FHA authorities at Fort Worth and the past week-end the San Angelo officers were informed the plan could not be worked out because the units here were not furnished and there were no funds available with which to make new purchases. When the airfield here was closed the furniture in the FHA houses was removed and it now appears it will be impossible to refurbish them and make them available to the San Angelo army airmen.

In recent weeks all available apartments here have been rented by army officers and enlisted personnel at San Angelo, and they are residing here and going back and forth daily to Concho Field and Goodfellow Field.

There are two different housing projects in Ballinger, one known as Harman Park, which is operated by the Defense Plant Corporation, and one known as Bluffview, which is operated by the

FHA. All apartments in the latter are unoccupied.

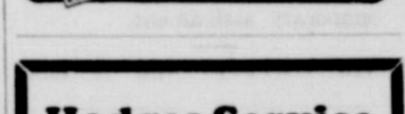
Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Williams spent the week-end in Lampasas, where they visited a nephew, Capt. Eugene Pulliam, who has been in the air corps ground forces in England three years.

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'Meet Me in St. Louis' Stars Judy Garland in Great Role

Sally Benson's popular "Kensington" stories have been filmed by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer as one of the most delightful musicals of the season in "Meet Me in St. Louis," to be shown at the Ritz Theatre next Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, April 15, 16, 17. Filmed in beautiful technicolor and starring Judk Garland at the head of an outstanding cast, "Meet Me in St. Louis" exudes charm, warmth and good-neighborliness as it relates the story of the Smiths of St. Louis and their life with father, mother, brother, sister, et al.

St. Louis of 1903, just before the opening of the famous St. Louis Fair, is the setting of the film. The Smiths are eagerly awaiting this great event. They are Dad, a hard-working lawyer (Leon Ames) and mother (Mary Astor); Tootie, the youngest (Margaret O'Brien); and Agnes (Joan Carroll), slightly

older. Esther (Miss Garland), an attractive high school girl with an extremely appealing personality and singing voice to match is in the throes of young love. Her older sister, Rose (Lucille Bremer), also is in a romantic tangle.

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FOUND—"Sweetheart" pin, with marine insignia. Ledger office. 12-11f

LOST—Lady's Elgin wrist watch. Reward for return to Safeway Store. 12-11-

FOR SALE—Tomato plants at Norman's on Eubank farm. 11-

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LOST—Black suitcase, had A. C. C. stickers on it, between Ballinger and Paint Rock, contained clothes, cigarettes, razor, etc. Reward. Return to Ledger. 5-21-

FOR SALE—320 head grown stuff. 80 wool lambs, over 200 baby lambs. C. H. Hester, Crews. 5-21-

LOST—Pair of glasses March 23, in Ballinger Bonnie Wayne Lee. Reward. Return to Ledger office. 5-21-

WANTED—Men and women for plant and office work, who are looking for permanent jobs. For further information contact Banner Creameries, Abilene, Texas. 5-21

FOR SALE—Sudan seed, free of Johnson grass. Henry Klaus, Rowena. 12-3f-

WANTED—To rent sewing machine by the month. L. Vieser, 404 Broadway. Telephone 481. 12-11-

FOR SALE—Registered Hereford male shoats—also quarter horses. Elmer Hennig, Rowena. 12-41-

FOR RENT—Three room apartment, close in. 408 Ninth Street. Phone 428. 11

LOST—Black striped fountain pen. Reward for return to Ledger office. 11-

FOR SALE—6 ft Baldwin combine with motor. Mrs. S. B. Dietz, Taipa. 12-21-

LOST—Small bracelet, gold A. & M. seal. Reward for return to Ledger office. 11-

FOR RENT—Furnished house, 5 rooms, bath, garage, hen houses, several bearing fruit trees, five acres land. Will sell 25 young laying hens. One mile from town, second house on left on old Coleman road. See or write Mrs. Gus Nunn, Box 621, Ballinger. 11-

FOR SALE—Five room house, in good repair, screened front porch, two halls and bath, nice floors, double garage and large storage room, corner lot well located within four blocks of business district. Terms can be arranged and can give possession May 1. See Jack Nixon, phone 544. 12-21

WANTED—Tricycle for 2-year-old—good condition. Mrs. Homer L. Price, telephone 423. 11-

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A letter this week from Pfc. Jack Long informed he had arrived safely in France. Pfc. Long, with the 36th division, was at home recently on a 30-day rotation furlough, and has now reported back to his outfit in Germany. He has been overseas since the 36th division landed in North Africa and was in combat in Italy, France and Germany. He stated he was all right but homesick.

A brother, C. A. Long, is with the air forces at Greenville, S. C., and another brother, Billy Joe Long, is in the navy, getting boot training at San Diego. He expects to be home on leave shortly. Their father, A. J. Long, received letters from all three of the boys this week.

Major Morris F. Nicholson, stationed at Dayton, Ohio, with the supply division of the air corps, was here the past week-end for a visit with his mother, Mrs. R. A. Nicholson.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moss and son, Billy, were in Killeen the first of the week for a short visit with Mrs. Moss' brother, Chief Petty Officer and Mrs. Bill Carter, and other relatives. Mr. Carter is an aviation chief radio technician in the navy and is based at Oakland, California. In the navy more than three years, Chief Carter was formerly employed at the Western Auto Co. store here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cavanaugh have received word from their son, Pfc. Calvin Cavanaugh, of the army signal corps, that he hopes to have a 15-day furlough soon. Wounded seriously in France, he has been in various hospitals for six months and is now at the Santa Fe, New Mexico, general hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. O. R. O'Neill have received first news of their son, Bill O'Neill, 81c, in several weeks, telling them of an enjoyable liberty in Honolulu.

Powell Wear, AMMC3, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wear, has reported at Shoemaker, Calif., on a temporary assignment.

Fred Garcia, with a tank

FOR SALE—A good used piano, bargain price. Mrs. A. J. McDaniel, 508 Fifth Street. 11

FOR RENT—Large two room apartment, Frigidaire, table top stove, Innerspring mattress. 301 Thirteenth Street. 11-

FOR SALE—New stock trailer—with two tires. Also two good bicycles. D. E. Moody, 420 Strong Avenue. 11-

LOST—On streets of Ballinger, gold identification bracelet with name and No. 0-73516. Finder please notify Lt. S. B. Smith, c/o Mrs. R. A. Nicholson, Ballinger, phone 89. Reward. 11

FOR SALE—Stand near high school, and furnishings. 600 Eighth Street. Telephone 1386. 12-11

FOR SALE—Gas hot water heater. Mrs. J. W. Macune, phone 688. 12-11-

FOR SALE—Used kitchen cabinet, in good condition. Mrs. G. A. Ladwig. 11

FOR RENT—Furnished apartment, also bedroom. 801 Eighth Street. 12-3f

LOST—Black alpaca skirt, between Weeks Drug and Holland's Cleaners. Call 1240. 11

LOST—One child's rose wool sweater Saturday. Return to Ledger office. M. L. Jarrett. 11-

WANTED—Two or three room furnished apartment. Family of four, permanent. Phone 56. 11-

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destroyer unit in Germany, has been promoted to corporal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Middleton, Betty Jo, and Billy Jacks, and Mrs. E. C. Tinsley spent the week-end in El Paso, visiting Major Price Middleton, who is in the Beaumont General Hospital. Major Middleton hopes to be able to come to Ballinger for a leave in five or six weeks.

Pvt. J. Ray Reese, paratrooper, has arrived safely in France, his family has been informed through a letter written March 26.

Mrs. Lester Singleton has had word from her husband, Cpl. Singleton, who is now in action on Luzon. He has been overseas 8 months, serving 5 months in New Guinea before the Luzon invasion.

A brother, Cpl. Shelby Singleton, has been overseas two years this month. In the European theatre, until his recent transfer to an engineering unit, Cpl. Singleton was with the 36th infantry division.

Cpl. Chester Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thomas, stationed somewhere in the South Pacific, writes his parents that he recently talked to Lt. Austin Cramer. He added that Lt. Cramer would soon be coming home and that he was sending back his watch and some other things by the officer. Cpl. Thomas told his parents he was OK.

Bob Parr, David Middleton, Jack Kopecky and Curtis Wiesepape, all 17-year-olds, have volunteered for service in the navy and have passed all examinations in Dallas. They are at home awaiting call to active duty.

Pvt. C. B. Stiefel is now at Fort Sill, Okla., training with the field artillery. He has been in the service since December 20.

Miss Mary Ann Allen, cadet nurse, has returned to Galveston after a vacation visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Allen. Miss Allen, a junior student, is the youngest member of her class.

Sgt. Theo Isbell has reported at

Lowry Field, Denver, Colo. Since the closing of Bruce Field he has been stationed at the Lubbock army air field.

DEATHS

John W. Batts
John W. Batts, 70, died at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital Monday evening at 7 o'clock. He became ill at his home in the Bethel community Sunday and was rushed to the hospital for treatment. A blood clot was found in his left leg and the limb was amputated Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, death resulting 26 hours later.

A native of Tennessee, decedent came to Runnels county with his parents in 1890. He was married to Miss Kate Zachery January 6, 1917. Mr. Batts was a successful farm operator and had lived in the Bethel community since 1917. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Newby-Davis chapel, Rev. E. C. Mahurin, pastor of the Wingo Primitive Baptist Church, and Rev. D. O. Deavers, pastor of the Bethel Methodist Church, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include three daughters, Mrs. Bob Fowler, Laredo; Mrs. Clyde Simmons and Mrs. Taylor Russell, Ballinger; two brothers, B. M. Batts, Ballinger; Robert Batts, Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Mrs. Mae Betterton, Mrs. V. L. McShan, Ballinger.

Funeral services were held at the graveside in Evergreen Cemetery this (Thursday) afternoon at 4 o'clock. Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, officiated.

No relatives of decedent were known here.
Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Williams were called to Coolidge Tuesday night on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Williams' brother, Harper Hancock. Mr. Hancock died at Ft. Worth Monday night and funeral services were held at Coolidge Tuesday afternoon.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Robert L. Sides
Robert L. Sides, 73, died this (Thursday) morning at 2:15 at the family home on Eighth Street. Decedent was born in Bosque county and came to Runnels county in 1903 and was a farmer and merchant of this vicinity for many years. He continued to operate a farm near Hatchel until 1910 and was in charge of the store there from 1910 to 1916. He then moved to the Valley Creek

community, where he engaged in farming for some time. For the past six years he had operated a grocery store here.

Survivors besides the wife include a son, Sidney Sides, San Antonio; two daughters, Mrs. Homer McKinley, Big Spring; Mrs. Mildred Ramser, Garden City; two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Smith, Ballinger; Mrs. Frank Walker, Miles; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will probably be held some time Friday, but definite arrangements have not been completed. Richard Robbins, minister of the Eighth Street Church of Christ, will officiate and interment will be made in Evergreen Cemetery.

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Paper clips at Ledger office.

NORTON MEN TO PRESENT STYLE SHOW FOR WOMEN

The men of Norton will show what the well dressed women will wear this year in a special style show to be presented to the community meeting tomorrow (Friday) night, April 13. Models will show bathing suits, play suits, lounging robes, dinner dresses, dance frocks, traveling suits, in fact a complete wardrobe. Special songs and an act will complete the evening's entertainment.

REV. HOFFIUS TO PREACH SUNDAY AT PAINT ROCK

Rev. Gary Hoffius stated today that he would be at Paint Rock Sunday night for services in the First Presbyterian Church. Vesper services will be held at the local church at 6 p. m. Sunday and Rev. Hoffius will leave immediately afterward for Paint Rock, the services there to begin at 8:30 p. m. Other regular services will be held at the local Presbyterian church Sunday.

Card of Thanks
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- East Texas Yams 10c
- Lettuce Orispa, Green 13c

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- Hemo The Way to Drink Your Vitamins and Live 'Em. 1-Lb. Jar 39c
- Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 10-Lb. Bag 57c
- Rippled Wheat Bag 10c
- Ivory Soap 3 Lbs. 29c
- Ivory Soap Med. Box 6c
- Camay Soap 3 Lbs. 19c
- Palmolive Soap Toilet Washing Powder 3 Lbs. 19c
- Oxydol 10-Lb. Bag 23c
- Borax 20 Lbs. Bag 11c

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6 Points per Pound

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- Beef Stew Short Rib (12 Points) Lb. 17c
- Sausage Pork Sals (6 Pts.) Lb. 30c
- Sliced Bologna (4 Pts.) Lb. 29c
- Frankfurters Italian (12 Points) Lb. 32c
- Baked Loaves Assorted (14 Points) Lb. 29c
- Braunschweiger (12 Pts.) Lb. 36c
- Spiced Luncheon (10 Pts.) Lb. 48c

Shoulder Roast
Grade AA & A Beef
Lb. 26c
6 Points

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