



Women's, Society and Club News

Shakespeare Club Opens Season
The Shakespeare Club held its first meeting of the 1945-1946 club season on Thursday afternoon of last week in their club room at the Library on Eighth Street.

Where does your Cotton go?

As you gather your Cotton this year, there are millions of people vitally interested in your crop.

They are the vast number of ginners, oil millers, manufacturers, food processors, merchants, livestock producers, railroad men, housewives, men in government and international commerce and others who make, transport, distribute and use products of Cotton and Cottonseed. They create your markets.

They look to you for their essential raw materials. Your growing, harvesting and prompt marketing of Cotton and Cottonseed will help to supply and maintain this vast market - to create employment and income for millions of Americans annually. Cotton, the crop with a future, is your No. 1 Cash Crop and one of our Nation's greatest assets.

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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Mrs. Ford Taylor was leader and hostess for the afternoon and presented Mrs. B. C. Kirk, who gave formal greetings. The roll call was answered with assigned topics, and in an interesting innovation in the year's program, Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh, program committee chairman gave a preview of the year's plans and presented year books. Mrs. Paul Petty read the by-laws.

Mrs. Kirk presided for the business period and appointed Mrs. Petty parliamentarian, and Mrs. Alex Saunders recording secretary. It was voted to donate a book to the library in memory of Mrs. C. R. Stephens and Mrs. Estes Lynn, Mrs. O. T. Toney and Mrs. C. P. Shepherd were appointed committee members to draft resolutions on her death. Mrs. W. E. Hall, Jr. was welcomed as a returned member.

Others were: Mmes. Chester Cherry, S. E. Cloninger, Sim Cottelle, Bruce Creasy, J. W. Guynes, W. J. Hembree, Loyd Herring, Lela McAdams, T. J. McCaughan, J. R. McGraw, A. J. McDaniel, F. C. Miller, Horace Murphy, H. Ravellette, Dorsey Read, F. M. Shawver, J. B. Striplin, A. B. Stobaugh, Charles van de Putte and R. T. Williams.

Miss Katherine Freeman is Bride of Lt. Malcolm Ricks

Miss Katherine Lucille Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Freeman of Moran, became the bride of Lt. Malcolm M. Ricks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ricks of New Orleans, La., last Saturday evening in a candlelight service read at seven-thirty o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Moran with the Rev. Strauss Atkinson, pastor, officiating for the double ring ceremony witnessed by a large assembly of relatives and friends.

Pre-nuptial music, played by Mrs. Garland of Moran, included "Ave Maria" by Schubert, and Wagner's "Evening Star." Mrs. E. J. Freeman and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery, Jr., lighted tapers as they played "The Rosary" by Nevin.

Promise Delivery of Thousands of Tires



Tires, thousands of them, are shown moving out of the huge plants of the Firestone Tire and Rubber company, Akron, Ohio, to civilian users everywhere. The reconversion from military to civilian tire production was almost immediate, and first line tires will flow, in ever-increasing quantities, to the civilian market.

She also accompanied Mrs. Robert J. Tiffany of Abilene, who sang d'Hardelot's "Because" and played the traditional Lohengrin processional and the Mendelssohn recessional.

Mrs. Fred Vetterlein of Ballinger, bridesmaid, and Mrs. George Sharpe of Abilene, matron of honor, wore gowns of identical design made of blue and yellow satin fitted bodices with very full skirts of double net. They carried colonial nosegays of sweet peas and pink roses.

Small flower girls, June Beth Harper and Nancy Atkinson, wore bouffant floor-length dresses and carried bridal baskets.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white satin made with net basque effect, sweetheart neckline, long fitted sleeves, and full skirt extending into a train. Her net veil was caught to a pearl-covered coronet. She carried a white Bible belonging to Ruth Anne Hall, which has been carried by a number of close friends in

the same college group, which was topped with a white orchid and shower of single stephanotis blossoms knotted in narrow white satin ribbons. Her only ornament was a white gold bracelet set with diamonds and sapphires, the bridegroom's gift.

Timothy J. Ricks of New Orleans attended his brother as best man and Glen Cottle and Floyd Pool of Moran, and Warren Freeman of Amarillo were ushers.

A reception was held in the home of the bride's parents where crystal candelabra flanked the three-tiered decorated cake, which was encircled with white roses. Mrs. Cottle and Mrs. E. J. Freeman presided at the table and Mrs. Tiffany was in charge of the bride's book.

After a wedding trip, the couple will go to Fort Riley, Kansas, where Lt. Ricks will be stationed. For traveling the bride chose a Swansdown wool suit with jabot blouse of white and black accessories. Her corsage was an orchid.

Mrs. Ricks graduated from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, where she was a member of the Cowgirls and Alpha Psi Omega. For the past two years she was teacher of speech in the Ballinger High School.

Lt. Ricks has just returned from the European Theatre of War where he served 12 months with the Eleventh Armored Division.

No-Hostess Luncheon for Know Your Neighbors
A prettily-appointed no-hostess luncheon was an enjoyable affair

for Know Your Neighbors last Friday. Yellow baby mums centered the damask-laid luncheon table at the Central Hotel where the menu was served in three courses to: Mmes. John Barton, LeRoy McAulay, Joe Flynt, L. C. Adair, Malcolm Morgan, Jones Taylor, M. A. Foy, Dee Saylor, Cecil Jones, and Bill Clark.

Mrs. Sommer is Ace of Clubs Hostess

Mrs. Edward Sommer included only Ace of Clubs members last Thursday afternoon when she was hostess in her home on Ninth Street.

Mixed fall flowers graced party rooms where Mrs. Alton Underwood was high score winner and Mrs. W. E. Moss second high. Bingos went to Mrs. W. O. Irby and Mrs. Charles van de Putte.

A salad plate was served with cookies and coca colas. Others present were: Mmes. Carl Potte, Marvin Davies, and H. G. Agnew.

St. Mary's Church Scene of Wedding of Winters Girl

St. Mary's Catholic Church was the scene of a wedding service read for Miss Eleanor Adami, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adami of Winters, and Johnnie S. Nesloney, son of Sigmund Nesloney of Victoria, on Saturday evening, September 29, with the Rev. Edward B. Postert, pastor, officiating for the double ring ceremony in the presence of relatives and close friends.

Lovely yellow chrysanthemums in the altar vases and white altar candles in seven branch candelabra formed the decoration.

Mrs. C. N. Roth, of Winters, was at the organ for the wedding marches.

Miss Edwina Adami attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a gown of pink taffeta. Walter B. Adami the bride's cousin, was best man.

The bride wore a white taffeta wedding gown with finger-tip veil of illusion caught to a halo of illusion and carried a colonial bouquet of pink sweetheart roses and white asters.

A reception was held at the Adami home in Winters. The lace-covered bride's table was centered with a three-tiered wedding cake.

After a wedding trip to Mexico, the couple will be at home in San Antonio, where Mr. Nesloney is employed at Kelly Field after serving three years as a civil service employee in England. Mrs. Nesloney was traveling in a beige gabardine suit with brown accessories.

GWEN MORGAN ELECTED TO BAYLOR ANNUAL STAFF

Gwen Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, and freshman student at Baylor University, Waco, has been elected a member of the staff of "The Roundup," college annual. She has been assigned to the typing, publicity, and mounting department.

Mrs. J. A. Schnable and son, Jon, returned Sunday from Sweetwater, where they visited relatives over the week-end.

Ledger want ads pay.

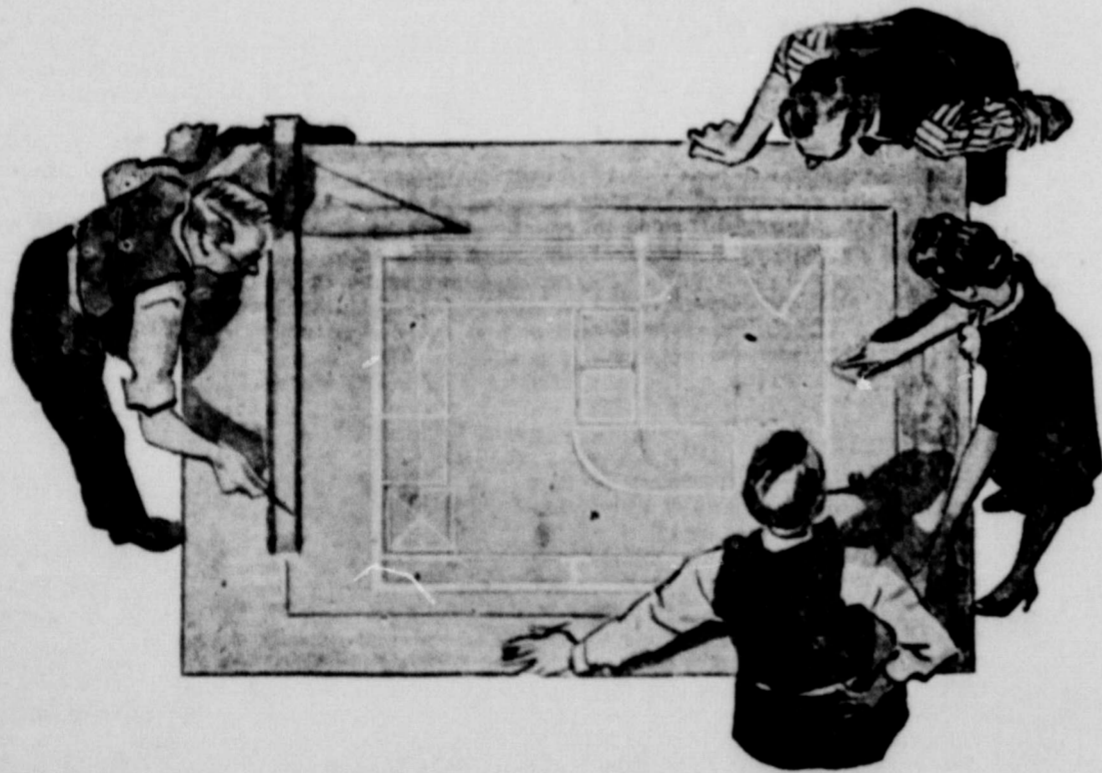
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Flues are necessary for venting the equipment if natural gas heat is to be enjoyed at its best. So whether you plan to heat your new home with floor furnaces, circulators, gasteam radiators or a combination of these, or with a central furnace, the location of the equipment and the flues should be included in the plans and specifications.

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Note to:

Architects, Builders, Plumbers, Lumber Yards and Heating Contractors

Your gas company has available for you a free booklet which tells in detail the proper installation of all kinds of gas equipment in the home, and gives specific information about location of equipment and necessary flues. Call of gas company office for your copy.

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If you want more soap and soap flakes... if you're dreaming of nylons, sheets, cotton fabrics and want them to hurry back to the store counters... you can help by saving those used kitchen fats as you never saved before! Save every drop, every day!



These fats are vitally necessary to help speed greater supplies of soaps and hundreds of other things—like new cars, electric washers, irons, refrigerators and tires. Industry must have these fats... to help get to you more quickly the peacetime products you've been longing to have for years!

So skim and scrape and scoop just as you did so faithfully before V.J Day. To prove how important it is, your government has increased the point bonus. So help meet this nation's need by continuing to save used fats. If you can't find a store that accepts used fats, call Home Demonstration or County Agent.





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First Baptists Honor Rev. and Mrs. Martin

The First Baptist W. M. S. was the hostess group for a reception in the church parlors Tuesday evening to honor the Rev. B. J. Martin, new pastor, and Mrs. Martin. Mrs. R. T. Williams, general social chairman of the W. M. U., directed the planning of the delightful affair attended by 250.

A profusion of beautiful fall flowers in the rich autumn shades gave floral charm at vantage points about the entire reception rooms. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Tigner, and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. King extended formal greetings in the reception hall. R. T. Williams, chairman of the board of deacons, stood at the head of the formal line to present the Rev. Mr. Martin and Mrs. Williams introduced Mrs. Martin. Others in line were Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hembree, Miss Glenn Ridings, Mr. and Mrs. Homer C. Daniel, and Mr. and Mrs. James Wear.

Mrs. Carl Black presided for the planned program which began with words of welcome by leaders of the various church groups. The next feature was the presentation by O. L. Parish of a surprise pantry shower. Then Miss Gladys Kemp, representing the church's young people, in a clever talk, gave their gift, "a bedroom suit," assisted by Anna Sue Hembree, Elizabeth Wear, Janet McShan,

and Barbara Patterson. After responses by Rev. and Mrs. Martin, Mrs. West Talbott gave two readings, and Mrs. Charles Hambrick was accompanist for Rev. Martin in a solo, and for the unison singing of a number of songs.

At the social hour, circle social chairmen, Mmes. Wildon Howell, T. W. Cox, and J. H. Parrish, and circle chairmen, Mmes. Robert Lowry, E. P. Talbott, Earl Cope, and Fred Holliday served cake and ice cream.

Mrs. Morgan Hosts Know Your Neighbors

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

Fall berries and evergreens gave a pretty decoration to rooms where members did Red Cross knitting and individual handwork.

Pie was served with spiced tea. Included were: Mmes. M. A. Foy, Bill Clark, Jones Taylor, John Castor, Jack Nixon, Sr., LeRoy McAulay, John Barton, L. C. Adair, Dee Saylor, Cecil Jones, and Joe Flynt.

Triple-Four in Harry Lynn Home

Mrs. Harry Lynn entertained the Triple-Four contract club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Dahlias and chandelier lilies were arranged about rooms where

Fired First and Last Shots at Jap Invaders



The leathernecks of the U. S. 4th marine regiment, shown as they were briefed before their landing at Yakosuka, Jap naval base at the entrance to Tokyo bay, by their commanding officer, Lt. Col. Fred D. Beans of Annapolis, Md. The 4th marines served in China from 1927, then defended Corregidor. As raiders they saw action in Solomon campaigns, Emirau, Guam, Okinawa and finally landed on Japan proper with General MacArthur's surrender commission. They have the honor of firing some of the first and last shots.

Mrs. Ross Murchison was winner of high score prize and Mrs. Tom Agnew bingoeed.

Mrs. Fred Vetterlein assisted in serving a salad course with cookies, hot rolls, and coffee. Added tea hour guests were Mmes. C. J. Lynn, R. E. Truly and Miss Dorothy Harkins. Others were:

Mmes. J. A. Schnable, R. W. Earnshaw, E. W. Stasney, L. R. Tigner, Alex McGregor, Claude Stone, K. V. Northington, Delbert Vancil, and Troy Simpson.

First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Meets
Miss Maggie Underwood was

hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Woman's Circle Tuesday evening in her home on Seventh Street.

After a short business session directed by Mrs. J. M. Pyburn, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson gave the Bible study, a continuation of the year's theme "Witnessing for Christ."

A dessert plate was served. Others present were Misses Louise Batts, Olga Schawe, and Winnie Trail.

Garden Club Has Dahlia Show

Mrs. F. M. Pearce presided for the Civic-Garden Club meeting Tuesday afternoon in City Hall auditorium.

After Mrs. Chester Cherry had read a paper on the culture of dahlias and varieties, written by Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mrs. R. T. Williams, chairman of the flower show committee, presented the beautiful showing of dahlias in many varieties and in many color tones. Also shown were arrangements of zinnias, chandelier lilies, and red radiance and Herbert Hoover roses. Adding much to the show were the lovely containers holding the blossoms in formal, informal, and floating arrangements. Dahlia entries were made by Mmes. Davis, Stanley Price 2, Williams 2, R. E. Truly 2, J. H. Parrish 2, Cherry 2, Alex Saunders, S. M. Jonas, Frank Pearce, and Dr. Oren Chandler. Others were Mrs. H. O. Campbell, blooming cactus; Mrs. Estes Lynn, zinnias; Mrs. E. Lynn, and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd, chandelier lilies; and Mrs. H. Ravellette, roses.

Twenty members and Mmes. Joe Dobson, Stanley Price, and T. W. Cox, visitors, were present.

Gift Shower for Mrs. Baker

Mrs. Ernest Edwards and Mrs. Elmo Mayhew were hostesses on Monday afternoon in the Edwards home in Wilke Terrace to compliment Mrs. A. P. Baker with a gift shower.

Blooming pot plants graced rooms where Mrs. Baker was presented the gifts as winner of a series of group games. Cake squares decorated in pink and blue were served with fruit punch.

Others were: Mmes. Ed Pape, L. Afflerbach, E. L. Rumpy, W. L. Duke, Paul Beard, Walter Duke, E. W. Bridwell, Will Berry, R. P. Dietz, Herman Virden, O. Z. Foreman, Rube Virden, Effie Dietz, Charles Tounget, James Troutt, E. H. Baker, Jim Counts, M. C. Hinds, R. E. White, J. W. Reese, B. C. Collum, Clarence Hambricht, Misses Mary Reese, Mary Ruth Pape, Wilma and Nita Duke; Dorene Mayhew, Patsy Dietz, and Tommy Mayhew.

Betty Jean Underwood is Surprise Honoree

Betty Jean Underwood was surprise guest of honor on her sixteenth birthday anniversary Saturday evening when her mother, Mrs. Alton Underwood, gave a buffet supper in their home on Eighth Street.

Mixed fall blossoms in shaded pink tones centered the lace-laid dining table and pink rosebuds in slender crystal vases formed four-some table centerpieces.

Mrs. Earl Cope and Mrs. Norris Fortesque of Lafayette, Indiana, assisted in serving the two-course menu.

Others included were: Dorothy Ann Holliday, Mary Brian Woody, Virginia Baker, Elizabeth Wear, Anna Sue Hembree, June Woodson, Lillian Keithley, June Wright, Carolyn Cheatham, Martha Saunders, Charlotte Miller, Margaret Ann Wilson, Nancy Guynes, Marilyn Agnew, Pat Richards, Pauline Witter, Beverly Barber and Joanne Glover.

Mrs. Bailey Attends District Church Meet

Mrs. Charles F. Bailey was in Brownwood Monday to attend an all-day conference of the 11th district of the Christian Church.

The theme of the day's program was "With Christ We Build Anew." Mrs. Bailey presented the morning devotional on "Stewardship of Prayer." A communion service was followed by reports and the noon luncheon.

Outstanding speakers included Mrs. Bessie Hart of Fort Worth, state president of the woman's work, and President Sadler of Texas Christian University.

Clarence Jennings, of Ballinger, had a very serious operation in a Dallas hospital Friday morning and reports from his bedside indicate he is resting satisfactorily. A tumor was removed from his brain.

Personal stationery, Ballinger Printing Co.

Vets Play Waterball



Basketball the hard way is played with gusto by navy veterans at the U. S. naval hospital, Arrowhead Springs, Calif. Some of the boys are shown crowding the basket.

Recruiting Head



To Brig. Gen. Harold N. Gilbert, USA, has been entrusted the direction of the greatest recruiting campaign in the history of the army.

Ford II Advanced



Henry Ford II, who was recently named president of the Ford Motor company, is pictured talking to his grandfather, who resigned from the office.

In 'Hall of Fame'



Dick Fowler, 29 years old, Philadelphia Athletics, who by pitching a no-hit no-run game against the St. Louis Browns has entered baseball's hall of fame.

Allied Prisoners' Aid



Evelyn Gore-Symes, 15-year-old English girl, who spent seven years in Budapest. Through the German occupation, she aided scores of Allied prisoners to reach safety.

FOLKER FABRICS

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RAYON CREPE IN ORIGINAL DESIGN

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SIZES 11-15

Jo Dee Juniors



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**AN ORDINANCE
FIXING AND DEFINING THE
FIRE LIMITS OF THE CITY
OF BALLINGER AND PRO-
VIDING A PENALTY FOR
VIOLATIONS OF THIS
ORDINANCE.**

Be it ordained by the City Commission of this City of Ballinger, Texas:

SECTION 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person or persons or for any officer, agent or employee of any corporation, to erect or construct or cause to be erected or constructed on Blocks 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, 18, 19 of the Original Town of Ballinger, Texas. In addition to the foregoing named Blocks the land known as the Railroad right-of-way lying between Park Avenue and Railroad Avenue and also between Sixth Street and Eleventh Street, all in the said City of Ballinger, Texas; and the land known as Court House Square, in said City of Ballinger, Texas, or any portion of the land embraced and included and all of which is bounded by streets as follows—on the Northwest by Park Avenue, from Sixth to Eleventh; on the Southeast by Sixth Street from Park Avenue to Strong Avenue; on the Southwest by Strong Avenue from Sixth Street to Eleventh Street; on the Southwest by Eleventh Street from Strong Avenue to Park Avenue; any building or structure of any combustible material, or any building or structure with walls of wood, or framed with wood, covered and/or roofed with iron or tin, or to add to or construct out of wood or any other combustible material, any addition to any structure or building situated upon any portion of the land included within the boundaries of

Guadalcanal Battlefront of 1942 Now Peaceful Rear Base



The three years since August 7, 1942, when United States Marines landed on Guadalcanal to open the Pacific offensive, have produced many changes on that Solomon Island. Now, Red Cross girls and Leathernecks (upper left) swim and sun themselves at leisure. A short time ago, swimming and bathing came under the heading of "hazardous occupations" and a Marine machine-gunner (lower left) guarded his buddies from Jap intrusions as they washed in Guadal waters.

The beautiful tropical beach scene (above) now provides a more peaceful setting for the quartet of Leathernecks who loaf in the sun than it did for Marines who were on the same beach three years ago. At that time, the beach was covered with dead Japs, half-buried in the sand (below). The beaches were washed clean now—and Guadalcanal today is a rear base, far removed from the fighting front.



(U. S. Marine Corps Photos)



I am Re-opening my Beauty Shop at 1104 Hutchings Avenue with Mrs. Ruby Williams, experienced operator in charge—

Mrs. Joe Vinyard

said above described City Blocks or land.
SECTION 2. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person or persons to repair any wooden building or buildings or structures built of any combustible material and now situated within the above described limits with wood or other combustible material without first obtaining from the City Commission of the City of Ballinger a permit for such repair work.
SECTION 3. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons, or any officer, agent or employee of any corporation, owning or controlling any building, shed or other structure composed of wood or any other combustible material now situated on any portion of said land as above described by blocks or by boundaries, to move any such buildings or other structure, or cause same to be moved from one place to another, on or in the above described land and numbered blocks, or to move or cause to be moved, any such building

or structure into the said prescribed district included within the boundaries of the above land and numbered blocks, from any point outside of said area.
SECTION 4. The walls of any and all buildings to be hereafter erected or constructed within the limits of any of the aforesaid blocks or described land, or which may hereafter be changed or modified, on buildings now erected and located on any portion of said described land or numbered city blocks, shall be of brick, stone, vitrified tile, concrete tile or concrete and in conformity with the current CITY BUILDING CODE as to relation of thickness as to height, parapet above roof or roofs, on each and every side, and the roof or roofs of any and all such buildings erected on any of the aforesaid area shall be constructed of metal, slate, gravel or other fireproof material and structural methods of construction to be as prescribed in current CITY BUILDING CODE.
SECTION 5. Each and every person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not less than Ten Dollars nor more than One Hundred Dollars.
SECTION 6. Each and every day that any person or persons shall allow any building, shed or other structure built of wood or other combustible material, or any building with walls of wood, or framed with wood, covered with tin or iron, or any addition or repairs made contrary to the provisions hereof, erected or made after the passage of this ordinance, to remain on any of said land or city blocks above enumerated, or each and every day that any person or persons shall allow any building moved from one part of said prescribed fire limits to another part of same, or moved into and upon said limits from elsewhere, shall constitute a separate offense; and the person so offending shall be liable for each day of the penalty prescribed in Section 5 hereof.
SECTION 7. It is provided however, that awnings to be hereafter constructed over the sidewalks

on any portion of the above described land or City Blocks comprising the fire district or any signs attached to walls of buildings or awnings of buildings in said district, may be constructed of materials other than heretofore described as a writer permit is obtained from the City Commission of said City of Ballinger after such awnings and/or signs have been inspected by the City Building Inspector or City Marshal and

found to conform to the requirements of the city building code currently in force.
The rule requiring more than one reading is hereby expressly suspended and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, approval and publication.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.
Passed and approved this 25th day of September, 1945.

(Seal)
DRURY P. HATHAWAY,
Mayor
Attest:
K. V. NORTHINGTON,
City Secretary.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS
By Betty Joyce Shelburne and Yvonne Bryan

Sports
At last everyone is happy because the Norton boys are playing football. The first game will be played October 26 with Bronte at Bronte.
Everyone was glad to hear that Ballinger was victorious over the Sweetwater team.

Pep Squad
The pep squad was organized with Charlene Carlton as main leader and Pauline Zak and Betty Shelburne as assistant leaders. Our drummers are Jo Alice Simpson, Mozelle Martin, and Mary Belle Cope.

Who's Who
Our sophomore personality is that dark, handsome, and medium sized boy with medium brown hair and brown eyes. He is mischievous and is always full of life. He is liked by everyone and always has a smile for them. He very seldom gets mad, but when he does ??? so we hear.

Our junior personality is that green-eyed blonde who is very cute and popular. She too has a bright smile to greet everyone. She has a good personality and is popular with the boys as well as girls. She is active in sports and is one of the pep squad leaders.
Our last "who's who" were Charles Brunson and Mary Ellen Mitchell.

Faculty Members
Our faculty member for this week is our superintendent, Mr. Ray V. Stark. He attended school at John Tarleton, N. T. S. T. C., took extension work from A. C. C. and Howard Payne, and received his degree from Daniel Baker in 1938. He received his first experience in teaching here at Norton in 1923 at the age of 19. From here he went to rural schools in Runnels, Mills and Coke counties.

He originally came from Goldthwaite. He has been at Norton one year. Before coming here this time he was a theory of flight instructor at Bruce Field and before going to Bruce Field he was instructor of aircraft instruments at Lincoln, Nebraska. He is married and has a daughter ten years old. He has musical talents; he plays the piano and violin, and sings. He is a member of the Baptist church.

**Army Enlistments
Are Being Accepted
For Branch Wanted**

Sgt. Harrison Roe and Pfc. Albert Goins of the San Angelo army recruiting office, will be in Ballinger each Tuesday morning from 9 until noon and will interview prospective enlistees at the local postoffice.
Sgt. Harrison stated that enlistments being taken in the army now are for three years and offers those entering their choice of ten branches and duty in seven theatres of operation.

The enlistee may select the kind of work he desires and may designate the place where he is to serve which includes home service or any of the foreign places where American forces are stationed.
Men who have been discharged under the point system may reenlist by October 20 and retain the rank they held when discharged.
The recruiters will be glad to explain enlistments with anyone interested between the ages of 18 and 34 and with those who have been discharged of any age. On any day except Tuesday local prospects can also visit the recruiting office at San Angelo.

Mrs. Glen McFarland left this week for Shreveport to join her husband, who is stationed at Barksdale Field.

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FIFTY YEARS AGO . . .

At the turn of the century most Americans were kindling their streetlights and kerosene lamps by torch or match. The polishing of lamp chimneys and trimming of wicks were grimy household chores.

In the homes of a few rich people electricity was being installed. Since it was very expensive, very new and extremely hard to obtain, electricity was ultra smart and most fashionable—fashions, you know, are things that are scarce and in keeping with the prevailing customs. Judged by these standards, use of electric service is old fashioned—it hasn't skyrocketed like other necessities, it's readily available to the smallest home at pre-war levels and there has been an ample supply.

Operating costs, as in other businesses, have advanced progressively in the electrical industry—taxes have been on a tremendous upsurge—only by the most careful direction and private initiative, advancement in methods could the electrical industry continue to supply its services at decreasing costs.

Sound and practical business management under governmental regulation as distinguished from government ownership tax-subsidized political operation are your guarantee that as new electrical comforts are available, adequate power at a reasonable total cost will prevail.

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

Miss America of 1945



Twenty-one-year-old Bess Myerson of Bronx, N. Y., who won the Atlantic City title of "Miss America, 1945." She turned down movie contract offers which went with title.



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THE TEXAS AND PACIFIC RY



'Our Vines Have Tender Grapes'
Stars Robinson, Margie O'Brien

One of the most gripping pictures of the year, with a great cast headed by Margaret O'Brien and Edward G. Robinson is the principal attraction at the Ritz Theatre Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 13, 14, 15, 16. Presented by Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, it is called "Our Vines Have Tender Grapes."

Both stars rise to new heights in roles far different from those they have portrayed recently. Little Margaret as Selma, a seven-year-old Wisconsin farm girl, battles almost single-handedly against the complacency and self-centered attitude of the town's men and women which is inevitably leading to their destruction. Robinson, whose recent roles were in "Double Indemnity" and "The Woman in the Window," plays the moppet's father, a farmer whose first and last devotions are in his own home and his own family.

Seen in solid support of the two stars are James Craig, as editor of

the local newspaper; Frances Gifford, who is beautiful as well as talented; and young Jackie "Butch" Jenkins, who is utterly delightful as Selma's five-year-old cousin and playmate.

BALLINGER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
By Kathryn Sensabaugh

In a special meeting the F. F. A. members selected their sweetheart nominees for the election starting Monday, October 15. Senior nominees are Carolyn Cheatham and Betty Morrison; Juniors, Beverly Barber and Betty Jean Underwood; and sophomores, Marilyn Agnew and Betty Lou Batts. Three of these will be eliminated at the end of the first week, and at the end of the second the girl with the most votes will be sweetheart and the remaining two queens. Voters are a penny each.

From a group of 35 try-outs, officers and committee members of the Cue and Curtain Club have been chosen twenty-one pledges. Initiation started Monday for M. F. Gallant, Kathryn Sensabaugh, Ed Grindstaff, Fadine Baker, Martha Dobson, Wanda Pearson, Dorothy McDorman, Peggy Jo Russell, Robert Earl Morgan, Bob Agnew, Skeeter Powers, Jackie Hampton, Junior Curry, Margaret Ann Wilson, Beverly Barber, June Woodson, Lillian Ruth Keithley, Jean McAden, Joyce Boswell, Marilyn Agnew and Dorie Jean Hart.

Twenty new members have been added to Los Vecinos Buenos, and are being initiated this week.

In their last meeting the Bearcettes elected Betty Parrish as their corresponding secretary, from a group of six nominees.

In addition to those already mentioned, approximately 25 girls are being initiated into the Ballinger chapter of the Future Homemakers of Texas. This should explain the queer actions and "fashions" of the students.

Pfc. Roy F. Allamon, formerly with headquarters company, 395th Infantry, 99th division, has been discharged and returned to his home here. He was in the service 8½ years and the last nine months was overseas in central Europe.

'A Thousand and One Nights'



Scene from "A Thousand and One Nights," to be presented as the principal attraction at the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 14, 15, 16.

'1001 Nights' Brings New Type Fantasy to Texas Theatre Screen

Welcome news to movie fans is to report that Columbia's technical color fantasy of old Baghdad, "A Thousand and One Nights," which will bring Cornel Wilde, Evelyn Keyes, Phil Silvers and Adele Jergens to the Texas Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, October 14, 15, 16, indicate that this new entry is not only magically brilliant in its fantasy, but comically successful in its satire.

Reports also say that Cornel Wilde will become a matinee idol; Evelyn Keyes a top comedienne; that Phil Silvers has come into his comic own; and that Adele Jergens is headed for Hollywood's "hall of fame" with the most glamorous sirens of the past.

Telling the story of Aladdin and his wonderful lamp, "A Thousand and One Nights" is said to have not only a sweep of magnificent pageantry and elegance, but an intimacy and romance seldom found adroitly blended. Credit for this is given to the astute direction of Alfred E. Green and the crafty playing of the entire cast.

Throughout the many sequences of magic and romance, pretty girls, dancing and music are interspersed with the fantasy. The songs are all by Saul Chaplin and Eddie deLange and include "I Can't Believe My Eyes," "Beauty for Sale," "My Dream Caravan" and "No More Women."

Others in the case, besides those already mentioned, are Dennis Hooey, Philip Van Zandt, Nestor Paiva, Gus Schilling and Rex Ingram.

Two Suspenseful Dramas Booked at the Texas Tomorrow and Saturday

"The Cheaters," a comedy-romance pulsating with charm and dramatic suspense, and "The Brighton Strangler," a gripping drama in which John Loder and June Duprez are headlined, comprise the double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday.

The story of "The Cheaters" concerns the saga of a faded stage star who rejuvenates a greedy family who invite him to their home as a Christmas charity case guest. An uncle of the family dies and leaves 5 million dollars to a showgirl who had befriended him, with the stipulation, however, that if she is not found in a specified time, the money reverts to the family. Their machinations to defraud Ona Munsan, who plays the actress, out of the money, and their remorse after being shown the error of their ways by Joseph Schildkraut, the star, constitute the stirring highlights of the film.

Ida Lupino, Sydney Greenstreet, Prince
In Warner's Comedy, 'Pillow to Post'

As fresh as the spring season itself, Warner Bros.' newest comedy romance, "Pillow to Post," is billed at the Texas Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday of next week, October 17 and 18. Starring Ida Lupino, Sydney Greenstreet, and William Prince, the comedy is a goofy and gay salute to army regulations, army husbands and army wives.

Featuring Stuart Erwin, Ruth Donnelly, Johnny Mitchell and Louis Armstrong and His Orchestra in supporting roles, "Pillow to Post" tells the lovable story of a pretty traveling saleswoman (Ida Lupino) and of the scrape she gets into in a soldier-packed army camp town. To her rescue comes a smooth ninety-day wonder (William Prince), full of fun and tricky maneuvers, and his romantic colonel (Sydney Greenstreet). Together they change Ida from a career woman to housewife, GI style.

Gene Autry Western And Shipyard Story Twin-Bill at Palace

A Gene Autry release, "Rancho Grande," and a shipyards comedy-drama, "A Sporting Chance," are the two feature films on the program at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, October 12 and 13.

The thrills and excitement of one of the world's greatest shipyards serves as a background for the amusing story of Republic's "A Sporting Chance." Republic spared no expense in making the background authentic. To gain authenticity, many of the film's most exciting scenes were filmed at one of the West Coast's most active shipyards.

The cast includes Jane Randolph, John O'Malley, Stephen Barclay, Edward Gargan, Isabel Withers, Janet Martin, Maxine Simon, Selmer Jackson, Robert Middlemass and Kenne Duncan.

Rainfall at Sweetwater last week totalled more than four inches. Stockmen welcomed the rain which they said was sufficient to put stock water in streams and surface tanks. Cotton picking in the area was halted for better weather and many pickers were idle most of the week.

Leonard Scales Now Manager Theatres

Leonard Scales has returned home and taken over the management of the Texas and Palace Theatres, succeeding Fred Pierce, who had been here the past year as local manager. Mr. Pierce has gone to Oklahoma City for a conference with Griffith Amusement Co. officials and after a two weeks vacation will assume the management of another theatre for the company.

Lt. Scales recently returned to the United States after serving with the 8th air force in England in the final days of the war. He was at home on leave for a period and last week received his discharge from the army air forces. Mr. Scales began his duties this week and will provide entertainment for people of this area. Before entering the service he was connected with the local showhouses and is at home to take up where he left off.

CREWS 4-H CLUB GIRLS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The first meeting of the year of the Crews girls 4-H club was held Wednesday when the county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Grace Carrell, was present. Officers named are as follows: Carol Westbrook, president; Louise Morrison, secretary-treasurer; Dorthais Traylor, reporter; Ila Dean Foreman, recreational leader; Lavora Morrison, exhibit chairman; Sybil McBeth, vice-president and program chairman; Mrs. C. A. Westbrook, sponsor; Elda Faye McDaniel, LaVonda Jenkins and Reba Mae Jenkins, finance committee.

Another meeting is to be held on October 17.

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Chapter No. 8

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October 15 Final Date for Mailing Christmas Parcels

October 15 is the final date for mailing Christmas parcels to service men overseas. Local merchants and postoffice employees state that the mailing of packages has been slow so far this year and in no way compares with the rush in 1944.

Many parents, wives and friends do not know whether their sons, husbands or friends will be overseas at Christmas time this year and that is slowing down the mailing of packages.

Postal authorities remind that the final date for mailing with assurance of having the packages delivered in time for the holiday period is near at hand. The usual size boxes are to be filled again this year with the weight not to exceed five pounds.

Ballinger merchants are featuring gift items for service men at this time and thereby are assisting shoppers with their gift problems.

Civilians are allowed to mail one package a week to the same address during the mailing dates.

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Plus GLAMOUR IN SPORTS

Women's, Society and Club News

Birthday Party for Louise Miller

Mrs. Charles Miller complimented her daughter, Louise, with a party on her ninth birthday Monday afternoon in their home on Fifth Street, with members of her Brownie troop being included as guests.

After games, directed by Charlotte and Arlene Miller, guests were invited to the dining room where places were found at the dining table. The approaching of the Halloween season was suggested in the jack-o-lantern centerpiece, in the decorations of the big white birthday cake, and in place favors.

Included were: Wanda Jean Williams, Joyce Lee Winton, LaVerne Calvert, Pat Zappe, Shirley Ann Burke, Hazel Harral, Dorothy Thomas, Jo Ann Blackmon, Elaine Hart, Marlene Witt, Una Sue Sellers, and Ann Kath-

erine McDonald.

Baptist Ruth Class in Jack Gibbs Home

First Baptist Ruth Class members were guests at a pleasant affair on Thursday evening of last week when a "pot luck" buffet supper was held in the home of Mrs. Jack Gibbs in South Ballinger with Mrs. Charles Hambrick giving the opening prayer.

Mrs. Wix Currie, Jr., recently elected president, directed the brief reports of officers and presented Mrs. J. R. McGray, who is the new teacher. Plans for future activities and for attendance and membership were discussed.

Others present were: Mmes. W. E. Curtis, Fred Moncrief, Doyle Condra, E. V. Smith, Barnett Frank, Arthur Crockett, Dick Ayers, Joe Lee Cooper, Clara Mae Jobe, L. C. Haggard, Paul Kirk-

Melvin Beddo, W. R. Murphy, Jr. and Ross Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crockett Are Dinner Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Tom A. Crockett were hosts at a family dinner in their Norton home last Sunday evening to compliment Mr. and Mrs. Bill Warren, of Ballinger, recent bridal couple; T. A. Crockett, Jr., discharged recently at Great Falls, Montana, from the A. T. C.; and Leonard Frank Crockett, discharged at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, from naval aviation training.

A large tiered decorated angel cake formed the centerpiece for the linen-laid table where the dinner was served in two courses.

O. E. S. Meets

Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of Eastern Star, held its regular meeting last Monday evening in the chapter room on Hutchings Avenue, with Mrs. Effie Hulsey presiding as worthy matron, and H. P. Largent, worthy patron.

After the routine opening and business session, the social committee, of which Mrs. Largent is chairman, served hot punch and cookies. Others present were: Mmes. Ione Teague, Kathryn Vinyard, Violet Williams, Luna Mae Foy, Mary Midgley, Hallie Parker, Rachel Boswell, Frances Zedlitz, Nellie Campbell, Beulah Rape, Dale O'Neill, Velma B. Halley, Rama Saunders, Inez McEntire, Ruel Boswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dobson.

No-Hostess Luncheon for Workers Class

First Methodist Workers Class members enjoyed a no-hostess covered dish luncheon in the church parlors Wednesday with Mrs. John Weeks presiding for the business period.

As Mrs. J. F. Currie played accompaniments on an old-fashioned reed organ, the group sang songs of former days and familiar hymns. Others were: Mmes. Hamp Byler, W. E. Midgley, W. W. Chastain, A. O. Strother, T. P. Brown, C. P. Shepherd, U. E. Hartman, R. A. Dickinson, James E. Brewer, and E. C. Baskin.

Mrs. van de Putte Is Ace of Clubs Hostess

Mrs. Charles van de Putte was Ace of Clubs hostess Wednesday afternoon in her home on Tenth Street.

Roses and dahlias gave floral beauty to rooms where Mrs. H. G. Agnew received high club score prize and Mrs. J. A. Schnable high guest. Bingo awards were won by Mrs. W. E. Moss and Mrs. Tom Agnew.

Mrs. H. Ravellette and Suzanne van de Putte assisted in serving a salad plate with cookies and tea. Others were: Mmes. Edward Sommer, W. O. Irbey, Alton Underwood and Marvin Davies.

Girl Scout News

Bluebird Brownies met this week

for their regular business meeting and organized play period in the girl scout room at the Library.

Joyce Faye Bisbee directed games and refreshments of sandwiches and cookies were served by Mary Ann Buehana and Sally Ann Underwood. Mrs. Dee Saylor is troop sponsor.

The Meadowlark girl scouts spent their regular meeting session in learning to tie various types of knots as a part of the sports and games activities. Further plans were made for packing boxes for needy French children.

The Bluebonnet troop met Wednesday afternoon at the Library with leaders, Mrs. G. P. Teague, Mrs. Loyd Herring and Miss Betty Jean Harper, directing the meeting. Officers were elected and other business plans made. Janie Morrison is chairman; Joyce Sanders, vice-chairman; Betty Lou Stuart scribe and reporter; Ann Bryan, treasurer; and Betty Morrison and Mary Wright are patrol leaders. Other members are: Sue Hampton, Joan Rayburn, La Rita Price, Barbara Smith, Barbara Patterson, Queba Rae Ferguson, and Dorothy Daugherty.

The Robin Brownie troop met Wednesday afternoon with Patsy Zappe hostess. Mrs. Floyd Winton read a story giving the history of Halloween and customs in other lands. Plans were made for a Halloween party and for packing Xmas boxes for French children. There was 100 per cent attendance.

Busy Bee Brownies met Tuesday afternoon under the direction of Mrs. Charles F. Bailey with Arabella Toney hostess. The Brownie story was reviewed and dramatized by members.

LAKE VIEW-BALLINGER GAME SCHEDULED 7:30

Ballinger high school officials announced Wednesday that the beginning time for the Ballinger-Lake View football game tomorrow (Friday) night had been changed to 7:30 and the kickoff will be at that hour. Fans who wish to see the preliminary color are advised to be at the park by 7:00 p. m.

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING HELD BY HATCHEL 4-H CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the Hatchel 4-H club was held last week at the Hatchel school with all members present but one. The program consisted of planning activities for the school year.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Miller, of Colorado City, and Yeoman Floyd Miller are visiting in the homes of Mrs. T. J. McCaughan and Mr. and Mrs. O. R. O'Neill. Yeoman Miller recently arrived in the States after being a Jap prisoner since the fall of Corregidor.

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Municipal Airport Work Commenced; Two Strips Located

City employees assisted this week in locating and laying off two runways at the Jones Taylor place, which is being converted into a municipal airport. Mr. Taylor recently purchased the land between the Bronte and Abilene highways near the corporate limits of Ballinger to be used as an airport and the old city airport near Runnels is being dismantled and closed.

One runway 2,500 feet long and another more than 2,000 feet long, both 300 feet wide, were located. Each has been bladed and rolled and will be made ready as soon as possible. The city is cooperating with Mr. Taylor in establishing the airport and it will be in service as soon as the work can be done.

Other municipal activities in September included the opening of many drainage ditches in the city and the blading of a number of dirt streets.

City collections were good for the past month, \$5,674.78 being received by all departments. Water payments led with \$3,096.84. Water consumption in September totaled 16,041,000 gallons, or a daily average of 535,000 gallons.

Farmers Welcome Sunshine in County After 2 Wet Weeks

Sunshine today and Wednesday afternoon was welcomed by Runnels county farmers who are anxious to get into their fields to resume cotton picking. The almost two weeks of rain has done some damage to cotton, reports having been received of seed sprouting in the bolls in some places and the staple has been affected in other areas.

Within a few days pickers are expected to be able to resume work and gins will be in continuous operation again. Showers began with a large amount of cotton open and the harvest just getting underway. In most sections the rains were gentle and no lint was beaten out on the ground, and except for moisture damage will be okeh.

The rains were general all over this part of the state and fields are still muddy, water still standing in some. It was estimated that it would be several days before pickers could start work in most communities.

Coluntary small grain is reported to be growing fast and planting of fall wheat and oats will soon get underway.

F. F. A. CHAPTER CHOOSES SWEETHEART NOMINEES

The Ballinger F. F. A. chapter chose the nominees for sweetheart in a meeting held on Friday of last week. They are Betty Lou Morrison and Carolyn Cheatham, senior class; Betty Jean Underwood and Beverly Barber, junior class; Patsy Faris and Marilyn Agnew, sophomore class.

The contest will open officially Monday, October 15, and the first elimination will be made Friday, October 19. The three highest contestants will remain in the finals with the last count being made Friday, October 26. The winner will be the 1945-1946 F. F. A. sweetheart.

Votes will be a penny each and there is no limit on the number of votes that may be cast by each person. The F. F. A. plans to use the money in the building of a livestock and show barn. A \$25.00 victory bond will be presented the sweetheart and the two queens will also be the recipients of gifts.

ASSOCIATION BAPTIST LAYMEN WILL MEET IN CITY SUNDAY

Laymen of the Runnels Baptist Association are to conduct a mass meeting here next Sunday afternoon, October 14, at 3 o'clock in the auditorium of the Park Avenue Baptist Church. The purpose of the meeting is to inspire the organization of brotherhoods in all the 25 churches in the association.

Associational President W. T. Billups, of Winters, has planned the meeting and announces that a good program has been outlined, including both messages and music. R. E. White, music director of the First Baptist Church, will have charge of the music for the afternoon program.

The Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop, pastor of the host church, is anticipating a good crowd and fine representation from the various churches.

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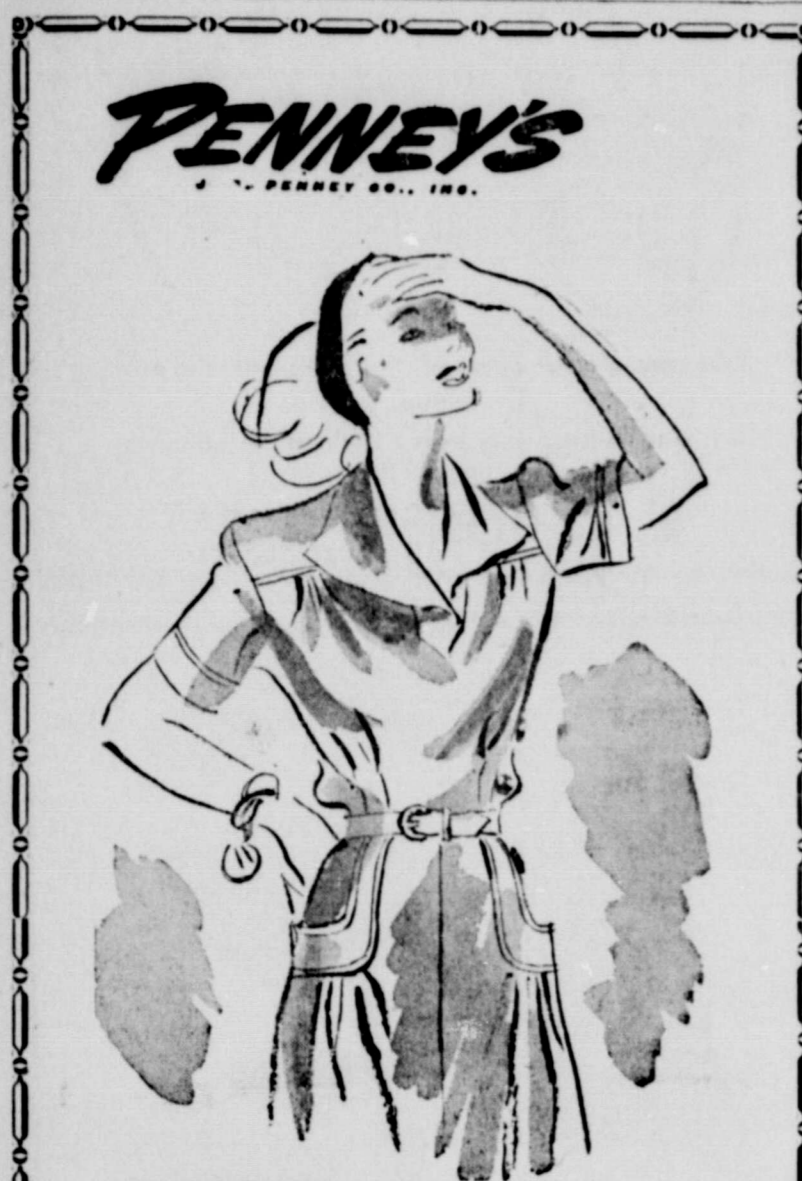
Rev. B. J. Martin began his service last Sunday as pastor of the First Baptist Church and was greeted by a full house at the morning hour and a large congregation Sunday night. The entire lower floor was filled Sunday morning and many were shifted to the balcony. Other departments of the church also enjoyed fine attendance Sunday.

Rev. Martin delivered interesting and inspiring sermons to his people in which he invited their cooperation in carrying on a great work in the Ballinger church. During the week Rev. and Mrs. Martin have been meeting mem-

bers of the church and official boards, and making plans for routine activities. Tuesday night the membership assembled for a reception in honor of the new pastor and his wife.

Lt. William H. Penn spent a short leave with his mother, Mrs. Ona Penn, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. U. E. Hartman, the first of the week. Lt. Penn is a flight engineer instructor at the Pyote army air base.

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The United War Chest drive here is getting off to a slow start, workers and contributors alike showing a let-down in interest since the end of the war. Local apathy is reflected all over the nation and information available is that much publicity and pressure probably must be used to put over the campaign successfully. With some ten million men in service, many overseas yet, the need for these agencies is more urgent now than when hostilities were actually in progress. Only a few of the men have been discharged and millions of others are moving into strange lands to take up a long, lonesome job of occupation. These boys need everything the people back home can give them to keep them contented. At least 99 per cent would come home if they could and are counting the days until that trip is possible. In the meantime they have the right to expect some entertainment and connections with home and the United War Chest participating agencies form the link between the man overseas and home. This is positively the last drive. Runnels county people have stood pat since the beginning of the war and we believe will see it to a finish.

The announcement that organized salvage has been discontinued does not mean that salvage is no longer needed in this country. Local drives for waste paper and fats will continue and the government states that the need is as great now as it has been at any time. Organizations will continue monthly scrap paper collections and meat markets will continue to receive kitchen fats. Both items are on the very scarce list and the reconversion job can not go forward without them. Scrap and other scarce products cannot return to the shelves of

retail stores in quantities until fats are available. Help your country get back to normal by continuing to save and turn in needed salvage.

Ballinger has reached the point where it needs a building program for both residences and business houses. The town has never been more crowded than now and never a day passes but there are a number of people looking for living quarters or places to go into business. Apartment and houses are needed for newcomers who would move to Ballinger and the town will lose by not being able to take care of those who want to become permanent citizens.

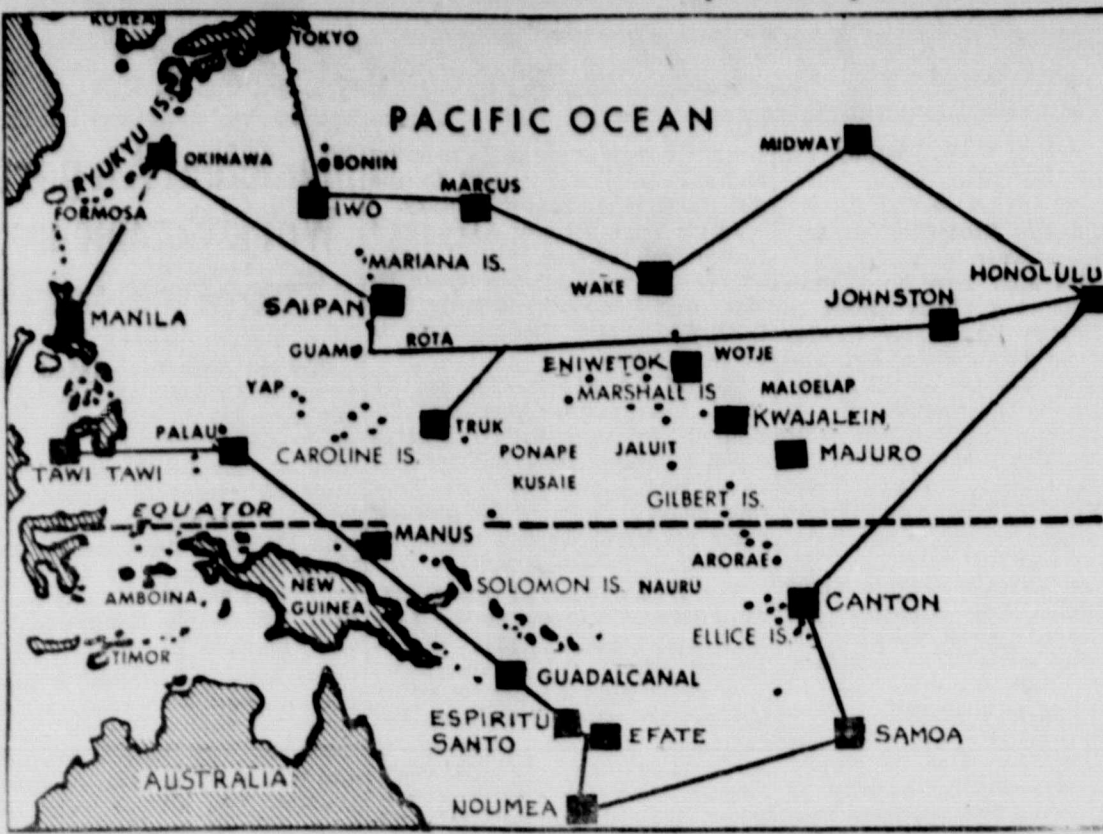
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Lucille Ruth Edwards,
Defendant, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to appear before the Honorable District Court of Runnels County at the Court House thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a. m. of the first Monday next after the expiration of forty-two days from the date of the issuance of this citation, same being the 12th day of November, A. D. 1945, then and there to answer Plaintiff's petition filed in said Court, on the 18th day of September, A. D. 1945, in this cause numbered 5153 on the docket of said court and styled Fred Edwards, Plaintiff, vs. Lucille Ruth Edwards, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Plaintiff alleges he is a resident of Runnels County and the State of Texas. That at the present time he is in the military service of the United States of America. That he and the defendant were legally married on or about the 21st day of December, 1943, and continued to live together as husband and wife until on or about the 14th day of February, 1944, since which time they have not lived together. Plaintiff alleges defendant neglected her duties as a wife, and because of her unkind treatment toward Plaintiff their further living together as husband and wife is insupportable. That the residence of Defendant at this time is unknown to Plaintiff. Therefore, he asks judgment of the Court dissolving the marriage relationship now existing between them, that Defendant's maiden name of Robertson be restored to her, and for general relief, as is more fully shown by Plaintiff's petition on file in this suit.

The officer executing this process shall promptly execute the same according to law, and make due return as the law directs. Issued and given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 23rd day of September, A. D. 1945.
(Seal)
Attest:
Mrs. Wilona Parker, Clerk,
District Court, Runnels County,
Texas. 27-41

Defense Lines, Bases Desired by Army in Pacific



Proposals by Air Gen. Henry H. Arnold for maintenance of a series of defense lines in the Pacific for future national security is receiving growing support in congress. The latest proposal would provide major fleet bases at Pearl Harbor, Guam, Saipan, Manus and Noumea, with a main naval air base at Mactan island in the Philippines. The whole would provide chains of security far from the United States shores. The house committee said the bases are needed to maintain peace.



WEST TEXAS NOTES

Brown county sheep and goat raisers met with the commissioners' court last week to ask aid in securing a government trapper to destroy wolves. The ranchmen said they had lost many sheep and goats recently and efforts will be made to eliminate these predatory animals. The commissioners voted to help with the project in a financial way.

The Santa Anna public schools and theatre were ordered closed last week when an outbreak of infantile paralysis caused one death and struck two others. Every precaution is being taken to keep children from being exposed and private funeral services were held for the one victim. It is not known how long the schools will remain closed.

The Rising Star American Legion post met last week to consider suggestions for securing a building to be converted into a clubhouse. Since so many World War II veterans have joined the post recently need for the clubhouse has become a necessity to provide a place where veterans can meet socially as well as for business sessions.

The Hord's Creek water reservoir is still holding top priority and Coleman officials expect action on the project possibly within 45 days. Army engineers are still keeping the project alive and it is believed an appropriation of \$1,667,000 will soon be available. This would solve the water problem at Coleman where shortages have been experienced the past two years.

W. H. Rampy, secretary of the Winters Chamber of Commerce, was in Brownwood last week to

attend a meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for this district. A complete discussion of projects before the regional organization was held and Mr. Rampy will report on these to the Winters chamber.

Paint Rock citizens have hopes of getting a bus line stop within the near future. Applications have been made by Clarence C. Fahrenbach, of San Antonio, for a line to originate in Ballinger and run south through Paint Rock to Menard, Junction and Fredericksburg. Applications for this and other routes were filed by Mr. Fahrenbach in August.

Goat raisers in the Stephenville area of Erath county have sustained heavy losses recently

because of cold weather and rain. Hundreds of the animals died from exposure and one ranchman reported a loss of 200 head. Most of the goats had only been sheared when the first cold spell of the year turned into a full-blown norther accompanied by driving cold rain. In Erath and several nearby counties losses are expected to exceed 30,000 head.

The state highway commission has asked for bids on construction from a point five miles south of Comanche to the Mills county line. The county has not secured all the necessary right-of-way and this is being stressed before a bid is accepted for the paving. The new road would connect with other paving at a point south of Comanche.

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and expected to have to make a second canvass. Reports last Friday indicated less than ten per cent of the county's quota had been subscribed.

An oil well was brought in last week four miles northwest of Eden and initial production was estimated at 648 barrels daily. The production was determined by a state railroad commission gauge which showed a flow of 81 barrels in three hours of 44 gravity. This is the first real producer in Concho county and will cause the immediate drilling of other wells in the area.

W. B. Click, civilian operator of Curtis Field, Brady, has moved to Corpus Christi with his family. Mr. Click made home at Brady for more than four years and Curtis Field was maintained longer than any other civilian-operated field in the state. It was one of the first to be opened for primary flight training and later became a basic training field after numerous primary fields were opened.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Maples, of Melvin, were injured near Big Spring last week when their car

collided with a truck stopped on the highway. They were released from a Big Spring hospital after being treated. Mrs. Maples was badly bruised and shocked and her husband had a head wound that required several stitches.

Miss Grace Jo Crimm, of Ballinger, is a member of the freshman class entering the Baylor school of nursing this fall.

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First Presbyterian Church 10:00 a. m., Sunday school. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. Evening worship, 6:00 p. m. GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

First Baptist Church (400 Eighth Street) Sunday school, 9:45 a. m., W. J. Hembree, superintendent. 11:00 a. m., morning worship. 7:30 p. m., evening worship.

First Christian Church (Broadway and Murrell) Sunday: Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Communion service, 10:50 a. m.

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

Church of Christ (1100 Ninth Street) Lord's Day services: 11 a. m. and 8:45 p. m. Wednesday night: Bible study, 8:45 p. m.

Grace Baptist Church (10th Street and Phillips Avenue) Bible school, 10 a. m., Jim Hash, superintendent. Morning service, 11 a. m.

Tokyo Lying in Ruins Struggles Back to New Life



This bombed-out area in the heart of Tokyo, near the imperial palace, shows the devastating results of American fire bombing attacks.

Park Avenue Baptist Church (Park Avenue at Broadway) 10:00 a. m.—Sunday school. 11:00 a. m.—morning worship hour.

Foursquare Gospel Church (104 N. Twelfth Street) Sunday school at 10 a. m. Worship service at 11 a. m.

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

Church of God Sunday: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Morning worship, 11 a. m. Junior Y. P., 6:45 p. m.

Church of Christ Eighth Street Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Bible classes. 10:45 a. m., worship. 6:30 p. m., children's class.

Monday: 4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class. Wednesday: 7:00 p. m., Bible classes for all. RICHARD A. ROBBINS, Minister

Loyd Takes Church As Program Theme At Rotary Meeting

Rev. Hugh B. Loyd was the speaker at the Ballinger Rotary Club meeting Tuesday, bringing an all-church program. The speaker referred to the church and the community, defining what is expected by each of the other

Program Next Tuesday The Rotary Club is preparing for more than 100 attendance at its meeting to be held at the Central Hotel next Tuesday evening

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at 7:15. At that time H. C. Spencer will be the speaker and will talk on soil conservation. Each member is to invite one or more farmers of this area to be his guests at this meeting.

Salvage Chairman Released from Duty; Paper, Fats Needed

H. J. Zappe, salvage chairman for Runnels county since early in 1942, received word from the war production board last week that the salvage program was discontinued effective September 30 and all chairmen were relieved of their duties.

It was pointed out, however, that many items were still scarce and that salvage drives would be carried on by patriotic groups and through other channels. The two most needed items, and for which drives probably will be continued in this section, are waste paper and fats.

Meat markets will continue to receive fats and give cash and red points in exchange. The token value of fats has been doubled, four points now being paid instead of two.

In being released from his duties as chairman, Mr. Zappe said he wished to express his appreciation to citizens and organizations in all parts of the county who have cooperated in every drive and helped to make salvage work in this county successful.

HOMEMAKERS TOLD SAVING OF WASTE KITCHEN FATS IS STILL NO. 1 NECESSITY

COLLEGE STATION, Sept. 26.—Homemakers are getting more meat now than during the war months, but it still is necessary to continue to save every drop of used fat for salvage.

Try Lidice 'Butcher'



Karl Hermann Frank, German secretary of state for Bohemia-Moravia, who is better known as "Butcher" Frank of Lidice. He is considered responsible for the liquidation of the Lidice populace following the assassination of Reinhard Heydrich.

Austin, state marketing officer for the production and marketing administration, and other state and national salvage program leaders.

The shortage of fats and oils is expected to continue into the spring of 1946, since some time will elapse before importations from the South Pacific can be resumed. Butchers will continue to pay points and cash for salvaged fat.

Banks to Observe Holiday October 12

Ballinger banks will not be open for business on Friday, October 12, Columbus Day, a legal holiday. Patrons are advised to make arrangements for their banking needs prior to closing time on Thursday.

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

Think on These Things

Richard Robbins Minister Eighth Street Church of Christ

In closing our study on the necessity of being members of the one body, he Lord's church, let us notice that Christ is the head of the church, and he is the saviour of the body. Eph.5:23. But the body he is the saviour of his church. Col.1:24. Christ loved the church, and gave himself for it. Eph.5:25. Thus he purchased the church with his own blood. Acts 20:28. To share the benefit of the blood of Christ, one must be in the church that he purchased by giving himself for it.

'Gotta Sign Off Now'



"General Wainwright is a great guy. Gotta sign off now, the Japs are closing in. Notify my mother in Brooklyn. What wouldn't I give for an ice cream soda." This was the final message sent out of Corregidor by Sgt. Irving Strubing before the Japs entered.

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Mrs. Norris Fortesque has returned to Lafayette, Louisiana, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. C. D. Mills, and other relatives.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

In spite of the steady drizzle of rain last Thursday the Bethel home demonstration club held an all-day meeting and a delightful pot-luck dinner in the home of Mrs. I. V. Pearson. Eight members were present and each brought a covered dish.

Mrs. Grace C. Carrell, county home demonstration agent, gave a demonstration on yeast bread. In the afternoon she spoke to the club members, giving an outline of what she wanted to accomplish during the ensuing year.

The hostess had a lovely bedspread and bath mat in the making and all guests worked on these.

New club officers are: Mrs. Claud Thompson, president; Mrs. Oswald Zuehlke vice-president; Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne, secretary; and Mrs. Ben Livermon, reporter.

The next meeting will be in the home of Mrs. Hedrick Shelburne.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Members of the eighth grade of Ballinger junior high school met Wednesday, October 3, to elect class officers. Scotty Bell was elected president; Duane Baxter, vice-president; Rollie Taylor, secretary and treasurer; and Gene Hirschfeld, reporter.

Peggy Floyd, Patty Morrison, and Wilma Duke were appointed for the year's program committee. Miss Wright, Miss Moreland and Mrs. Johnson are the class sponsors.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our thanks for every act of kindness and help shown us by our friends, neighbors and pastor during the illness and death of our loved one, C. J. Hoelscher. We appreciate the beautiful floral offerings and the food that was brought in. May God bless each of you.

Mrs. C. J. Hoelscher and family.
Mrs. Minnie Hoelscher and family. 11-11

Uncle Sam's Most Expensive Private First Class



Pfc. Arthur Griser, insert, whose wife and 11 children are shown awaiting his return from Europe to their Pitsa, Pa., home. They have been married 12 years and have three sets of twins among their 11 children. Their army allotment of \$300 a month is believed to be the highest paid to any private first class. Griser is just as anxious to return to his family as the paymaster is to be relieved of this expensive soldier.

Serving Uncle Sam

Drew Preston Brown, steward 3c, is aboard the Jap battleship Nagato in Tokyo Bay. After the Yokosuka naval base was surrendered a prize crew of 75 men was sent aboard the vessel, most of them from the U.S.S. South Dakota. The Jap ship is badly damaged with most of its superstructure a mass of twisted steel as the result of American bombing raids. The Nagato is being made ready for service and will be seen in American ports before long.

Robert M. Owen, recently discharged from the army air force, has accepted a position with the Sykes Motor Co., beginning work October 8. A B-24 pilot with the 8th air force, Owen was shot down by Nazi fighters on April 12, 1944, and held a prisoner of war at Stalag 3 until the end of the war and liberation. Nineteen months overseas, he was stationed in England until captured by the Germans. Owen took primary training at Bruce Field and returns here to make home.

T-4 J. D. Reneau, in Brooks General Hospital, San Antonio, was here the past week-end to visit his parents, other relatives and friends.

A letter received from Capt. J. L. Moreland by his parents stated his outfit had arrived in the Philippines and was stationed at the present about 20 miles from Manila. He stated that the rainy season was on and that it was an every day occurrence with plenty of mud. He also revealed that the division's trip to Japan was off. Capt. Moreland and the 86th division served in the European theatre and was the first to be sent from that front to the Pacific.

J. E. Curry came in Tuesday night from Camp Maxie, where he had been stationed since returning to the United States. He will make home here and with his wife, the former Miss Camille Behringer, will operate Curry's jewelry store here. Sgt. Curry got his discharge Saturday and spent the week-end in Waxahachie with his mother.

Lt. Jerry Wiesner, son of Mrs. Emilie Wiesner, of Rowena, will go on active status in the army medical corps January 1. He is now interning at the Sealy Hospital, Galveston.

In recent letters from James Lampe, seaman 1c, he told that his ship was the thirteenth to enter Tokyo Bay and that he remained there until after the formal surrender. Leaving Japan he sailed to Saipan.

HEADQUARTERS, 13TH AIR FORCE, Philippines—Staff Sergeant Chester A. Thomas, veteran radio operator and waist gunner on a B-24 Liberator crew with the "Bomber Barons," recently was presented his first oak leaf cluster for his air medal for meritorious achievement in aerial combat at his advanced "Jungle Air Force" base.

Flying over targets in the Philippines and Borneo, Thomas logged more than 200 combat hours on strikes against enemy airfields and other important installations, smashing the Nip war-making potential in those areas.

Thomas' present outfit, the recipient of two distinguished unit citations by order of the presi-

dent for strikes on Woleai in the Carolines and on Balikpapan, Borneo, has flown mostly lengthy overwater missions, often of twelve or more hours duration, encountering intense flak and dangerous weather fronts.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thomas, he attended Ballinger high school prior to entering the service in March, 1943. He got his radio training at Sioux Falls, S. D., and attended gunnery school at Yuma, Ariz. He left for overseas duty in February, 1945.

Lt. Ira B. West, son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Setser, of Norton, has reported to the naval base at Jacksonville, Fla., after eight months as a combat pilot on a B-24 in the Pacific theatre. Before reporting for reassignment he spent thirty days at his home in Clovis, N. M., and at Norton. His wife, the former Jenna V. Setser, accompanied him to Florida.

Cpl. Eugene A. West has reported back to Fort Sam Houston for reassignment after spending a 45-day furlough here with his wife, the former Miss Wilma Block, and other relatives. Cpl. West served for 17 months in the Panama Canal Zone. The couple also visited Cpl. West's relatives and friends at Essex, Mo. months has been doing stateside duty. He joined his wife here and plans after a two weeks' vacation to go to Fort Stockton and take employment in the oil field near there.

Frank L. Cowan, of Ballinger route 2, ship's cook, has been discharged, according to a memo-

randum received from the navy public relations office at Dallas.

Chief Petty Officer Leo Castor of the seabees sailed from Okinawa September 23 and is expected in the States in ten days or two weeks. He has been in the Pacific theatre 19 months.

Sgt. George T. Mikovsky, of Ballinger, has returned to the States by air after serving overseas 28 months. He arrived at the Miami air transport command air field recently.

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