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Early Holidays Given Ballinger Students Because of Influenza

Ballinger school children were dismissed last Friday noon and studies will not be resumed until after the Christmas holidays. The holiday vacation started for local teachers and students three days early because of the spread of influenza the past week.

Supt. J. D. Wilson stated that more than 160 pupils were ill and out of the elementary school alone Friday morning and many others were absent from the junior and senior high schools because of the flu. In addition to the pupils who were ill, eight teachers were out because of illness Friday, a few having rather serious cases.

School officials decided that the extra three days might help to stop the epidemic and announced to the students Thursday afternoon that classes would be dismissed Friday noon.

Returning Veterans To Bring a Happier Xmas in Many Homes

Christmas 1945 will be quite different from the holiday in 1944 as many families will be reunited with sons, fathers and husbands who had been away in the service of their country from three to five years. Discharged soldiers and sailors are returning home every day and others are arriving on Christmas furloughs and leaves to make many family circles complete.

Of course there are still more than 1,000 boys from this county still in service and not yet headed home, but with the war over there is a feeling of safety and not the ever-present anxiety felt last Christmas.

Turkey dinners, Christmas trees, parties and other events are being planned for the holiday season in many Runnels county homes as a result of the return of many men from overseas as compared to last year when the celebrations were rather barren and few were held.

There also are a good many families here who have boys en route home who may be late in arriving for Christmas. There are others who have one or more loved ones still overseas with no date set for their return and some of the fighting men are still in hospitals.

Judge and Mrs. E. C. Grindstaff and son will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends at Abilene.

Coach and Mrs. Felton Wright left this week for Garvin to visit relatives and friends during the holiday period.

Myles Nixon Buys Studio from Martin; Open During Xmas

H. M. Martin and Myles Nixon have announced the completion of a deal in which Mr. Nixon assumes the ownership of Martin's Studio.

Mr. Nixon is well known here, having moved to Ballinger from Brownwood in 1932. He has been employed by local firms during most of that time but during the past year and a half has travelled over West Texas for a foods concern. For the past 10 years he has been working with photography and is thoroughly experienced and capable of handling all types of photographic work. He stated that one of the reasons he bought a business in Ballinger was that his firm wanted him to move to another city, but he and his family were reluctant to leave Ballinger.

In retiring from the business here Mr. Martin stated that during the past four or five years he has been in poor health and feels that he needs a long rest in order to regain his health. For the present Mr. and Mrs. Martin and son intend to continue to make home in Ballinger.

During the 18 years Mr. Martin has operated the photographic studio here he has always closed from Christmas until after New Year's Day in order to go hunting. The new owner said today, however, that he plans to keep the studio open every day except Christmas in order to take care of all the old customers and also to have a chance to meet old and new patrons in his new enterprise.

Utilities District Meeting and Xmas Party Held Here

All employees of the West Texas Utilities Co. in district G and their families were in Ballinger Wednesday for the regular safety meeting and an annual Christmas party.

Employees assembled at 2:30 p. m. Wednesday at the warehouse on Seventh Street for the safety meeting with Chester Cherry in charge. Special equipment was used to demonstrate every-day hazards of the workers and Mr. Cherry showed methods of avoiding accidents and also how to revive accident victims in case of injury. The carefully planned program was interesting as well as educational.

Wednesday night employees and their families gathered at the Ballinger school lunchroom for a dinner at 6:30, followed by the program and Christmas tree and a visit to the children by Santa Claus.

At the dinner Harry Lynn was toastmaster and Supt. J. D. Wilson delivered the Christmas message. Santa then arrived and for some time merriment was high as gifts were passed out to the kiddies.

This meeting is an annual affair, having been held here for a number of years. W. O. Wallace, of Ballinger, is manager of district G with headquarters here.

Bruce Sells Farms in Runnels County; 2,000 Acres in Deals

R. W. Bruce has gone out of the farming business in Runnels county after operating extensively for more than 20 years. He stated Tuesday that he had sold nine farms comprising more than 2,000 acres, mostly in cultivation. Mr. Bruce did not give a list of the buyers nor divulge the exact consideration but said the price per acre ranged from \$42.50 to \$50, and that nine different men purchased the land.

Mr. Bruce began operating farms south of Ballinger a number of years ago. His operations have been successful and he has practiced diversification with good results. All his places were well improved and during the years crop yields have been above the average.

When asked what he intended to do in the future, he stated that he might run either for the legislature or congress, but savored this with a smile that left doubt.

Before engaging in farming in this area Mr. Bruce operated a wholesale grocery concern in Ballinger.

H. D. County Council Training School to be Held on January 19

Plans for a training school were made Saturday, December 15, when the Runnels county home demonstration council held its regular meeting in the office of the county home demonstration agent, Mrs. Grace C. Carrell. Mrs. Tom Crockett, vice-chairman, presided.

A committee to make arrangements for the meeting place and plan the program was appointed, as follows: Mrs. Tom Crockett, Mrs. Harold Routh, and Mrs. Marion Hays.

The training school will be held the next regular council meeting day, Saturday, January 19, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The school is to be held in the forenoon, with a covered dish luncheon, followed by the regular council meeting after dinner. The program is being planned for all home demonstration club members.

Mrs. George McMillan, chairman of the marketing committee, reported seven cases of food sent by the clubs of this county to needy Europeans.

Due to Mrs. Emittie Taylor, of Dale, moving out of the county, Mrs. Newman Smith, vice-chairman of the council, will be the 1946 chairman.

Elliott Adams, of the social security board at San Angelo, discussed the social security program at the council meeting.

The following were present: Mmes. George McMillan, Newman Smith, South Ballinger; Kirby Robinson, Tom Crockett, Norton; Robert Bruenner, E. H. Voelkel, Rowena; H. E. White, Victory; Claud Thompson, Hedrick Sheldburne, Grady Richards, Marion Hays, Bethel; and Miss Mary Lou Hallmann, Oifen; and Mrs. Carrell.

Army Recruiting Station Open Here Six Days a Week

An army recruiting station has been opened in Ballinger for the purpose of securing enlistments in the regular army. It is located on the second floor of the court house and will be open daily except Sunday from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Men between the ages of 17 and 34 are eligible for enlistment. Youths of 17 must have their parents' consent before they can be accepted. Enlistment periods are for 18 months, two years and three years. Men enlisting for three years have their choice of the branch of service and the theatre in which they will serve. Young men enlisting for three years may go to any school or college under the G. I. bill of rights for four years at government expense, after serving their enlistment.

Discharged veterans have twenty days after being released to reenlist and retain their rank. They are also eligible for a reenlistment furlough and a reenlistment bonus of \$50 per year for last enlistment.

Anyone interested is asked to stop at the court house in Ballinger and talk it over with Sgt. Roe, the recruiter.

The army recruiting station at San Angelo has been moved from the court house to the St. Angelus Hotel.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Otis Powers has arrived home after two and a half years with the seabees, 22 months of which was service in the Pacific theatre. He received his discharge at New Orleans. Mr. Powers is a partner in a grocery store here.

S-Sgt. Harold J. Spann has received his discharge from the army air forces at March Field, Calif., and is en route home, for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Reams. His wife resides at Lake Charles, La., and he will join her there. He entered the service in June, 1941.

Doyle Archie arrived home last week with his discharge after serving in the army almost five years. The last year was spent in the Pacific.

Pfc. Curtis E. McCartney, son of Mrs. B. A. McCartney of Winters, Rt. 1, has received honors in Japan for deeds done in the closing days of the war. A citation accompanying his recent award reads as follows: "Pfc. Curtis E. McCartney, parachute infantry, U. S. army, for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against the enemy on Luzon, P. I., on February 9, 1945, while returning from a reconnaissance mission. His patrol was suddenly subjected to heavy machine-gun fire which seriously injured one of the patrol members. Exposing himself to the fire, Pfc. McCartney crawled to a wounded comrade and administered first aid. Then he made a litter with rifles and with the help of other members of the patrol, carried the wounded soldier two miles through a sniper infested area to a medical station."

Capt. and Mrs. Clark Koller have gone to Smyrna, Tenn., where Capt. Koller is stationed at the Smyrna army air base.

Cadet Nurse Mary Ann Allen has returned to John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, where she is a junior.

John Charles Wessels, seaman 1c, aboard the destroyer Gridley, is, has been enjoying some pleasant duty the past several months after a long and successful combat period in the Pacific. The ship has been ordered to Mediterranean waters and Wessels will be there for a considerable time. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wessels of Ballinger.

Rev. Taylor Henley has received his discharge from the army after serving several years as a chaplain and a large part of the time with combat divisions in the ETO. He has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of Gorman and will also attend the Baptist Seminary at Fort Worth to complete his education. He and Mrs. Henley are making home in Gorman.

J. L. Carpenter has arrived back in the States after serving 18 months in India. He arrived on the West Coast last week and is expecting a discharge soon. Cpl. Carpenter was at Bruce Field for about three years as a link trainer instructor and is well acquainted in Ballinger.

Roman Muller is at home with his discharge, arriving Friday evening. He had been in the service more than three years and almost two years in the Pacific at bases all the way from Australia to Tokyo.

Pfc. James E. Gully, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gully, of Norton, is at home with a medical discharge after 37 months' service in the air forces. He sustained a fractured spinal injury while overseas and was in a hospital in Hawaii three months before returning to McCloskey General Hospital at Temple. He wears two theatre ribbons, the victory medal and the good conduct. He received his discharge at San Antonio last week. A brother, David E. Gully, is now stationed in Japan.

Pfc. Daniel R. Lancaster, of Runnels county, was discharged at Fort Douglas, Utah, December 10 after serving 20 months, a large part of which was in the European theatre. Before entering the service he was employed at Coleman.

John S. Kennedy, seaman 2c, aboard the USS Langley, recently went from Pearl Harbor to the Philadelphia navy yard, where the Langley is being repaired. While at Philadelphia Kennedy visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slagle and attended church services. He is now making his second trip to Naples to bring American troops home from Italy.

Grindstaff is Invited To National Meeting Of Highway Builders

County Judge E. C. Grindstaff, as president of the West Texas County Judges' and Commissioners Association, has been invited to attend a meeting of the American Road Builders' Association at Chicago on January 17.

Mr. Grindstaff will attend and the only other Texas representative will be the president of the state judges-commissioners' association, Judge Gilbert Smith.

The purpose of this meeting is to study and determine whether a county highway officials' division of the national organization could be formed and if it would be practical.

Conditions point to the need for a compact national body to represent local governments in matters of interest to all road officials. For this reason the national organization is calling state officials to meet to try to form a group which can properly function in post-war high way construction and designations as well as in other ways.

The Runnels county commissioners' court was of the opinion that Judge Grindstaff should accept the invitation and attend as one of the Texas representatives.

PARTY FOR CHILDREN TO BE GIVEN BY ST. MARY'S PARISH

Under the leadership of Mrs. Reingold Hoelscher and Mrs. Arthur Mueller, a Christmas party will be held at the library building this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock for all the children of St. Mary's parish and many of their friends. There will be a tree and a visit from Santa Claus. After the tree presentation the remainder of the evening will be spent in singing of Christmas carols and other social games.

MERCHANTS EXPECTING BIG CHRISTMAS RUSH

Ballinger merchants are getting set for the final Christmas rush and expect the largest holiday crowds to come in Friday, Saturday and Monday. Many of the store managers are adding extra clerks for the week-end and Christmas eve and will make every effort to be ready to wait on customers who are seeking last-minute gifts.

Several local merchants have reported trade getting a late start on their Christmas buying and while this business has picked up every day this week much shopping will have to be done this week-end to bring the volume up to equal that of previous years. One reason attributed for the lateness of heavy shopping was that no program was staged here this year to instill an early Christmas spirit in local people.

LI and Mrs. Robert Bruce and children will arrive here the first of the week to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bruce and friends.

Mrs. J. H. Goss, of Abilene, and Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dodge, of Hawley, will be Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Simpson.

Miss Sallie Hill, home editor of Progressive Farmer, published at Birmingham, Ala., was here this week for a visit with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Wilson. Miss Hill is making a tour through this section in the interests of her work and while here had interviews with County Agent John A. Barton and Mrs. Grace C. Carrell, county home demonstration agent.

Miss Irene Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Anderson, of Pasadena, California, are expected to arrive here this week for a holiday visit with relatives and friends.

Mrs. J. D. Wilson and Margaret Ann and Jean Donald, will spend the Christmas holidays at Mineral Wells, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forrester are visiting relatives in Oklahoma this week.

Miss Faye Clark, of Houston, is at home to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Cpl. William D. Wilson, son of Mrs. Eva Wilson, of Ballinger, is expected home soon. He has been in the service three years and two months and was overseas 16 months. Eligible for discharge, he has been serving in the 376th infantry.

Runnels County People Urged to Buy E Bonds

B.C.D. Directors Will Name Nominating Committee Tonight

Directors of the Ballinger Board of Community Development will hold their regular December meeting tonight at 7:30 at their office in the city hall.

Considerable important business will come up for consideration, including the naming of a nominating committee to suggest men to be elected to the board in January. Twenty-two compose the board of directors, eleven being elected each year. Following the election of eleven in January, they will take over their duties at the annual membership meeting to be held in February.

The entertainment committee has already started plans for the annual banquet and is making an effort to secure the service of a prominent speaker. Other details are to be worked out in January and announcement made of the time and place.

Jack Rudd, secretary-manager, will not attend the meeting this evening. Mr. Rudd went to Dallas the past week-end to attend the state meeting of commercial secretaries and while there contracted influenza and is not yet able to return home.

Harry Lynn will preside at the meeting and Mrs. Catherine Caudle will act as secretary in the absence of Mr. Rudd.

BALLINGER VETERAN GIVEN BRONZE STAR

In an informal ceremony in the office of the commander of Camp Bowie, former Master Sergeant Robert L. Nicholson, 608 Eighth Street, Ballinger, received the bronze star medal in honor of his meritorious service while in France and Germany serving with the 142nd Infantry regiment of the 36th division.

The medal was presented to Mr. Nicholson by Lieut.-Col. Roy Bradley, camp executive officer, and the war department citation which was read by Capt. La Preal Blaisdell, WAC, camp adjutant, is as follows:

"For meritorious service in direct support of sustained operations against the enemy from 15 August 1944 to 8 May 1945 in France and Germany."

Mr. Nicholson entered the service November 25, 1940, and was discharged in July, 1945. He is the son of Mrs. Eulalia Nicholson, of Ballinger, and Lieut.-Com. LeRoy Nicholson, of the naval reserve.

CITY CAFE MOVED TO NEW LOCATION ON 8TH STREET; GABBERT BUYS GROCERY

O. T. Gabbert has purchased the Powers Grocery and Market on Eighth Street and this week moved the City Cafe into half of the building and will continue operation of the cafe, grocery and market in the same building. The three-way business will be operated under the names of City Cafe and City Grocery & Market.

The cafe had been located on Hutchings Avenue next door to George's Ready-to-Wear for a number of years but a change in the occupancy of the building due January 1 made it necessary that Mr. Gabbert move his cafe.

All fixtures in the building on Eighth Street were moved and rearranged this week and business started in the new location.

Jimmy Agnew, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Agnew, will arrive this week-end to spend a 15-day Christmas furlough with his parents.

Mrs. Gertrude Woods
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BALLINGER, TEXAS

Day and Night Ambulance Service

Runnels county people are still being asked to buy Victory Loan bonds. At the closing date, December 9, this county was short more than \$100,000 in its E series quota and has made one of the poorest showings of any county in the fifty-nine that comprise the Fort Worth district.

Lockett Shelton, treasury department representative, was here the first of the week to confer with local leaders in regard to the E bond sales. He pointed out that all bonds bought during the rest of December would be counted on the quota and that there was still time to reach the goal if citizens would buy at once.

Judge O. L. Parish, county chairman, stated Tuesday that he planned a number of meetings with bond salesmen in various communities in the county in an effort to start buying during the Christmas holidays and before January 1. He suggested E bonds as ideal Christmas gifts and urged that individuals assist in helping Runnels county maintain a fine record established during the war.

Word from Winters indicated only \$18,000 was needed there to pass the E bond goal and leaders in charge of the drive said they believed this amount would be purchased by Christmas so their community would be over the top on both E series and the overall, which was exceeded last week.

Only a few sales have been reported by issuing agents at local banks this week.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 42 HAS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Boy Scout troop 42 had its annual Christmas party Tuesday evening at the troop headquarters, this meeting taking the place of the regular weekly session. John Reese, senior patrol leader, was in charge of arrangements. Patrol leaders, Charles Bailey, Duane Carter, Bobby Bryan and Jack Keel, assisted in planning and making final arrangements. Besides refreshments and games, each scout presented another with a gift. Scoutmaster Rev. Edward B. Postest supplied the fruit and candy as well as a gift for each of the members. The troop now numbers 20 registered scouts and has in attendance a number of recruits.

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The Spirit of Cooperation

By Jack Rudd
Secretary of the Ballinger Board of Community Development

I am sure that no one even noticed that we did not have anything to say last week but the truth is that every time I closed my eyes all I could see was the white tails of doe deer waving before my eyes. I know I saw more doe and fawn deer the week-end of the 8th and 9th than all other hunters have seen together. The thing that gets me though is how so many doe and fawn deer can be on earth without even one spike deer showing his head. Have

you ever tried to put a nice set of horns on a fat creature of the feminine variety? It is a really tough thing to do.

Well, we all saw a good football game last Friday and I just wonder what our general attitude is after winning the regional championship again. Have we gotten to the point that we expect such and would have been disappointed had we not won. I hope not and do not think for a moment that we have. We all realize that it is not the work of "Pooch" alone who is producing this winning

POSSUM FLATS... MERRY CHRISTMAS!

By GRAHAM HUNTER



Think About This

Somewhere in the attic, in a closet or perhaps under the bed or maybe in the garage—there is a box, barrel or sack of old

Rags...

They are worthless to you and don't serve any purpose in the world of shortages. Maybe your child wants the price of a picture show or just some spending money. OK, bring those rags to The Ledger office and receive in exchange the necessary cash for that child or yourself to have a happy evening at the movies or to buy someone a gift.

You Are Helping A Good Cause

as well as receiving the benefit from the sale of those useless items. But remember, only sanitary, clean COTTON RAGS ARE WANTED. They must be clean or we can't buy them.

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team. Neither is it the work of those grand players, alone, that is producing this team. I would go further and say that it is not the work of the boys and the coach combined but rather it is the cooperative spirit of the entire team, coach, town and surrounding territory.

Every time I see Ballinger play another team I see things that make me proud I live in Ballinger and it is these little things that count. For instance did you notice that there were the best seats have reserved for Anson, and did you notice that the sign reserving them was a neatly printed card, not something scribbled with a pencil or a piece of burnt cork. Everything was orderly, neat, and inviting. There was no confusion or people getting in front of one another. This all comes from hard work and cooperation from everyone connected with our public school system.

Why do I say this about our football team and our schools. First, because I believe it and secondly, because I see a connection here that could be so well applied to our BCD, our businesses and our entire community. Here is proof that your secretary-manager cannot do all that is to be done but he must have that 22 man team, known as the board of directors, behind him all of the time and when he asks them to take an assignment carry it out just like "Red" Frazier carried out his assignments yesterday. And then we want the town and community behind us just like you are

behind "Pooch" and his boys. You know I think one of the nicest tributes I have heard was made by one of our business men recently. We were discussing the BCD and our schools and he told me this: "When the city of Ballinger and the BCD raises itself to the level of our schools this will be about the best town in the state." This statement has stuck with me and caused a lot of thinking. Why cannot we have a BCD with as much prestige and efficiency as our schools have. If it is worth while to have an organization of this kind and spend your money supporting it then it is worth your time and effort to make it one of the best in West Texas or in the state for that matter. IT CAN BE DONE. You business men think of the little reserved seat sign at the game and apply this to your store. You know you can become so accustomed to looking at your business day in and day out so long that it is "kinda" like looking at your wife three times a day. You get to where you don't notice if she is all fresh and smiling or not. Walk out of your business and come into it as a customer. You will be surprised the changes you can see that need to be made. Read your trade journals and get ideas of decorating and making your place attractive. Then if you are the owner of the business make it a point to speak to everyone who enters your place of business and have a cheerful word for them. This makes a customer glad he came

in and chances are he will come back.

Why can't I ever stop this rambling when I get started. Here I have used up enough material for two weeks and these inspirations come to a dull mind rather few and far between. But it has been nice talking to you and thank you for listening.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

By LaRita Price

(Omitted for Lack of Space Last Week)

Who's Who

The who's who this week is a boy, age 14. He weighs 180 pounds and is six feet tall. His hobby is swimming and playing football. He is on the junior high team. He has a girlfriend in high school with the initials N. S. C. He also has one in junior high with the initials J. M. He has red hair, blue eyes. He has three sisters. His favorite colors are red and black. His favorite subject and teacher are civics and Miss Parrish.

The other who's who is a girl, age 14. She is four feet, eleven inches tall. Her hair is blond, her eyes brown. Her hobby is collecting photos and pin-ups. She has one sister and brother in high school and one sister in elementary. Her boyfriend is Skeeter Powers. Her favorite subject is English; her favorite teacher, Miss Knowles.

Last time who's whos were Martha James and Charles Berry

Assembly

One December 6, in assembly junior high enjoyed a picture show on cities and towns of colorful Mexico. It was in technicolor and was very interesting.

Choral News

The choral club met December 7. The meeting was called to order and the secretary read the minutes and called the roll.

The rest of the meeting Christmas carols were sung after which the meeting was adjourned.

Gossip

Saw: Poor, blushing Eva Jo and Jimmy End.

Thought: Isn't it thrilling, Janie?

Heard: Martha, Jo said he would keep you busy.

Advice: Peggy, take pity on M. Found: A note which said "Grace Ann, can't you take a hint?" Signed Bill H.

Question: Why were you keeping a trail hot on Eighth, Ninth, Sixth and Seventh streets. Duane B.?

New Club Formed
(Wart Hill)

The debate club of junior high met Tuesday, December 4, for its

first meeting. Mr. Smith, our principal, talked to us about our club. The idea of electing officers was dismissed until our next meeting. We discussed some of the subjects that we would like to debate. Some of them were: the Merger Bill, National Conscription, and are strikes justified?

These subjects will be discussed and debated by the club at our next meeting.

The bell rang, and we were adjourned.



Merry Christmas one and all

A Salute

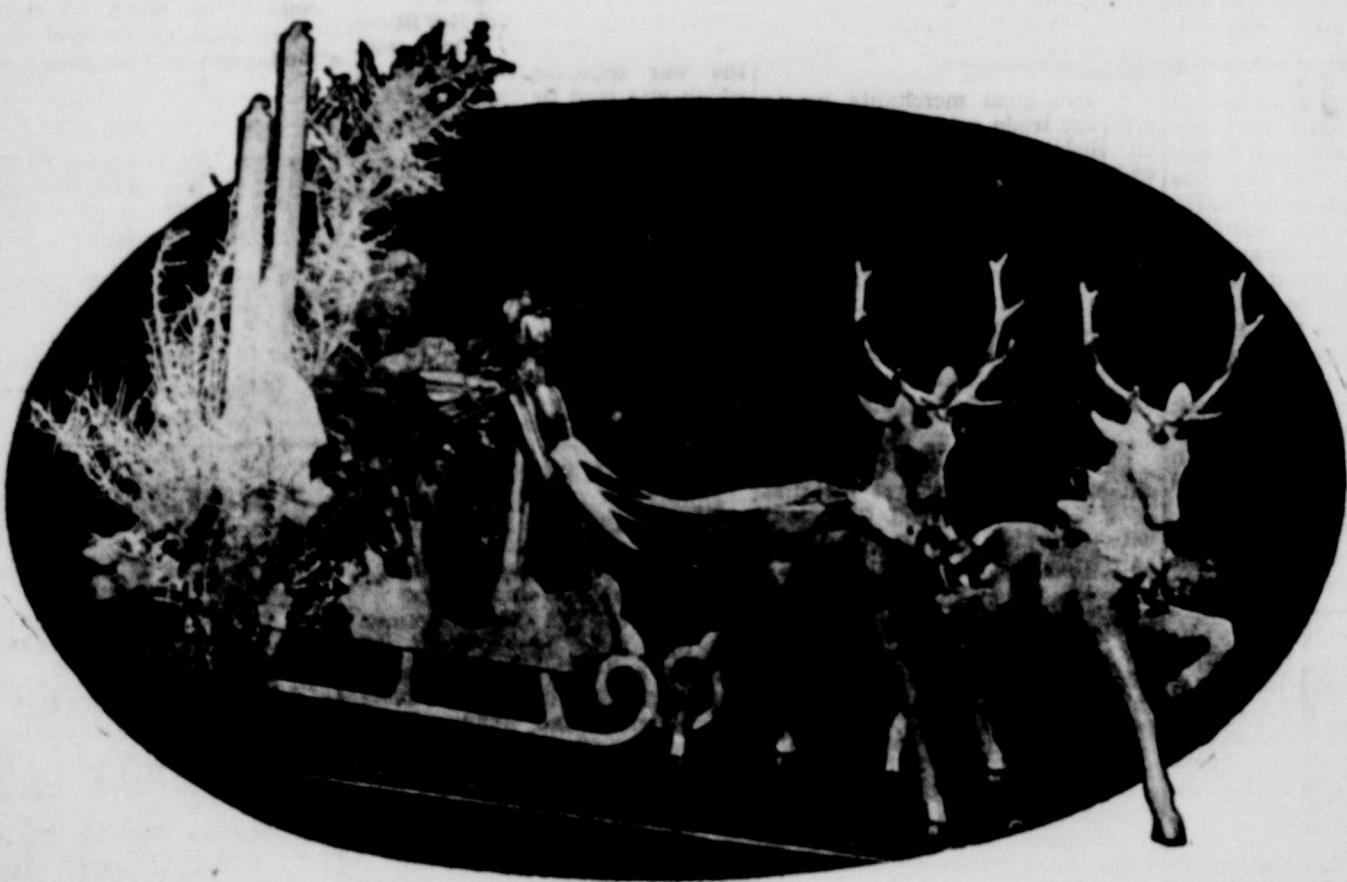
to our friends and a big, hearty Christmas wish to you all, this merry, merry Christmas season.

Looking back over the year calls to mind our greatest source of pleasure has been our contact with folks like you.

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Central Hotel and Coffee Shop

"It came upon the midnight clear, that Glorious Song of Old,
From Angels bending near the Earth, to touch their Harps of Gold,
PEACE ON THE EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN"



In Keeping with the True CHRISTMAS SPIRIT—we say—

- To Our Old Friends
- To Our New Friends
- To One and All—

Our Wish to You—is—

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

- And Joys and Cheer—
- Happiness and Contentment—
- That Shall Continue Throughout
- The New Year—1946.

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That best part of a good man's life—
His little, nameless unremembered acts
Of kindness and of love.
—WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Christmas is the season of the open heart and the open door. Let none stand out in the cold or be unremembered.

In this community of good fellows, where each helps share the other's happiness and all do their part towards making the Christmas season enjoyable for each and everyone, it is a privilege to be in a position to serve you. We take great pleasure in wishing you a Merry Christmas.

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Ballinger, Texas



First Presbyterian Church
(Corner Broad and Phillips)
10:00 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:00 p. m., evening worship.
GARY HOFFIUS, Pastor

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(400 Eighth Street)

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Sunday school, W. J. Hembree, superintendent.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.
6:30 p. m., Baptist Training Union.

Wednesday:
7:00 p. m., teachers' meeting.
7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.
8:30 p. m., choir rehearsal, R. E. White, choir master; Mrs. Charles Hambrick, organist.
Welcome always.
B. J. MARTIN, Pastor

First Christian Church
(Broadway and Murrell)

Sunday:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Communion service, 10:50 a. m.

Eighth Street Presbyterian
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., regular services.
W. A. ERWIN, Pastor

Church of Christ
(1100 Ninth Street)

Lord's Day services: 10 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Wednesday night: Bible study, 7 p. m.
Friday night: Bible study, 7 p. m.

You are cordially invited to attend all of our services. You will

find a welcome awaiting you.

H. NORMAN GIPSON, Evangelist

Grace Baptist Church
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Preaching hour, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7 p. m.
"The Friendly Church"—come worship with us. Church located at corner of Tenth Street and Phillips Avenue.

J. R. LANSON, Pastor

Park Avenue Baptist Church
(Park Avenue at Broadway)
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11:00 a. m., morning worship.
6:30 p. m., Training Union.
7:30 p. m., evening worship.
W. M. B. WALDROP, Pastor

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

REGULAR SERVICES AND DEVOTIONS
Sunday Mass: 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:00 a. m. 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 10:30 a. m.
Daily mass at 7:00 a. m.
Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday at 7:00 p. m.
Holy hour with our Eucharist Lord on the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 p. m.
Devotion of the first Friday in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus after mass on the first Friday of the month.
Confessions: 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month, 5:00 to 6:00 p. m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p. m., and before the early mass on Sunday from 7:00 to 7:45 a. m. Before daily mass from 6:30 to 6:40 a. m.

Christian doctrine classes: every Saturday from 2:00 to 3:30 p. m.
Our non-Catholic friends and neighbors are cordially welcomed to assist at the above services and devotions.
EDW. B. POSTERT, O. M. I., Pastor

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

First Methodist Church
Church school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11:00 a. m.
Evening worship, 7:00 p. m.
H. B. LOYD, Pastor

Foursquare Gospel Church
(104 N. Twelfth Street)
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Worship service at 11 a. m.
Junior Crusaders at 7 p. m.
Evangelistic service at 8 p. m.
Tuesday at 8 p. m., Bible study and prayer service.
Friday at 8 p. m., Crusader service.
All are cordially invited to our services. A stranger but once.
CARL POOL, Pastor

Church of God

Sunday:
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning worship, 11 a. m.
Junior Y. P., 6:45 p. m.
Young people, 6:45 p. m.
Evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.
T. N. MINIX, Pastor

Church of Christ
Eighth Street

Sunday:
9:45 a. m., Bible classes.
10:45 a. m., worship.
4:00 p. m., ladies' Bible class.
6:30 p. m., children's class.
7:00 p. m., worship.

Wednesday:
7:00 p. m., Bible classes for all.

Delbert N. Balliew, fireman I, of Norton, served aboard the light cruiser U. S. S. St. Louis when it recently visited Kilrun, Formosa. The ship carefully picked its way through the mine-strewn waters. The ship was met by two large barges carrying Chinese civilians who shot firecrackers and played weird string music.

BUBBLES SEZ—

Bundles from heaven, yes... but babies take twice their weight in wash! And it's awful hard to get the soap! Where there's fat, there's soap, remember. So keep saving USED FATS to help make it.



CHRISTMAS eve. Streets white with swirling snow flakes. Marionetta, behind the counters of the five-and-ten, peered into one of the little ten-cent mirrors it was her business to sell.

Marionetta was crying because there was no Santa Claus. More than anything she hated to go back to the tiny basement flat that she and mother and Jim called home, and tell Jim the truth.

Jim, or Jimmy, as Marionetta always called him, was crippled. Marionetta insisted that he was too little yet to know about Santa Claus. She had gone without her lunch for days and days and saved her nickels and dimes to buy the things Jimmy wanted.

That very morning she had started out to work, her precious savings tucked away in her purse, her heart all but singing out loud.

Then, when she got off the car, someone in the motley crowd bumped her elbow and her purse was knocked from her hand. Marionetta dived for



Jimmy shouted with delight.

It, but another dived at the same time and when she straightened up a small, flying figure was crossing the street. That was why her feet lagged on her homeward way.

Her hand on the door of the basement flat, at the dirty tenement house where she lived, she noticed a big automobile drawing up at the curb, and an elegantly dressed lady slumping. Showing off! She turned her back on the picture, flung open the door and stepped inside.

"Hello, Sis," Jimmy looked up brightly. "Tonight's the night!"

Marionetta looked dully at her mother.

"I lost my purse," she said tonelessly. "Some kid snatched it this morning. It looked just like that McCarty kid that comes here to play with Jimmy so much but he ran so fast I couldn't be sure."

"Don't cry, honey," her mother said. "We'll make out, somehow."

There was a knock. Mrs. Clancy went to the door and opened it. There stood the lady of the big automobile, her arms piled high with packages.

"Is this where Jimmy Clancy lives?"

"Yes, ma'am," Mrs. Clancy stepped back. "Won't you come in?"

The lady stepped inside. She kept smiling at Jimmy, whose eyes were wide and bright.

"I met Santa Claus down the street this afternoon, Jimmy," she said, "and he asked if I would bring these things to you. He said he was going to be very busy tonight."

Jimmy was feverishly tearing at the packages, when the lady had dropped into a big chair beside him. As his heart's desires emerged from their tinsel wrappings Jimmy shouted with delight.

Under cover of the excitement Marionetta drew near the pretty lady and whispered:

"Tell me how you knew about Jimmy?"

"Why, my dear, it's such a strange story! This morning I saw a little boy snatch a purse that someone dropped, and when he ran away I had my chauffeur follow him and bring him back to me. He told me he wanted to keep the money to buy some toys for a little crippled friend whose folks were too poor to buy things for him. I promised him I'd play Santa Claus to Jimmy if he'd promise me to wait on that corner for the girl who dropped the purse, every morning at the same hour, until he found her and gave it back to her."

"Why," cried Marionetta, "did you ever hear anything so like a fairy tale? That was my purse, and it really was Jerry McCarty, mother! There was such a crowd he couldn't see who dropped it. He'd never have stolen—but it wasn't stealing. And just to think that a moment ago I was doubting the Christmas saint!"

The lady laughed. Then in that clear voice she said:

"Well, just to make you even more sure of him, I'm going to bring a famous doctor to see Jimmy the day after tomorrow, and I'm going to have him take Jimmy to a hospital and cure that bad leg of his. The good Christmas saint doesn't want to find him crippled when he comes back next year."

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

DEMONSTRATORS NAMED FOR 1946 CLUB PROGRAM

Runnels county home demonstration clubs are preparing for a full program of work in 1946 and several home demonstrators have already been named for the year.

The following women will improve and remodel rooms in their homes and work with the home demonstration agent in

assisting other members of their respective clubs: Mrs. I. W. Rogers, Dale; Mrs. J. W. Hendrix, Dale; Mrs. E. Taylor, Dale; Mrs. Claude Thompson, Bethel; and Mrs. Ed Kasberg, Rowena. The first two named will improve the bathrooms in their homes and the other women will work on their kitchens.

Directors of the Wool Growers' Central Storage Co. at San Angelo in their final meeting of the year voted a six per cent dividend to the stockholders, the second payment received by the shareholders in 1945.

Be wise—advertise.

*Tidings of great joy
 1945
 Merry Christmas*

Christmas Is All of These

Christmas is the good will shared at the family hearth; the carol sung together; the candle in the window, the glowing faces gathered around the festive board. And it is much more—ever so much more!

We cannot begin to put into words all that Christmas is, nor begin to express how ardently we wish for you the complete enjoyment of Christmas. So, all we can say to you, kind friends, is Merry Christmas To You.

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A GOOD WAY to keep Christmas well is to bring joy to everyone we can. This, we believe, is the spirit of this community... one of the important reasons why living here affords such genuine pleasure.

To you who have stood by us so faithfully during the year 1945 we wish a whole world of happiness pressed into this Christmas season. Merry Christmas to you and to every member of your family.

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IN SOCIETY

Eastern Star in Special Meeting
Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of the Eastern Star, held a special meeting Monday evening, December 17 for the purpose of initiating Mrs. Mary Benefield into the order.

Officers and members present were: Meses. Effie Hulsey, Rachel Boswell, Frances Zedlitz, Nellie Campbell, Ione Teague, Ora Willingham, Velma B. Halley, Violet Williams, Thelma Gabbert, Odean Largent, Halley Parker, Luna Mae Foy, Luna Mae Setaer, John Marie Frank and Inez McEntire; Miss Marie Norwood; Messrs. H. O. Campbell, Harold Benefield, J. M. Williams, H. P. Largent, and Ruel Boswell. Mrs. Halley B. Porter, member of the Eastern Star at Sweetwater, Tennessee, was a

visitor. After the initiation ceremonies, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were exchanged. Miss Sue Bishop helped to distribute the gifts.

Christmas Program for Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary
Eighth Street Presbyterian Auxiliary members were guests of Meses. Rufus Allen, Paul Petty, and B. H. Erwin Monday afternoon in the Allen home on Tenth Street.

Symbols of the Christmas season were given pretty emphasis about rooms where Mrs. A. H. Wiesepape was leader for the program on the theme "The Wonders of His Love." Christmas hymns were sung in unison and Mrs. Roy Hill gave

the devotional. Other topics discussed were "Christmas Eve," "The Wonders of His Love" by Mrs. B. H. Erwin; and "Christmas Around the World," by Mrs. E. S. Malone. Mrs. W. A. Erwin read the names in the Yearbook of Prayer and gave the prayer for missionaries. Xmas corsages were favored for the dessert plate served with coffee. Others present were Meses. A. W. Sledge, J. D. Coulter, Misses Eva and Maggie Lilly.

First Presbyterian Episcopal Compliments Rev. and Mrs. Gary Hoffius

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasner were hosts on Monday evening at week in their Eighth Street home when they entertained members of the First Presbyterian Episcopal Class to compliment the Rev. and Mrs. Gary Hoffius, who are leaving January first for Oklahoma City to live.

Yule decorations, including a lighted tree and other symbols, gave a festive air to rooms where "white elephants" were awarded winners in a series of two or two games. Then as games were won, awards were chosen. The class presented the honor guests with a coffee table.

Hot mince pie was served with salted nuts and coffee. Those included were: Meses. Albert Gregor, E. L. Ingram, K. V. Worthington, Gay Edwards, Carolyn, John Puritoy, Leonard St. Louis, Loyd Herring, Harry Lynn, Henry Biecluk, L. J. Campbell, E. E. Bogges, J. M. Pyburn, W. B. Woody, Charles Miller, Woodrow Wilson, Jack Williams of Saint Rock, Mrs. Lloyd Johnson, Misses Louise Batts, Virginia Holman, Lois Nell Nicholson, and Dorothy Routh.

Methodist Virginia Douglass Class in Douglass Home

Mrs. J. G. Douglass and Mrs. Ruel Boswell entertained the Methodist Virginia Douglass Class Tuesday evening in the Douglass home on Broadway.

Potted poinsettias, a lighted tree, and a winter scene on the mantel were decorations for the living room and an arrangement of red Xmas balls and berries centered the dining table which was lighted with red candles.

Mrs. H. G. Agnew presided for the business period and Mrs. Edward Sommer gave the devotional. Mrs. J. F. Currie played accompaniments for group singing of carols and for Mrs. Jack Nixon, Jr., who sang "Silent Night, Holy Night." Gifts were exchanged from the tree.

The plate of congealed salad with sandwiches and cookies with spiced tea was in the holiday colors of red and green. Others present were: Meses. Bill Clark, George Newby, E. L. Rumpy, W. O. Irby, Leonard Scales, Lynn Chandler, Marvin Davies, J. W. Jones, Jack Rodgers, J. D. Forman, John Curry,

Imeon Cottelle, Jr., of Pasadena, California, Fred McClanahan, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and H. B. Loyd.

Xmas Dinner and Tree for Rubin's Store Force

The sales force at Rubin's department store included their families for a Christmas dinner and tree Tuesday evening in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Henley on Fifth Street.

Tall red candles used as table centerpieces and about rooms and a lighted Xmas tree gave a holiday atmosphere to rooms where all other dinner and room appointments were in the Yule motif. After the four-course menu was served, gifts were exchanged and carols sung.

Class Missionaries Give Xmas Party for First Baptist Ruth Class

Missionaries of the First Baptist Ruth Class who have regular assignments in various Sunday school departments, were hostesses with Mrs. Charles Hambrick to other members Tuesday evening, entertaining in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shepperd on Eighth Street.

A lighted Christmas tree, potted poinsettias, berries, mistletoe and other lovely holiday symbols were placed about reception rooms and a pretty white and red theme was featured in the dining room where a madonna figurine centered a plaque arrangement of red candles in graduated heights and silvered balls and foliage. Mrs. Hambrick gave a review of Henry van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" as the devotional. With Mrs. Wix Currie, Jr., presiding for the business period, the January objective was set as rolling bandages for the local hospital. A corsage was presented Mrs. Currie, a gift went to Mrs. J. R. McGraw, the teacher, and exchange gifts were distributed from the tree.

Sandwiches and cookies were served with spiced tea. Others present were: Meses. Otis Jacob, Fred Moncrief, Paul Kirk, Ross Bartlett, E. J. Kemp, A. G. Buchanan, W. E. Curtis, C. D. Branham, Robert Fulton, E. T. Branham, Jr., Tom Rollins, Barnett Frank, Buford Goode, Robert Estes, Harold Routh, Melvin Beddo, Robert Jay, Doyle Condra, Arthur Crockett, K. V. Northington, Jr., B. E. Tucker, J. J. Hauser, Jim Wood, Jr., James Parrish, Clara Mae Jobe, B. J. Martin, and Jack Gibbs.

Yule Party for Althean Class in R. T. Williams Home

Mmes. R. T. Williams, Mollie Morgan, L. W. Paris, and S. M. Jones were hostesses Tuesday evening in the Williams home on Broadway to the First Baptist Althean Class.

Red berries were used in profusion about spacious reception

rooms where a miniature of the old-fashioned candle-lighted Xmas tree formed the dining table centerpiece and a large decorated tree was featured in the music room. After the opening prayer by Mrs. W. E. Elkins and the Bible Christmas story by Mrs. Drury Hathaway, Mrs. C. W. Jennings presided for the business session. Meses. L. B. Rudder, L. R. Tigner, R. E. Truly, R. M. Lowry, J. H. Parrish were named group captains for the next quarter. At the social hour gifts were exchanged from the tree and a gift presented the teacher, Mrs. Elkins. Hostesses served a congealed Xmas salad with fruit cake and coffee. Others present were: Meses. E. Shepperd, Tigner, J. R. McGraw, Rudder, R. D. Jackson, J. A. Williams, William Hill, E. P. Talbot, J. B. Arterburn, R. M. Lowry, B. J. Martin, James Wear, Fred Holliday, Ruth Bankston, Hubert Parrish, A. O. Bartlett, U. S. Heavenhill, Paul Best, R. E. Patterson, R. P. Canady, J. F. Owen, Joe Jones, L. A. Faubion, O. L. Britton, and R. E. White.

Chandler Home Opened for Naomi Class

The home of Mrs. Oren Chandler on Broadway was given a lovely holiday dress for the annual Christmas party for the First Baptist Naomi Class Tuesday evening when Meses. Ralph Burris, Jim Flynt, Jr., Milburn Harvey, Cam Blackmon, and Chandler were hostesses.

Especially clever was the mantel

adornment of candles and greenery against a large Santa head complete with whiskers and peaked cap. Mrs. Melvin Patterson, president, heard the reports of vice-presidents and group captains after the opening prayer by Mrs. J. R. Hornburg. Mrs. O. T. Toney, assisted by Arabella Toney and Sarah Chandler, and group singing gave an inspiring Christmas devotional on the theme "Holy Night." Mrs. Earl Cope was at the piano. Mrs. Hornburg reviewed "The Other Wise Man" by H. van Dyke.

Mrs. Vivian Marshall distributed exchange gifts from the lighted tree and presented special gifts to Mrs. Hornburn and Mrs. B. J. Martin. Mistletoe corsages were favors for the salad plate served with coffee. Others present were: Meses. E. C. Grinstead, W. J. Hembree, Jim Golden, H. B. Scoggins, E. E. Currie, Roy Green, John Castor, Joe Flynt, Stanley Price, C. A. Bissett, T. W. Cox, E. O. Grant, Earl Sides, Homer Bibb, and Naomi Keithley.

Gift Party Complimentary Affair for Mrs. Earl S. Beard

Mrs. Earl S. Beard, who before her recent marriage was Miss Betty Jean Harper, was complimented with a prettily-appointed

gift affair Monday evening for which Meses. R. B. Thomas, Welton Howell, and C. W. Jennings were hostesses in the home of Mrs. Thomas on Ninth Street.

Red berries and sprigs of holly adorned the living room mantel where a lighted Christmas tree, surrounded by shower gifts for the honoree, and tall red candles shed a soft glow as gifts were opened.

Individual cake squares were served with punch. Included were: Meses. Austin Harper, Lee Sykes, Aurelia Webb, S. M. Jones, R. P. Canady, J. H. Endacott, E. E. Woodson, R. L. Sutphen, W. A. McDonald, Frank Kemp, Fred Holliday, Paul Kirk, Ruth Bankston, A. E. Bell, Ollie Floyd, D. E. Williams, Charles Pafford, Henry Biecluk, J. W. Longnette, Alda Mae Hirschfeld, Robert Lowry, J. R. McGraw, E. B. Clamplitt, David Caudle, Marvin Williams, Oscar Harber, J. W. Blasdell, Melvin Patterson, Drury Hathaway, Homer Bibb, L. C. Adair, O. C. Sykes, Emma Speer, W. A. Nance, Hubert Parrish, J. N. Nutt, Carl Black, R. E. White, Ross Black, K. V. Northington, Jr., Landers, Carl Florence, W. T. Crockett, K. V. Northington, Sr., Misses Dorothy McMillan, Earlene Webb, Gladys Kemp, Grace Jo Bondurant, Odessa Parrish, and Peggy Ann Floyd.



Greetings at Christmastide

When Snow Lies Softly on the Hill

Now, when the fir trees wear white collars, when the birds make tiny stitches in the snow and our footprints hurry towards the warmth of home and the companionship of loved ones, it's time to wish all our friends the fullest joys of the Christmas season. So, hello everybody... and Merry Christmas!

Blacksmith & Welding
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Above All
WE WISH YOU A
MERRY CHRISTMAS

In the fine tradition of the past it is again our privilege to extend Season's Greetings to our friends in this area. May the old time joyousness of the occasion never be subdued and may it always be in evidence for each of you as you observe this glad occasion.

The hope of your happiness and well-being is ever before us and it is our sincere wish that you will enjoy life to its fullest extent. We are proud of the friendships that have been ours the years past, and in this pride we can properly say to you—

NEW ALL "Merry Greetings, friends!"

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- We will be open every day except Christmas to take care of your photographic needs.
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Come in to see us.

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Think on These Things

by Richard Robbins, Minister, Eighth Street Church of Christ

Efforts, however sincerely attempted, may fail for two reasons. First, they may not accomplish the direct and immediate results for which the efforts were made. Second, they may produce the direct results, and yet not accomplish the general purpose in view. Seeking oil to make a lamp burn is of no value when the lamp itself is no longer needed. Preparing to accept an opportunity is vain after the opportunity has disappeared. True the foolish virgins tried to overcome their fatal mistake by doing the only thing possible—they went to obtain the oil in the ordinary way. The necessity for this was their undoing; the bridegroom entered while they were gone. Their success in getting the oil, therefore, was of no value in gaining the honors desired; their preparation came too late. Such will be the sad condition of many who fail to make sufficient preparation until death closes the door of opportunity.

Closing Out TOYS SALE Friday, Sat. and Mon.

All toys at near cost prices. Gifts for each member of the family.

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Holiday Closing Notice

In order to give our employees needed rest we will be closed

Monday, Dec. 24th

Let us urge you to call for clothing Saturday.

Atnipp's Cleaners
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Mr. and Mrs. Howard Parker and daughters will be here Monday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. C. P. Shepherd.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Shepperd will go to Waco the first of the week to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. George Graves.

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Season's Best!

Mansell Bros.

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In genuine appreciation of your cooperation during the year, just closing and in the strong belief that we shall be of greater service to you in the next twelve months, we send you a cordial wish for a Christmas of good cheer and a happier, brighter New Year.

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CHRISTMAS IN BALLINGER CHURCHES

First Presbyterian
Christmas activities will be held at the First Presbyterian Church this week, with students of the Sunday school and members of the church gathering Friday evening at 7 o'clock for the annual Christmas tree and program. Santa Claus will preside over this program and distribute gifts from the tree to the children.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the junior choir will render a program of Christmas carols and "The Joy Gifts," an annual activity of the entire U. S. Presbyterian Church, will be accepted.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. Gary Hoffius, will deliver his Christmas sermon.

First Baptist

The First Baptist Church began its Christmas activities Sunday when the choir under the direction of R. E. White presented a cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem." A massed chorus of 40 voices had been rehearsing for some time and presented an excellent performance Sunday evening to a capacity audience. The church was decorated for the occasion which added much to the program. A few members of the choir were unable to participate due to illness.

During the week Sunday school departments and classes have been having their annual trees and programs.

At the 11 o'clock hour Sunday Rev. B. J. Martin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas message and music for the service will be in the Christmas theme.

First Methodist

Christmas will be observed in all services at the First Methodist Church Sunday. In the morning the regular service will be held with special Christmas music by the choir and the Christmas sermon by Rev. H. B. Loyd, pastor.

At the evening hour an old-fashioned Christmas tree and "white Christmas" will be held. Sunday school departments will have charge of the program, each presenting a number and bringing gifts for unfortunate people. Presents for Methodist preachers' families in Czechoslovakia to be brought at this service will be shipped directly to the recipients.

At both morning and evening hours contributions will be taken for the Methodist home at Waco.

St. Mary's

The pastor of the Ballinger Catholic church, Rev. Edward B.

Postert, O. M. I., announces the customary midnight high mass. The mass will begin at 12 midnight, Monday, December 24.

Preceding the mass, from 11:30 to 11:50, Christmas hymns will be sung by the local choir. Confessions will be heard Christmas eve from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. and from 7:00 to 9:00 p. m. At 9:00 p. m. the church doors will be closed until 11:00 p. m.

Second mass will be held at Coleman at 8:30 a. m.

Third mass is to be held at Ballinger at 11:00 a. m. on Christmas Day and followed by the benediction of the blessed sacrament.

Everyone is extended a cordial invitation to assist at these divine services.

There will be no benediction of the blessed sacrament in the evening of Christmas Day.

Park Avenue Baptist

Christmas activities include a Sunday school class social and tree to be held tomorrow (Friday) evening.

Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning and regular services will be held Sunday night at 7:30.

Plans are being perfected for a watch service on December 31 which will include a social gathering the first part of the evening and religious service shortly before midnight, with the church in prayer as the new year is ushered in.

Foursquare Gospel

The young people of the Foursquare Gospel Church will present a Christmas pageant at the church Sunday evening at 7:15. A large group will have parts in this special service, "A Star in God's Window of Heaven."

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Eighth Street Presbyterian

First of the Christmas activities at this church will be held this (Thursday) evening at 7 o'clock. The entire membership will attend a Christmas tree and program, to be followed by a Christmas party.

A special program will be presented by the children at the Sunday school hour next Sunday morning.

At the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning, Rev. W. A. Erwin, pastor, will deliver his Christmas sermon and special music will be rendered by Mrs. Horace F. Erwin.

TRUSTEES AND GUESTS TO GO ON DEER HUNT

Members of the Ballinger school board with Supt. J. D. Wilson, Principal Joe Forrester, Coach F. T. Wright and Supt. Nat Williams of the Gladewater schools, will leave here December 26 for the O. C. Sykes ranch in Kimble county for a few days' deer hunt.

The local trustees have such an outing annually and this year will spend the latter part of next week looking for deer and turkeys before the end of the season.

NEW MUSIC TEACHER FOR JUNIOR SCHOOL

Superintendent J. D. Wilson has announced the election of Miss Jo Ann Miller, of Commerce, to the local faculty to begin her work here on January 21, the beginning of the second semester. Miss Miller is a graduate of East Texas State Teachers' College, Commerce, with a B. A. degree and a major in music.

She will succeed Miss Ruby Nell Haggard as teacher of music at junior high school. Miss Haggard will be married during the holidays, but will continue her work here until the end of the first semester.

DEATHS

Sam Petty

Sam Petty, 97, resident of Runnels county for 45 years, died Saturday night at the home of his son-in-law, J. C. Taylor, seven miles west of Ballinger. He had been ill since March.

Decedent was born in Tennessee and came to Texas with his family in 1854. The family first settled in Bell county and later moved to Brown and to Runnels county 45 years ago. He was reared under the usual hardships of a frontier family and rode the plains of Texas before all the Indians were driven out.

He was married in 1873 to Miss Texana Clements, who was a member of the first white family to settle in Brown county. Decedent was a member of the Ballinger Church of Christ for 42 years.

Funeral services were held at the Newby-Davis chapel Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Evangelist H. Norman Gibson officiating. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include five sons, H. E. Petty of Maverick, T. R. Petty of Gouldbusk, Oliver and S. B. Petty of Ballinger, and Sidney Petty of Iowa, 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Palbearers were Dayton Smith, Sam Behringer, Carl and Ross Black, John B. Rayburn and Dee Saylor.

Newby-Davis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William Gleich

William Gleich, 66, of Rowena, died in a San Angelo hospital Friday after an extended illness.

Decedent was born in Austria and came to the United States at the age of 4. He came to Texas in 1912 and had resided at Rowena for 30 years. He was a graduate pharmacist but because of ill health took up farming. He served for some time as a director of the First National Bank of Rowena.

Funeral services were held at the Agnew chapel Sunday at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. D. D. Shaw officiating. Interment was made in Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors besides the wife include two sons, Rudolph Gleich and William Gleich, San Angelo; and a daughter, Mrs. Annie Schwertner, Rowena.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Bobbie Faye Tomlinson

Bobbie Faye Tomlinson, 2 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Tomlinson, died in a local hospital of pneumonia Thursday after illness of only four days.

The body was taken to Dublin where funeral services were held Friday afternoon.

Besides the parents, a brother and four sisters survive. Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Sophia Blanchard

Mrs. Sophia Blanchard, 60, of Rowena, died Tuesday afternoon

in a San Angelo hospital following surgery earlier in the week.

Decedent came to Rowena with her husband in 1923 and had lived there ever since. Funeral arrangements are incomplete. The rites will be conducted in St. Joseph's Church at Rowena when the date is set.

Survivors besides the husband include three daughters, Henrietta Blanchard, Abilene; Mrs. Fritz Beckhusen, Rowena; Miss Margaret Blanchard, Richmond, California; three brothers, Ray Husey, Schulenberg; Louis Husey, San Antonio; George Husey, Weimar; and a sister, Mrs. Arnold Kaustine, Mantz.

Agnew Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Serving Uncle Sam

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Louis L. Tubbs, AMM3c, of Ballinger, will soon return to the States for release from active naval service after serving on Guam with the air evacuation transport squadron 1 of the naval air transport service.

During the last campaign of the Pacific war, the unit evacuated thousands of wounded marines, sailors and soldiers. Four-engine Douglas Skymasters, fitted with removable litters, shuttled day and night between Guam and Okinawa from the sixth day of the campaign until its conclusion.

The squadron whose members wear the navy unit commendation ribbon, carried mail, plasma, ammunition and other vital cargo to Okinawa, serving as flying ambulances on the return trips.

Steve Bryan came in last Friday after receiving his discharge from the navy. Steve had been in service since soon after Pearl Harbor and saw much combat duty in the Pacific.

Clean, cotton rags wanted at The Ledger office. Full market price paid.

ST. MARY'S ALTAR BOYS HAVE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Rev. Edward B. Postert, pastor, was host to the altar boys of St. Mary's Church Wednesday evening with the annual Christmas party. At this time each year the pastor presents each altar boy with a substantial gift as a token of his appreciation of their services.

It is the duty of the altar boys to serve mass each morning and Rev. Postert points out that when one considers the early morning hour, cold and rainy weather, it is easy to realize the sacrifice the boy and his parents make.

Altar boys at St. Mary's are: Lange Hoffman, Monroe, Glen and Nolan Hoelscher, Duane Carter, James Mueller, Gilbert Almaraz, Robert Lugo, Adelino Lugo, Feliz Saenz, Richard Lopez, Paul Menarez.

To add fun to the party, each boy brings and exchanges gifts. Singing of carols were part of this year's entertainment and this was followed by refreshments.

Temporary relief for symptoms of bronchial **ASTHMA** and **MAY FEVER**

The patented inner construction of the nebulizer, produces a micro-fine droplet, making a completely inhalable vapor which permits the medication to reach the bronchial area.

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ASTHMA NEFRIN

AT YOUR DRUGGIST!

R. A. [Dick] Wagner
The Typewriter Man

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

and **BEST WISHES**

for a **Happy New Year**

He announces that he has added a full line of office supplies to his office machines

CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME

for friendliness, for the open house and the open heart

It is the time, too, for us to greet our friends, to thank them for their consideration of us, and to wish them all a very Happy Christmas.



THANK YOU!

We take this opportunity to thank our many friends in this community for all favors received during the past year and for your understanding of our efforts to serve you. We hope during the coming year to better our service and extend to all friends the Season's Greetings and very best wishes.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
Crager Plumbing Co.

E. C. GRINDSTAFF
County Judge

ROY L. HILL
County Attorney

JOHN B. RAYBURN
County Clerk

W. A. FORGEY
Tax Assessor-Collector

MRS. AURELIA WEBB
County Treasurer

MRS. WINONA PARKER
District Clerk

ERNEST CASKEY
County Superintendent

J. L. MORELAND
Sheriff

AN ORDINANCE
Creating a Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Ballinger, Texas, and prescribing their powers and duties, and declaring an emergency.
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BALLINGER, Texas:
SECTION 1. That there is hereby created and established for the city of Ballinger, Texas, a planning and zoning commission which shall be composed of three members. The members shall be resident citizens, taxpayers, and qualified voters of the City, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the governing body, to serve a

term, or terms of two years. All vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as provided for the original appointments. All expired terms shall be filled for terms as provided for the original appointments and in the same manner. Members of the Commission may be removed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Governing Body, after public hearing and for cause assigned in writing. The members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
SECTION 2. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from its membership and shall

have power to employ such qualified persons as may be necessary for the proper conduct and undertakings of the Commission and to pay for their services and such other necessary expenses, provided that the cost of such services and expenses shall not exceed the amount appropriated by the governing body for the use of the Commission. It shall also have the power to make rules, regulations, and by-laws for its own government, which shall conform as nearly as possible with those governing the City Commission and same shall be subject to approval by such City Commission. Such by-laws shall include, among other items, provisions for: (a) regular and special meetings, open to the public; (b) records of its proceedings, to be open for inspection by the public; (c) reporting to the governing body and the public, from time to time and annually; and (d) for the holding of public hearings on its recommendations.

SECTION 3. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall have the power, and it shall be its duty to make and recommend for adoption a master plan, as a whole or in parts, for the future development and redevelopment of the municipality and its environs and shall have the power, and it shall be the duty of the Zoning Commission to prepare a comprehensive plan and ordinance for zoning the city in accordance with Chapter 283, Acts of the Regular Session of the Legislature, 1927, (Arts. 1011a to 1011j, R.C.S.). The Zoning Commission shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by ordinance or State Law.

Chinese Army Styles



With his "G.I." umbrella protecting him from the rain, this grinning Chinese sentry of the 78th national army stands guard at one of the docks at Kium, where the Chinese troops were landed by units of the U. S. 7th fleet.

and X-ray being used widely." Included in the university laboratory equipment are two General Electric XRD diffraction units for the study of crystals; high voltage power supplies for nine X-ray setups, numerous high precision X-ray spectrometers, and adequate vacuum equipment for evacuating X-ray tubes.

"X-rays are of the same nature as radio waves, heat waves, and light waves, differing only in wave length," the physicist says. "While radio waves are a few hundred feet in length, X-ray waves are a billionth of an inch or less in length." Among its many uses Dr. Colby listed the significance of radiology in the treatment of cancer and other diseases; in setting bones; in locating foreign matter in the body, and in various diagnoses. Further, he pointed out that the X-ray is used to reveal distortion or internal strain in steel girders; to detect defects below the surface of castings such as gas cavities; by jewelers in detecting artificial stones—and even by shoe merchants in fitting shoes.

Pencil and typewriter erasers at Ledger office.

Thelton W. Dowdle, of Ballinger, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant with the 5th air service area command, Nichols Field, Manila. A farmer in civilian life, Dowdle has spent 40 months in the army, 16 of them in overseas

service. He is entitled to wear the American theatre, Asiatic-Pacific, Philippines liberation and Victory ribbons. He is the son of Mrs. Minnie Dowdle of Ballinger.

Be wise—advertise.

a wish-fulfilling
Christmas Gift!
 As a gesture of thanks, these Greetings to our friends. Your loyalty and consideration means much to us and we are grateful. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
BEN FRANKLIN STORE
 MARVIN H. DAVIES

YULETIDE
Greetings
 to All Our Good Friends
Currie Produce Co.

Many
GOOD WISHES
 FOR A
 MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND A
 HAPPY NEW YEAR
A. M. King

SECTION 4. In view of the emergency and that the public interest demands the immediate passage of this ordinance, therefore, the rule requiring every ordinance to be read at three several regular meetings of the City Commission be suspended, and that this ordinance be read three several times and adopted at this regular meeting of the City Commission.
 Passed and approved, this the 6th day of December, 1945.
 (Seal)
 Approved:
 DRURY P. HATHAWAY,
 Mayor
 Attest:
 K. V. NORTHINGTON
 City Secretary.

SOME OF FINEST X-RAY EQUIPMENT IN COUNTRY SERVES AT UNIVERSITY

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—In the physics department laboratory at the University of Texas some of the finest X-ray equipment to be found in the country is in use daily by students and professors, says Dr. M. Y. Colby, chairman of the department.

"X-ray touches every part of life," Dr. Colby says, "in the fields of industry, medicine, and science. Qualitative and quantitative analysis of substances by means of X-rays is rapidly developing into an important field of research, and in the field of chemistry we

Best Wishes for
Christmas
Time To Hang Up Your Stocking
 ★ One of the biggest items in your Christmas stocking this Yule season of 1945 will be our note of thanks to you and our wish for the biggest, merriest, happiest Christmas you have ever had.
Ballinger Truck & Tractor Co.

Merry Christmas
Rubin's

Best Wishes
NEW YEAR 1946
 "Proclaim liberty throughout the world, unto all the inhabitants thereof."
 In this land of free men the merry tumult of new Year's is a traditional part of our national life. It does us all good to give the New Year a rousing welcome.
 More power to New Year's and the principles of freedom upon which it rests. And more power to you, dear friends, every day of 1946! It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have served you, and we stand pledged to serve you still better in the year to come.
Goetz Farm Machinery

To all our Friends
GREETINGS
 As we approach once more the season of good cheer, we are warmed by the thought that next year will be a happier, more joyous year of them all.
 We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and friendships and trust we may have the pleasure of continuing to serve you in the future.
 We pledge our best.
A Very Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
F. & M. Bank

Thanks...

We are most grateful for your patronage for the past 18 years and we have enjoyed serving you. Our studio has been purchased by Mr. Myles Nixon and we hope that you will continue to let him serve you. You will find Mr. Nixon very courteous and capable of filling your every photographic wish. To our successor we extend Best Wishes and to each of our customers we wish a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

Martin Studio

—Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Martin

Commissioners Vote To Cooperate in G.I. Vocational Schools

The Rannels county commissioners court voted in its meeting here last week to cooperate with Supt. Ernest Caskey and other school officials of the county in sponsoring vocational schools authorized by the G.I. bill of rights. Classrooms will be provided by the county in the old jail building and it was thought that ample room could be found there to take care of all classes which might be organized.

A large number of veterans have interviewed Supt. Caskey relative to the vocational schools and indicated they would take training. Under the G.I. bill each veteran is eligible for one year's training and one additional year for each year he was in service. While taking these courses single men would receive \$50 a month and those with dependents would get \$75 a month.

To date most of those desiring to take courses are asking for some kind of mechanical training. A few have indicated they would be interested in vocational agriculture.

Each class must have at least fifteen members and when these are signed up the list must be submitted to the veterans' administration for approval and an instructor will then be employed and put in charge of the class.

Any former service man who was in any branch of the service as much as 90 days and is interested in continuing his education and learning a trade while he works should talk to Supt. Caskey and get information on the courses and benefits.

It is probable that one or more classes will be formed here early in 1946.

Legion Hears Nimitz



Adm. Chester Nimitz, USN, is shown as he addressed the American Legion convention in Chicago. The admiral was honored with the Legion's Distinguished Service medal.

Eugene Waechter is at home with his discharge after serving in the navy for the past three and a half years and 31 months in the Pacific theatre. He was given a discharge at Camp Wallace and after a visit here will join relatives in Arizona.

December Meeting of Legion, Auxiliary Postponed a Week

Officers of the local American Legion post called off the regular December meeting scheduled for Tuesday night and stated that a meeting would be called soon after January 1. Illness and the rush of the Christmas season were given as reasons for cancelling the meeting next week.

Committees are completing the work in connection with the campaign "Thanks for the Yanks Who Gave," and it was stated that all gifts and money taken in in the drive would be sent to hospitals this week in time for distribution to the patients on Christmas eve.

A number of important business items are due for consideration and a special meeting probably will be called soon after New Year's day to dispose of these.

Members are informed that a supply of emblem buttons has arrived and are ready for sale as well as official caps.

New members are continuing to come into the post, which now has the largest membership since 1924.

COUNTY OFFICIALS WILL TAKE 3 DAYS HOLIDAY

All offices in the court house here will be closed on Christmas eve, it was stated today, and will not be reopened until Wednesday morning, thus giving officials and

clerks a three-day holiday. Several other professional offices in Ballinger will be closed on Christmas eve but stores will be open all day Monday to serve last minute shoppers.

ROY L. HILL REAPPOINTED TO I.O.O.F. STATE OFFICE

Roy L. Hill, county attorney of Rannels county, has been named for his fifth consecutive term as deputy grand master of district

No. 64, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. The district includes the Ballinger, Miles, Bronte and Winters lodges.

Mr. Hill has under consideration the organization of a Junior Odd Fellows lodge to take in boys from 14 to 21 years of age.

Be wise—advertise.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAGE TEAM WINS FROM PAINT ROCK

In their first basketball game of the year, the Ballinger junior high team defeated the Paint Rock team here last Thursday night to 20. The game was played in the local gymnasium, a fair sized and attended. The Ballinger team has been playing together only a short time and set a fast pace on the floor in the opening game. The starting line-up for Ballinger was: Bill, forward; Wicks, forward; Wicks, center; Wicks, guard; Wicks, guard.

Jones, of Ballinger, and Fowler, of Paint Rock, tied for scoring honors, each having 15 points to his credit.

Others scoring for Ballinger were: Hill, Burks, Hudson and Romas.

A full schedule of games will be played this season by the junior high team.

Miss Melba Bankston employed at Little Rock, Arkansas, is home for the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Ruth Bankston, and other relatives and friends.

Miss Griffie Atkins left this week for Bryan, where she will spend the holidays with her brother, M. C. Atkins, and family.



Proclamation

We hereby proclaim that we are resolved to give our friends and patrons the superior kind of service that will keep them wearing a path to our door.

We furthermore proclaim that our friends are the finest in all the world, and we wish them loads of good luck, good cheer and good health for the year 1946.

Nutt & Williams

N. Nutt

J. M. Williams

Local Rotary Club Has Xmas Program With All Present

The Ballinger Rotary Club held its annual Christmas program Tuesday noon with Santa Claus in charge and an exchange of buddy gifts being made from the tree.

A full attendance was on hand for the program and the turkey dinner preceding the fun. After the singing of a group of carols with Mrs. Charles Hambrick at the piano, Santa Clause made his appearance and took over. All visitors were remembered with presents.

It was announced that no meeting would be held next week as the date falls on Tuesday, Christmas Day. It was voted, however, to hold the regular meeting on New Year's Day.

President Marvin Davies extended Christmas greetings and best wishes to all members for a happy holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Nixon arrived at Abilene Sunday from California and will be here during the holidays for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nixon and other relatives and friends.



Measured by the span of years, it has been a long, long time since that first Christmas night, but it might have been but yesterday when we measure the spirit of kindness which Christmastime releases.

Christmas means happiness, and Christmas happiness is to be shared. We want to share our 1945 Christmas happiness with you.

Announcing

Opening of The City Cafe City Grocery & Market In Building across street from Texas Theatre

We were compelled to vacate the building of Hutchings Ave. which has been the home of the City Cafe since its beginning, and we have purchased the City Grocery from Power Brothers and after much work and long hours of preparation we are glad to announce our readiness for your visit of inspection and will appreciate any favors from you in our three way business institution.

FOR FRIDAY---OPENING DAY
We offer something special in each Department

<p>City Cafe FREE COFFEE From 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. FRIDAY</p>	Texas	Grapefruit - lb. 8c	Dried	Peaches lb. 38c
	Delicious	Apples - lb. 13c	Chase & Sanborn	Coffee lb. 34c
<p>Turkey Dinner With all the trimmings 75c</p>	Texas	Oranges - lb. 10c	Paper Shell	Pecans lb. 40c
	Russet	Potatoes - lb. 5c		
<p>Also short orders Fine Steaks ***** Good Coffee ***** Fine Service</p>	Diamond	Lettuce - lb. 16c		
		Walnuts - lb. 45c		
		Pinto Beans, can 8c		Phone 616
		Sauer Kraut ^{15 oz.} Jar 19c		O. T. GABBERT
		Salmon, no. 1 can 25c		Prop.
		Mince Meat ^{9 oz.} box 17c		

A Peacetime Christmas

The shadows of war have passed—the candles will again be lighted to symbolize our constant hope for a world in which good will and the desire for peace will be the guiding motives of all men and of all nations.

The Christmas Spirit is eternal, for it is the spirit of service. By acts of consideration for others our own lives are enriched. Each joy we impart to friends or loved ones is reflected back. The more happiness we give the more we have.

Never have friendships meant so much—and all of us here at The Winters State Bank unite in wishing you a very Merry Christmas.



THE WINTERS STATE BANK

Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00

Winters, Texas
Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and Federal Reserve System

The City Cafe The City Grocery & Market

OLFEN SCHOOL NEWS

The Olfen P-T-A held its regular monthly meeting December 13, Mrs. Theo Halfmann presiding. The meeting opened with prayer, led by the Very Rev. F. M. Kaminsky.

It was announced that all who had been saving paper should have it at the school by Saturday morning so that it might be taken to Ballinger for the collection there.

The president appointed Walter

Eggemeyer and Alois Gerngross as luncheon committeemen.

A reading was given by Mrs. Joe Matthiesen, and the Very Rev. F. M. Kaminsky spoke to the parents on the necessity of instilling into their children that what they learn at school is not only for school, but that they are learning for life.

Jokes were read by Mrs. Theo Halfmann and Henry Halfmann.

The seventh and eighth grades had the highest percentage of parent attendance this month.

The attendance prize was won

by a member of the faculty. Old German Christmas melodies, which were sung by all present, brought the meeting to a close.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Yvonne Bryan and Betty Shelburne

Basketball Games

The basketball boys are meeting the Robert Lee and Bronte teams at Bronte Tuesday night, December 18.

Holidays

To be in line with other schools, Norton is going to dismiss school Wednesday afternoon, December 19, and take up December 31.

Football Game

We had almost no school here Friday afternoon. Most of the pupils attended the regional football game at Ballinger.

Absent Teacher

We had a substitute teacher for English Monday. Miss Mathis attended the wedding of her brother, Sgt. Elvin Mathis, to Miss Edith Dusek, of Lowake.

Visitors

Several Ballinger boys visited school Monday.



WINS LAMB AWARD . . . Wayne Disch, 15, Evansville, Ind., with his pen of three Southdown lambs that won the junior championship at Chicago market fat stock show, held during the 21th National 4-H club congress. The average weight of the animals is 110 pounds. The International, replaced this year by the market fat stock show, will take place in 1946. A nationwide 4-H club program is directed by federal, state and county extension services. The national committee on boys and girls club work is privately supported by voluntary groups of interested citizens.

proper identification—"Well, it's their money."

3AA Officials Vote Against Ballinger Entering District

Ballinger's chances to take part in district 3AA football next year were blasted at the annual meeting of the district executive committee at Sweetwater Monday evening. The secret ballot was 4 to 3 against the entrance of the Bearcats and this finishes the speculation for the present at least.

Supt. J. D. Wilson presented the Ballinger claim to the committee. He was accompanied to the meeting by Coach Felton T. Wright and M. A. Foy, member of the board of trustees. After hearing the plea a ballot was taken with

each member pledged not to tell how he voted and the result was four votes against inviting the Bearcats into the district and three in favor.

Speculation ran high as to who had opposed the local entry besides Odessa who had been open in the fight against Ballinger for several weeks. San Angelo and Abilene had openly supported an invitation to the Bearcats and newsmen present were of the opinion that Lamesa was the other supporting town.

It is unlikely that the Bearcats will be able to match any games with the class AA boys for the next season as class A games are hard to find it will make difficult to arrange a full schedule for next year. The past season games were played with Abilene and Sweetwater and prior to that the Bearcats had met San Angelo at the opening of each season.

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HOLIDAY GROCERIES

Diamond	Walnuts	pound	49c
Peerless	Almonds	Pound	49c
Shelled Halves	Pecans	8 oz. Cello	35c
Sun Maid—Seedless	Raisins	15 oz Pkg.	15c
Peerless	Mincemeat	9 oz. Pkg.	17c
Mrs. Franke	Fruit Cake	pound Can	\$1
Powdered or Brown	Sugar	2 Pound Boxes	15c
Swans-Down	Cake Flour	Lg. Box	29c

Each and every one of these fine food values is packed with Christmas Cheer for your table—and with economy to cheer up your "shop-worn" budget. So do ALL your Holiday food buying here. You'll save time and money because we've plenty of everything—and everything is priced to give you the best for less. Make up your menu with these BIG VALUES with which we say "Merry Christmas to all—and to all, a Happy Holiday Dinner."

Dressed and Drawn

Hens lb 48c

Fresh Pork

Ham half or whole lb 35c

Oysters pint 85c

Creamery

Butter Lb. 52c

Pure Pork

Sausage Lb. 35c

Bleached	Little Joe	Large Size
CELERY	YAMS	Lettuce
pound	lb.	lb.
15	10c	14c

Plenty of Christmas Fruits

Kraft Dinner 7 1/2 oz. box	10c	Pimientos	7 oz. Jar	25c
Campbell's Tomato Soup No. 1 can	9c	Tuna Starkist, fancy can		33c
Peas Mission No. 2 can	15c	FLOUR Gladiola 10 lb. sack		59c
Tomato Juice No. 2 can	12c	Spaghetti Skinners, 7 oz. box		9c

BROADWAY FOOD MARKET
COMPLETE FOOD STORE

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Merchants Warned To Watch Forgers In Christmas Rush

Chief of Police J. D. McNutt stated today that the U. S. secret service had requested his cooperation in warning businessmen to be on the lookout for check thieves and forgers, who usually are very active during the rush of business of the pre-holiday shopping season.

"Merchants should talk this over with their employees now," Chief McNutt said. "All clerks and cashiers should be cautioned to be even more careful than usual in accepting either government or commercial checks from strangers. No check should be accepted from any stranger unless properly identified."

The following precautions should always be observed by business houses which cash checks for customers:

1. When any stranger asks you to cash a check, insist that he properly identify himself as the rightful payee of that check. Do not accept a social security card as a means of identification.
2. Insist that the check be endorsed in your presence. If it is endorsed when presented to you, have it endorsed again.
3. Before you accept any check ask yourself this question: "If this check is returned to me because the endorsement is forged, can I locate the forger and recover my money?"

4. Have each check initialed by the employee who pays out money for it and also have the employee to make a notation on the check of the identification given by the person presenting the check.

Chief McNutt said that if the secret service crime prevention rule and slogan "Know Your Endorser—Require Identification" is followed by merchants that they would not be victimized, but that if they do not know the endorser and do not require

SEASON'S GREETINGS
AND
Best Wishes
FOR
THE NEW YEAR

Sol THE HATTER

365 CHRISTMAS WISHES

It occurs to us that the ideal and spirit of Christmas should be of three hundred and sixty-five days duration. So, right now, please accept our sincerest Best Wishes for every day of the New Year.

Store will be closed Christmas Day

L. C. Daugherty Drug Company



MERRIEST Christmas OF ALL 1945

As another year comes to a close and a New Year dawns we pause for a moment to look backward as well as forward. We are happy in the thought that we have made so many new friends in 1945 and retained so many old ones.

Looking forward to 1946, we pledge anew our determination to give you the best value and service possible.

WE SAY NOW, AS SO OFTEN BEFORE, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Tinsley's
Grocery & Market
Phone 313 1110 8th St.



Women's, Society and Club News

Shakespeare Club Has Annual Christmas Program
The Shakespeare Club held its annual formal Christmas program and guest tea last Thursday afternoon in the beautiful home of Mrs. J. F. Currie on Ninth Street.

Lovely arrangements of red berries, deep red gladioli, and a large brilliantly lighted and elaborately decorated tree were given vantage placings about spacious reception rooms where Mrs. W. E.

Something New in Christmas Cards



Bringing a gay, warm touch to the most joyous holiday season in years is pretty Phyllis Creore of Rochester, N. Y. No Christmas card that can be casually tossed aside will come from her. Instead, shining like greetings cards, which later find use around the house as hot plates and coasters, will be sent to the radio star's friends.

Hall, Jr., extended formal greetings and presented Mrs. Currie and Mrs. B. C. Kirk, club president.

Mrs. Ford Taylor was program director. With Mrs. John Gulon at the organ for musical illustrations, Mrs. Loyd Herring gave the stories of a group of the best-known and most-loved Christmas carols and Mrs. W. E. Elkins reviewed Henry van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man." Mrs. Gulon gave incidental organ music preceding the program and during the tea hour.

At the social hour, novelty favors were given from the tree from Mrs. Currie, Mrs. Kirk and Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh presided at the silver services placed at opposite ends of the dining table which was centered with a plaque of silvered foliage and red berries. Tall red candles burned in three-point antique candelabra of silver. The buffet arrangement was a frosted floral spray. Assisting in serving Xmas sandwiches and cookies, salted nuts and mints were Mmes. E. C. Cloninger, Herring, and Hall. Others in the house party were Mmes. Paul Petty, J. R. McGraw, C. P. Shepherd, and Lee Maples.

Others present were: Mmes.

Orland Sims of Paint Rock, Fred McClanahan of Shreveport, La., Simeon Cottelle, Jr., of Long Beach, Calif., J. G. Douglass, K. V. Northington, Claude Stone, W. P. Halley, Frank Pearce, R. E. Porter, E. C. Grindstaff, W. J. Hembree, E. L. Hagan, R. T. Williams, O. R. Lasater, Wylie Stobaugh, Chester Cherry, M. A. Foy, J. Y. Pearce, Jack Rodgers, Horace Murphy, H. G. Agnew, George Holman, Bruce Creasy, H. J. Zappe, P. M. Lowry, F. C. Miller, L. R. Tigner, Elmer Shepperd, W. E. Moss, O. T. Toney, E. C. Baskin, T. J. McCaughan, A. J. McDaniel, Sim Cottelle, Charles Bailey, E. M. Lynn, and Troy Simpson.

Robin Brownie Troop Has Meetings and Xmas Party

Mrs. Floyd Wington and Mrs. J. B. Hart have directed three weekly meetings for Robin Brownies. These included the election of the following officers, on November 28: president, Dorothy Thomas; secretary, Shirley Ann Burks; and treasurer, Elaine Hart. Patsy Zappe was hostess.

On December 5, Wanda Jean Williams was hostess and first aid kits were made and fitted. On December 12 a nature trail

hike was ended at the home of Patsy Zappe on Broadway where gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree and leaders served cookies and hot chocolate from the dining table centered with tall red candles. Mrs. H. J. Zappe and Mrs. W. A. McDonald assisted Mmes. Wington and Hart. Girls present were: Barbara Ruth Bowen, a new member; Shirley Ann Burks, LaVerne Calvert, Hazel Darlene Herral, Elaine Hart, Ann Katherine McDonald, Louise Miller, Dorothy Thomas, Joyce Lee Wington, Marlene Witt, Wanda Jean Williams, and Patsy Zappe.

Joanne Glover is Tabu Hostess

Joanne Glover was hostess to the regular monthly business meeting of Tabus on Tuesday afternoon of last week at her home on Sixth Street.

June Wright presided for the business meeting during which names were drawn for a gift exchange and a Christmas party planned.

Hot chocolate was served with cookies and sandwiches.

Gift Party for Mrs. McGarvey

Mmes. C. C. Henderson, L. B. Rudder, and Robert Jay were hostesses at a prettily-appointed gift party Tuesday evening of last week to compliment Mrs. Robert McGarvey.

Yule decorations were featured about rooms of the Jay home on Eighth Street where gifts were presented from a lighted tree.

Others included: Mmes. Nedra Hill, V. L. McShan, B. M. Batts, Bernice Tucker, Jack Fry, Alton Williams, W. L. McMillan, Horace Atnipp, Elmer Greenwood, Hugh Parrish, D. B. Crockett, J. W. Little, Frank Domanowsky, A. E. Bell, Leonard Scales, H. G. Agnew,

Guy Middleton, Max Phillips, Jack Rodgers, T. B. Hill, Ed Curry, D. E. Williams, Ruth Bankston; Misses Dorothy McMillan, Doris Lane, Eunice Phillips, and Wanda Williams.

Pruning and training grape vines is important in securing high yields of top quality fruit. There is no point in storing

feeds for winter if rats and insects are allowed to "make a run on the bank."

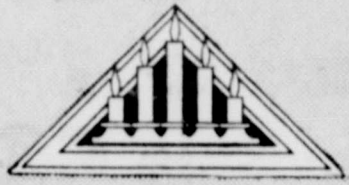
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GUARANTY TITLE CO.
Ballinger, Texas
Office in Old Security State Bank Building

Season's Greetings

It is a real pleasure to extend greetings to you at this Christmas season and to wish each of you the fullest measure of happiness and successful achievement in the New Year.

Let us press ahead with united energy and determination toward the pinnacle of success that lies ahead for our community, our nation and each other.

Heartiest Christmas and New Year greetings to one and all.



C. O. D. Grocery Co.
and **LOCKER PLANT**

PETE SAYS

IF A DULL DAY COMES ALONG, IT GIVES YOU TIME TO THINK OUT PLANS TO MAKE THE NEXT ONE BRIGHTER.



PETE ALSO SAYS: The best gift for all this Christmas, "Peace on earth, to men of good will."

Holland's
Eighth Street
Ballinger, Texas

Happiest
HOLIDAY SEASON
to all



THE QUEST OF HAPPINESS

has ever been the ultimate goal of human beings. Some find happiness in one way; some in another; and many never find it at all. Whatever road you may have been taking in your pursuit of happiness, may your fondest hopes be realized during this Christmas season of 1945.

One other thought: we want every one of you to know that we deeply appreciate everything you have done for us during the past year.

Atnipp's Dry Cleaners

1945
Christmas Joy
PEACE ON EARTH · GOOD WILL
...TOWARD ALL MEN...

EVERY holiday has its significance, but none can compare with Christmas. It is the one time of the year when self-seeking gives way to selflessness, and all are united in one common attitude of good will towards our fellowmen.

Our entire personnel joins in wishing Christmas joy to those whom we have served, and to others as well. Accept our sincere thanks for the privilege of being of help in making this Christmas of 1945 truly merry.



PENNEY'S
J. C. PENNEY CO., INC.



Wishing All Our Friends
A Merry Christmas
And A Prosperous
New Year

TEXAS' OWN..

IMPERIAL
Pure Cane **SUGAR**

100% PURE CANE

Want Ads

Order Your Baby Chicks Now
R.O.P. sired Big English White Leghorns our specialty. Our chicks are incubated for livability and noted for size, vigor and rapid development, from rigidly culled and Pullorum tested flocks. Hatches come off each Tuesday and Friday. WE SEX THE LIGHT BREEDS. NUTT & WILLIAMS, Box 664, Ballinger. 11-11

WANTED—Will pay cash for late model electric radios. W. A. Nance. 18-11-H

Farm and Ranch Supplies
Poultry and Stock Feed
MORRISON GIN FEED HOUSE
6-1f

MORTGAGE LOANS
Texas, New Mexico and Arizona RANCHES, Farms, homes tourist camps, filling stations, hotels, store and office buildings. If you have a good loan I can make it.
WILLIAM H. BICKLE
Central National Bank Bldg., San Angelo; Office 6235, Home 5881-3. 1-1-46

SORE THROAT—TONSILITIS!
For quick relief from pain and discomfort try our **Anesthesia-Mop**. It is a doctor's prescription that has given relief to thousands. Guaranteed superior or your money back. Generous bottle, with applicators on, 50c at
J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

Notice
We are in the market for your furniture at all times, also try us for your shoe repair work. Give us a trial.
S. & S. SHOE SHOP
Aubrey Smith, Owner
29-4t

So you need a new fence—let us supply the Cedar posts.
MORRISON GIN FEED HOUSE
6-1f

We Sell for Cash
And Sell for Less
TRY US
MORRISON GIN FEED HOUSE
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For Bertnot yarns, also materials for hats and bags, see Mrs. A. J. McDaniel, 508 Fifth Street, telephone 353. 6-4t

If you want to sell your car see me—will pay you cash—and it will only take a few minutes.
Aubrey Dodson, home phone 193, day 104. 6-1f

AUDITOR and ACCOUNTANT—Payrolls, Audits, Systems, Part-time bookkeeping service—reasonable prices. T. WHITEHEAD, Talbot Bldg., Ballinger, Texas. Phone 589, 630. 6-1f

FOR SALE—Three year old guaranteed fox and coon hound Billy Conway, Hatchel, Texas. 13-2t*

FOR SALE—One row A-C tractor, has C model pistons, in good shape, good rubber. J. H. Carter, Ballinger Rt. 1. 13-2t*

FOR SALE—Two sets of good harness. See W. R. Clark. 13-1f

FOR SALE—Two lots in black 37 West 2nd addition to Ballinger. Phone 285. 13-3t

FOR SALE—28 acre sandy farm on San Angelo highway, two miles from Ballinger, creek through place. Mrs. J. C. Reese. 13-1f

WANTED—Washing and ironing 304 Tenth. 20-1t*

DON'T SCRATCH!
Durham's Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itching accompanying Eczemas, Rash, Piles, Ordinary Itch and other minor skin irritations—or purchase price refunded. Large 2-ounce jar only 50c at
J. Y. Pearce Drug Co.

WANTED—To rent or lease 200 to 300 acre farm land, on halves or third and fourth. Telephone 6311, Rowena. 20-3t*

FOR SALE—Electric fence, complete with wire, stays, etc.; John Deere feed mill; saddle mare and colt. E. L. Morrison, Norton, Texas. 20-2t*

CHIROPRACTOR
Health Baths, Scientific Massage
Dr. J. Lester Ohlhausen
San Angelo Highway, Ballinger

For Free Removal of
Dead or Disabled ANIMALS
CALL COLLECT
San Angelo: 72741 or 40232
San Angelo Rendering Company
Prompt Service Assured
Sanitary Trucks

If you wish to buy or sell
Farms, Ranches or Houses see
A. M. King
Ballinger

Ironing Wanted, at reasonable prices. 1109 Tenth Street. 6-4t*

FOR SALE—1940 Plymouth two door sedan, good condition, three new tires, heater, new seat covers, and new paint job. Telephone 6311, Rowena. 20-3t*

LOST—30 model Chevrolet wheel, tire and log chain. Lost somewhere in Ballinger last Thursday afternoon about 4:30. Please return to Austin Haper. 11*

WANTED—Furnished apartment for middle aged couple. No children or pets. Phone 403, Buster Parrish. 20-1t

FOR SALE—Six room house, located 103 Eleventh Street. 20-3t*

FOR SALE—All wool brown tweed suit, size 35. Atripp's Tailor Shop. 20-1t

FOR SALE—Large Kerosene heating stove, practically new. See or call Bill Currie, Jr., Paint Rock, or call 230 Ballinger. 20-1f

Income TAX RETURNS
A. M. [Fred] King
Office in Currie Building over City Cafe
Ballinger

FOR SALE—Four disc Moline plow, good as new. E. C. Lindemann. 13-3t*

Registered Duroc Jersey male for service. R. E. Rainwater, Crews, Texas. 13-4t*

WANTED—General hauling. Phone 314 or notify Cline's Barbecue Stand. Quick service, reasonable prices. Seth Neff. 13-3t*

Red top cane seed. See us for prices. Currie Produce Co. 13-2t

We Have the Following . . . Radios for Sale

Crosley large table model, 8 tubes, in perfect condition.
Victor 10 tube console, newly repaired and plays good.

Silvertone console, 7 tubes, in perfect condition.
Will pay cash for a few old radios.

Sears Radio Service
1101 Strong Avenue

Radios for Sale—Crosley table model 7 tube just reconditioned, in good shape; 10 tube Silvertone console and a Victor console 8 tube. All in good condition. Can be seen at Sears Radio Shop, 1101 Strong Avenue, Ballinger. 13-1f

FOUND—Winters '45 class ring. Call at Ledger office. 1t

WANTED—To rent apartment or house in Ballinger. Will exchange two bedroom Dallas apartment. Roy Fuqua, 4147 Hyer Street, Dallas, Texas. 20-3t*

LOST—Automobile jack at 1209 Eighth Street. Party taking jack please return to above address. 20-1t

WANTED—Toy piano, in good condition, by Saturday. 902 Ninth Street. 11-*

Started Chicks

Two to three weeks old, light and heavy breeds. Our chicks mature quickly for fryers.
NUTT & WILLIAMS, Ballinger 20-1t

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

- No Inspection Fee
- No Attorney's Fee
- No Brokerage to Pay
- Annual Payments
- Long Time to Pay
- 4% on Large Loans
- 4½% on Small Loans
- No Stock to Buy
- Expert Service
- Confidential Service

W. G. BEDFORD
Insurance—Loans—Real Estate
Winters, Texas

FOR SALE—All wool suit of clothes, in excellent condition. Size 42. May be seen at Wrightway's. 11-*

NOW OPERATING THE S. & S. SHOE SHOP

We have purchased this shop and are operating same on a business like basis—your patronage appreciated—our work guaranteed. We have had the experience and can give you good work.

Come to See Us.
FERRELL & ELLER

Help Wanted—Male and Female Veterans—War Plant Workers

WAR PLANT WORKERS—2 line C ANY MAN with ambition! Are you ready to settle down and establish a good business of your own? A Watkins Dealer will be selected for the city of Ballinger soon. If you have a good reputation—are a stickler who wants a steady year around income, write The J. R. Watkins Co., 72-80 W. Iowa, Memphis 2, Tennessee. D-2-16

Drummond Brothers
We buy and sell used furniture and what-have-you, and have delivery service. Do hauling, and have sand and gravel.
Call 318.

FOR SALE—Gas cook stove, in good condition. 201 Park Avenue or see me at B. & M. Grocery, Clifton Wright. 20-1t*

FOR SALE—Christmas trees. 501 Hutchings Avenue. ???

FOR SALE—Two-piece living room suite. 902 Tenth Street. 1t*

FOR SALE—Bundled hegar. Jack Denton, Norton, Texas. 1t*

FOR SALE—Frigidaire. Phone 666 or 664. 20-1t

WANTED—Settled middle-aged white woman for help with housework and care of elderly gentleman, excellent wages, excellent living quarters. Mrs. Bryce McCandless, 216 S. Park, San Angelo, Texas. 20-1t*

FOR SALE—Practically new Letz feed mill; size 340. Rubber tires. L. B. Hoelscher, Route 1, Rowena. ?????

Capt. and Mrs. Guy Lively, Jr., and daughter, Susan, expect to arrive in Dallas Christmas Day on a new assignment with the army air forces. They have recently been in Manchester, N. H.

Clean, cotton rags wanted at The Ledger office. Full market price paid.

Staples
Limited quantity of Markwell Staples at Ballinger Printing Co.

Safeway Christmas Goodies

WILL GLORIFY YOUR TABLE

<p>Apricots Petite Halves, Std. No. 2 1/2 Can 25¢</p> <p>Peaches Castle Crest Choice Quality No. 2 1/2 Can 25¢</p> <p>Mince Meat Lady Betty 30-Oz. Jar 39¢</p> <p>Sugar Brown or Powdered 1-Lb. Pkg. 8¢</p> <p>Corn Country Home Whole No. 2 15¢</p> <p>Peas Pitman's Tender No. 2 17¢</p> <p>Peas Sugar Bell Choice Quality No. 2 15¢</p> <p>Tomato Soup No. 1 Case 10¢</p> <p>Pimientos Elix-A-Kraft 4 1/2-Oz. Case 19¢</p> <p>Apple Sauce Maxwell House 17-Oz. Jar 20¢</p>	<p>Fruit Cakes Hostess Fine Quality 15-Oz. Cake 35¢</p> <p>Peanuts Tennessee Roasted 12-Oz. Can 23¢</p> <p>Cigarettes Popular Brands 10-Pkg. Crtn. 1.65</p> <p>Pecans Shelled Halves Cello Pack 8-Oz. Pkg. 63¢</p> <p>Pecans Stuffed Halves Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. \$1.25</p> <p>Pecans Fancy Large Cello Pack 14-Oz. Jar 45¢</p> <p>Raisins Seedless Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 15¢</p> <p>Raisins Sun Seed Seedless 16-Oz. Pkg. 13¢</p> <p>Peaches Fancy Cello Pack 1-Lb. Case 37¢</p> <p>Prunes Cello Pack 90/100 Size 1-Lb. Pkg. 14¢</p>	<p>Sage Schilling's Rubbed Sage 2-Oz. Can 18¢</p> <p>Cherub Milk 2 1/2 Gall. 17¢</p> <p>Edwards Coffee 1-Lb. Jar 28¢</p> <p>Airway Coffee 2 1/2-Lb. Pkg. 41¢</p> <p>Hershey's Cocoa 1/2-Lb. Pkg. 10¢</p> <p>Corn Starch Argo 1-Lb. Pkg. 10¢</p>
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Safeway Guaranteed Meats

<p>Fat Hens Dressed and Drawn All Sizes Lb. 47¢</p> <p>Pork Chops Center Cuts Lb. 38¢</p> <p>Pork Sausage Armour's Pure lb. 39¢</p> <p>Sausage Pure Pork Bulk, Type 1 Lb. 35¢</p> <p>Oysters Eastern Selects lb. 85¢</p> <p>Lunch Meat Assorted lb. 29¢</p> <p>Frankfurters Selects lb. 32¢</p>	<p>Roast Beef Shoulder Grade AA and A lb. 26¢</p> <p>Steak Beef Sirloin Grade AA and A lb. 40¢</p> <p>Ground Veal Fresh Ground lb. 25¢</p>
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TURKEYS
Choice, Fat, Plump Birds
Dressed and Drawn Lb. **53¢**

Holiday Fruits & Vegetables

<p>Oranges California Juicy Lb. 12¢</p> <p>Apples Washington Delicious Lb. 14¢</p> <p>Grapes California Emperors Lb. 17¢</p> <p>Celery California Pascal Green Tender Lb. 11¢</p> <p>Apples Washington Rome Beauty lb. 14¢</p> <p>Tangerines Texas Juicy lb. 11¢</p> <p>Fresh Cocoanuts Bulk 35¢</p> <p>Cabbage Texas Green Solid lb. 4¢</p> <p>Carrots California 2 Box 17¢</p>	<p>Grapefruit 10-lb. bag 47¢</p> <p>Broccoli Tender Choice lb. 15¢</p> <p>Potatoes White Rose lb. 3 1/2</p> <p>Potatoes Nebraska Triumph 10-lb. bag 49¢</p> <p>Yellow Onions 2 Lb. 13¢</p>
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California CALAVOS
30 Size Each **21¢**

Merry Christmas

SAFEWAY

THE BALLINGER LEDGER

Insect Control Club Reporters and Dads Attend Banquet Here

Last Saturday noon twelve Runnels county 4-H club boys and their fathers were guests of the West Texas Cottonoil Co. at a turkey banquet served at the Central Hotel. The boys who were special guests were those who

aided in the cotton insect control program during the 1945 growing period. This program is sponsored by the West Texas Cottonoil Co. through the extension service.

During the past season the boy inspectors made regular check-ups on cotton pests in their communities and reported to the office of County Agent John A. Barton and to the extension service at College Station. In this way the progress of the insects was determined and the time to poison decided from the weekly reports.

H. W. Lynn, manager of the

Ballinger plant of the company, called the meeting to order and after a few introductory remarks stated that the program would be continued next year.

Mr. Barton spoke briefly, pointing out the increase in pink boll worms, how they work, and used a chart to show the fly that lays the eggs, the tiny thread-like worm that cuts its way into the boll, destroys the lint and seed, and bores out to find a home in the ground. Referring to the boll weevil, Mr. Barton said it formerly was considered too cold here for this pest but that it had adjusted itself to this climate and was definitely here. Speaking of adjustments, he called attention to the fact that insects adjust themselves, even to poison, the stronger living and the weaker dying.

The county agent presented awards to the three boys working on the insect control program who had the best collection of insects. Awards went to: Leon Frerich, first; Edgar Poehls, second; and Albert Jonas, third. Each received a certificate from the Texas A. & M. College and a sack of cottonseed meal from the West Texas Cottonoil Co. All boys and their dads present were given free picture show tickets.

J. M. Williams was the principal speaker and talked on the control of field insects. He pointed out that in 1916 damage to crops in the United States amounted to about one billion dollars while in 1945 the loss was about three and a half billions. The speaker said there was not enough control work being done by agricultural people of the United States to reduce this damage. He suggested:

1. Crop rotation; 2. timely planting; 3. control of weeds; 5. clean farming; 5. burning refuse that harbors insects.

The new insecticide, DDT, was discussed at length, the speaker telling some of the known work of the new chemical on common farm insects of this area, what it will kill, and what it will not even harm. In conclusion Mr. Williams stated that insects must be controlled and that more and more work must be done each year to halt crop damage.

NO GOODFELLOW WORK TO BE DONE THIS YEAR

No plans were made here this year to help needy families. Leaders of previous Goodfellow campaigns in the past believe that few, if any, will need assistance this Christmas since work is more plentiful and practically everyone is employed.

A few have applied for succor but there is no fund for this purpose in Ballinger this year. Red Cross aid is limited to emergency work only and Sunday school classes and other church groups may be called on to help the few who are in need because of illness.

Ledger want ads pay.

Christmas Carols

Each holiday season the familiar words of the tuneful Christmas Carol ring out all over the country. The origin of these songs is both interesting and colorful. While some of them were composed here in America, others were written and set to music in other parts of the world. Below, with illustrations, and a brief history of origin are presented some of the better known of these songs.

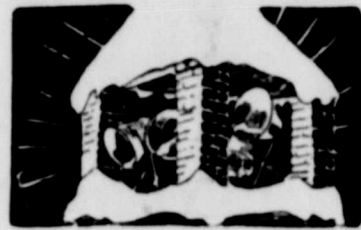
O LITTLE TOWN—



O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie; Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by—

● These words were written in 1863 by Phillips Brooks, young rector of Philadelphia, after a visit to Palestine. His church organist, Lewis Redner, wrote the melody. It came to him "in a dream" on Christmas Eve.

I HEARD THE BELLS—



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

● When Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote the words to this song, the United States was experiencing its second year of the Civil war. The words, "peace on earth," gave expression to the hope of millions.

IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT



It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old— From Angels bending near the earth, To touch their harps of gold.

● Here is another beloved carol which was composed in America. The words were written in December, 1849, by Rev. Edmund Sears. It was sung to an old hymn-tune until its present melody was composed by Richard Willis in 1851.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL—



O come, all ye faithful Joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.

● Origin of this hymn is controversial. When introduced in England about 1800 it was known as the "Portuguese Hymn." Its lines do not rhyme because they were translated from the Latin.

THE FIRST NOEL—



The first Noel the angels did say Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay, In fields where they lay keeping their sheep On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

● This is a true folk song, claimed by both France and England. According to tradition, the verses are sung by the shepherds and the refrain by the angels.

Santa's Costume

Here is an inexpensive way to make Santa's costume. Make the knee-length coat of an old night shirt cut down and dyed red, but if this is too much work, use a red mackinaw. Border it with priceless ermine consisting of white cotton flannel spotted at the proper intervals with ink or black shoe polish. Santa should wear red golf stockings and heavy boots, plus a stocking cap and bright mittens. Put a scarf about his neck. When he is done there is no need of a mask; his own mother would not know him under those beetling eyebrows.

The national 1945 honey crop is estimated at 226 million pounds. Every milk cow should have all the home-grown grazing and hay she will eat and should be fed concentrates in proportion to her production.

Rehabilitation Head



Maj. Gen. Graves B. Erskine of the U. S. marine corps, who has been appointed director of re-training and re-employment administration of the U. S. labor department, which will handle the vocational rehabilitation and education of discharged veterans.

WHAT TO TELL YOUR FAMILY ABOUT SOCIAL SECURITY

If you are a worker who is building social insurance protection on the job, you should make it your business to TELL YOUR FAMILY about your social security, said Elliott W. Adams, manager of the San Angelo Social Security Board office.

Tell them that if you die, they may be eligible for monthly old-age and survivors insurance benefits.

Tell them that the law makes special provision for widows with children in their care. Show your family where you keep your social security card.

Tell them in case of your death to take it to the nearest Society Security Board office. There they will get all the help they need to file a claim for benefits—free of charge. Tell them to contact the Board office promptly. Monthly benefits are retroactive for only three months and they may lose some of their payments by delay. If they don't know where the Social Security Board office is, the postmaster will tell them.

TEXAS BEES INCREASE PRODUCTION THIS YEAR

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Texas bees went into high gear this year and contributed 7,392,000 pounds of honey to the state's stock of sweetening. The bureau of agricultural economics, Austin, reports that this estimate of production by the U. S. department of agriculture is 820,000 pounds larger than the yield in 1944. The BAE explains that the increase was due both to 9,000 more working colonies than last year and one pound larger yield per colony than one year ago. Favorable

weather in early and late spring as well as during the summer is given as the principal reason for the larger per colony yield.

Texas ranks tenth among the states in honey production, with Minnesota, Iowa, California, Wisconsin, New York, Florida, Michigan and Illinois preceding in that order. On account of a poor season, California for the first time on record failed to top all other states in production.

Miss Helen Brewer, of Odessa, is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brewer, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Lemburg and daughter, Jamie Ruth, of Menard, were here Sunday for a few hours' visit with relatives and friends.

Read the grocery ads and save.



Texas Grill

ALWAYS AN UNEQUALED



TO EXTEND

SEASON'S BEST GREETINGS

We are happy that the Holiday season again furnishes us an opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for the continued friendships of you, and you and you. It is a blessing we value highly.

Our thoughts are with you, friends, and we hope next year will be one of full happiness and prosperity for you and yours.



114 North 8th Street

With All GOOD WISHES For A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

May the season be one of great joy and may the New Year be one of complete happiness.

City Bakery

XMAS SPECIALS

Cold Wave Permanents Given by Mrs. Dennie Swift on Tuesday and Wednesday Call for Appointment

Oil Permanents \$4.50 up

Thin, bbay fine hair and difficult hair to curl are our specialties

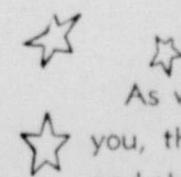
Manicure \$1.00

BALLINGER BEAUTY SHOP

AGNES (Blondie) FISCHER, Manager and Operator 713 HUTCHINGS AVENUE TELEPHONE No. 196



For all your Tomorrows...



As we extend our Season's Greetings to each of you, the prospects of the coming year are bright and cheerful. For this we are immeasurably grateful. The future is distinctly encouraging and it is our ambition to have a part in this progress. To this end we pledge our untiring efforts.

In this gesture of good will we wish particularly to salute our friends and to wish them a season of good cheer and fellowship and a New Year of success and happiness.

American Cafe

G. E. Smith & Son, Props.

Ballinger



Misses Modes Junior Dresses Okayed by the Misses Modes Board of Review!

Our new Misses Modes are here. Come see, come choose for yourself.

Misses Modes Juniors Here Exclusively

STONE'S

Notice of Road Bond Election
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS:
TO THE RESIDENT PROPERTY TAXPAYING VOTERS OF ROAD DISTRICT NO. 6 OF RUNNELS COUNTY, TEXAS:
TAKE NOTICE: That an election shall be held on the 3rd day of January, 1946, within Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, to determine if said road district shall issue bonds, and if an annual ad valorem tax shall be levied in payment thereof in obedience to an election order entered by the Commissioners' Court on the 1st day of December, 1945, which is as follows:
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF RUNNELS:

On this the 1st day of December, A. D. 1945, the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, convened in special session in the usual meeting place at the County Courthouse at Ballinger, Texas, all members of the Court, to-wit:

E. C. Grindstaff, County Judge
 Clyde Chapman, Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
 F. D. Bedford, Commissioner Precinct No. 2;
 Ralph Burns, Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
 R. A. Perry, Commissioner Precinct No. 4;

being present, came on to be considered the petition of C. C. Gentry and 32 other persons, praying that bonds be issued by Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) serially or otherwise, not to exceed twenty (20) years from date thereof, for the construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, in said District, and whether or not an annual ad valorem tax shall be levied upon all property of Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and to provide a sinking fund for the redemption thereof at maturity; and

IT APPEARING to the Court that said petition is signed by a majority of the resident taxpaying voters of said Road District No.

6 of Runnels County, Texas; and IT FURTHER APPEARING that the amount of bonds to be issued will not exceed one-fourth of the assessed valuation of the real property of said Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas; and IT FURTHER APPEARING that said Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, has been duly established by an order of the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, dated the 8th day of October, 1945, of record in Book No. 8, pages 325 of the Minutes of said Court, and the boundaries thereof are herein described and defined in the Order of the Commissioners' Court establishing such District, as follows, to-wit:

BEGINNING at Oak Creek where the public road crosses Oak Creek at Oak Creek Store;

THENCE west along said public road as far as the road goes west, then continue in a straight line to the west line of Runnels County;

THENCE south along said County line to the South line of Commissioner's Precinct No. 3;

THENCE east along said south line of Commissioner's Precinct No. 3 to Oak Creek;

THENCE in a northwesterly direction along Oak Creek with its meanderings to the place of beginning.

IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that said District does not embrace any part of a road district that has heretofore been established, and that has issued bonds and is now outstanding and unpaid; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that said petition was presented to the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 13th day of November, 1945, set such petition down for hearing on the 1st day of December, 1945, said date being not less than fifteen (15) nor more than thirty (30) days from the date of said order fixing the time and place of such hearing; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING to the Court that due notice of such hearing has been given, and the Court having heard all arguments and discussion in favor of and against the issuance of said bonds,

Principals of Labor-Management Meet at Capital



Labor and management opened parley in Washington in an effort to steer the country on a path of peaceful reconversion. Shown here, left to right, seated: Secretary of Commerce Henry A. Wallace; Justice Walter P. Reilly, N. C. who presided; Secretary of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach. Standing, left to right: William Green, president of AFL; Eric Johnston, president of U. S. Chamber of Commerce; Ira Mosher, president of National Association of Manufacturers, and Philip Murray, president of CIO.

the Court if of the opinion and so finds that said petition is signed by a majority of the resident property taxpaying voters of such road district, and that due notice has been given and that the proposed improvements would be for the benefit of all taxable property situated in such road district;

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, AND ORDERED by the Court that an election be held in said Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, on the 3rd day of January, 1946, which is not less than thirty (30) days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted:

"Shall the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of Road District No. 6 in the sum of Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) maturing serially in such installments as may be fixed by the Commissioners' Court, the maximum maturity being not more than twenty (20) years from their date and bearing interest at a maximum rate of 3% per annum, payable semi-annually, and to levy annually ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within said District sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to redeem them at maturity for the purpose of construction, maintenance and operation of macadamized, graveled or paved roads and turnpikes, or in aid thereof, throughout the District, as authorized by the Constitution and laws in the State of Texas."

The said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 16, General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the first called Session of the 39th Legislature and Amendments thereto.

Only qualified electors of this State and of this County, and who are resident property taxpayers, and who have duly rendered the same for taxation in Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, shall be entitled to vote at said election, and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots "FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" and those opposed shall have written or printed on their ballots the words "AGAINST THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND THE LEVYING OF AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX IN PAYMENT THEREOF" Concerning said proposition each voter shall mark out with black ink or black pencil one of the above expressions, thus leaving the other as indicating his vote on the proposition.

The voting place and presiding officers of said election shall be as follows:

At Marie in Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, G. W. Shelton as Presiding Judge, Henry Pruitt as Judge, and Osma Black as Clerk; where all persons may vote who are entitled to vote at said election and who reside in Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas.

Notice of said election shall be given by publication of a copy of this order in The Ballinger Ledger, a newspaper published continuously for more than one year in the County of Runnels, for three successive weeks before the date of said election and in addition thereto, there shall be posted four copies of this order, three of which shall be posted in public places within said Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, and one of which shall be at the Courthouse door of Runnels County, Texas, not less than three weeks prior to the said election.

The County Judge is hereby directed to cause said notices to be published and posted, as hereinabove directed, and further orders are reserved until the returns of said election are made by the duly authorized election officers and received by this Court.

E. C. GRINDSTAFF
 County Judge
 CLYDE CHAPMAN
 Commissioner Precinct No. 1;
 F. D. BEDFORD
 Commissioner Precinct No. 2;
 RALPH BURNS
 Commissioner Precinct No. 3;
 R. A. PERRY
 Commissioner Precinct No. 4.

Attest:
 JOHN B. RAYBURN
 County Clerk
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 COUNTY OF RUNNELS

I, John B. Rayburn, County Clerk in and for Runnels County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an order passed by the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, on the 1st day of December, A. D. 1945, ordering an election to be held in Road District No. 6 of Runnels County, Texas, to determine if said Road District shall issue bonds and if a tax shall be levied in payment thereof in obedience to said order; that said order is of record in the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Runnels County, Texas, which minutes have been signed by the County

Judge, as shown by Vol. 8, Pages 328 of said Minutes.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL of office this the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1945.

(Seal)
 JOHN B. RAYBURN
 County Clerk, Runnels County, Texas. 6-31

STUDY BEING MADE IN TEXAS OF CORN MILLING SITUATION; VITAMIN LACK IS REPORTED

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19.—Southwide interest in enrichment of degerminated corn meal and grits has led to a study of corn milling for human consumption in Texas.

The survey, just completed by the A. & M. College extension service, shows that 101 mills in 45 Texas counties regularly grind corn food products. Total ground annually is about three million bushels, according to Maurine Hearn, vice-director for women and state home demonstration agent. One hundred and twenty-two county home demonstration agents aided in the study.

Families in Lubbock, Denton and Bryan use about four or five times as much flour as cornmeal, according to records recently compiled by Dr. Jessie Whitacre of the Texas agricultural experiment station, however families in some sections of the state are known to use cornmeal and hominy grits in large quantities.

The extension service interest in the enrichment programs is based upon concern for nutritional standards of Texans, Miss Hearn says. The niacin content of cornmeal, regardless of how it is produced, is considerably less than that of wholewheat flour. Where diets are deficient in iron, riboflavin, thiamin and calcium, enrichment of cornmeal and grits with these values would mean better fed Texans.

Large quantities are used in flour sweep, and untreated sawdust is used by technical biological laboratories in the care of animals.

In addition, sawdust is used in moldable products, fuel briquettes, and manufacturing of chicken feed, Mrs. Lewis said.

County home demonstration agents can supply recipes that call for syrup or honey instead of sugar for Christmas sweetening.

brates the story. Don Juan Walker was a first assistant to the marquis, and accompanied the expedition. His original map is now in the Mexican national archives.

CHEMISTS, MANUFACTURERS AND OTHERS USE SAWDUST FOR NUMEROUS PURPOSES

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—Just exactly what would you do if someone asked you what sawdust is used for?

Such a question is typical of the hundreds which the University of Texas bureau of business research receives yearly. Every question is answered in full, with detailed references to other sources of information, or else the questions are referred to proper authorities, says Mrs. Clara H. Lewis, editorial assistant in the bureau.

Answering the sawdust question brought forth the following facts: Two firms in Texas use sawdust: one in Dallas, and the other in San Antonio.

Sawdust can be used in manufacturing the following: acetic acid, artificial wood (pressed), cellulose acetate, butyric acid, formic acid, lactic acid, oralle acid, wood flour, and wood alcohol.

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AUCTION SALE

Dr. C. W. Hackett, professor of Latin-American history, relates the story of the Marquis of San Miguel de Aguayo, and his expedition which he took into the interior of Texas in 1722. A photograph of the map drawn especially for the Aguayo expedition by one Don Juan Pedro Walker illus-

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Merle Oberon and Claude Rains In Dramatic 'This Love of Ours'

Universal's production of "This Love of Ours," adapted from the Luigi Pirandello play, "Come Prima Meglio de Prima," is the principal attraction at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday and Monday, December 22, 23 and 24. For Christmas Day and Wednesday, the Ritz is presenting a double-feature program, "Men in Her Diary," starring Peggy Ryan and Jon Hall, and "Trail to Vengeance," a western.

"This Love of Ours" stars Merle Oberon, Claude Rains, and the new Hollywood "find," Charles Korvin. It introduces the school girl actress, Sue England, in one of the season's best fledgling performances.

The film tells the story of a Paris actress deserted by her doctor husband when he believes her unfaithful. Their reunion a decade later, and the problem of their daughter, who believes her mother

is dead, are main keys of the powerful drama.

The lengthy supporting cast includes Carl Esmond, Jess Barker, Ralph Morgan, Fritz Lieber, Harry Davenport, Helen Thimig, Cora Witherspoon and Leon Tyler.

Years were spent by Leonard Lee, Bruce Manning and John Klorer in developing a screen script from the Pirandello play because of the delicacy required in handling some passages. Locales are Paris, Chicago and Pasadena.

Miss Oberon's costumes, designed by Travis Banton, who created her wardrobe for "A Song to Remember" and "Night in Paradise," are in keeping with her three environments—wife of a French physician, pianist in a cheap nightclub, and spouse of a famed pathologist.

'The Fatal Witness,' Thrill Mystery Play, Coming to Palace

Richard Fraser in the role of a Scotland Yard investigator tries to solve a murder and finds love in Republic's "The Fatal Witness," which is the No. 1 feature of a twin-bill program at the Palace Theatre tomorrow (Friday), Saturday, and Sunday, December 21, 22, and 23.

The second feature on the same program is "Springtime in Texas," starring Jimmy Wakely.

Barbara Everest plays a dual role in "The Fatal Witness," and the photographic results are a tribute to the make-up man.

For one role, Miss Everest is an elderly, domineering English woman—for the other she portrays a London actress. The difference in makeup transforms Miss Everest into two entirely different persons and her complete mastery of both roles adds much to the entertainment value of the picture.

'Enchanted Forest' Christmas Special At Texas Theatre

The special Christmas offering at the Texas Theatre December 25 and 26 is "The Enchanted Forest," starring Harry Davenport with Edmund Lowe, Brenda Joyce, John Littel and Clary Cooper.

Venturing afar from familiar entertainment terrain, PRC presents here an interesting and effective treatment in cinecolor of a tale about a hermit who lives and communes with the birds and animals in a California forest preferring them and it to people and the world outside. Designed to charm rather than to excite, to fascinate rather than to dazzle, the picture succeeds admirably in attaining these ends, yet manages to provide in addition enough action to placate those who demand measure of melodrama.

Harry Davenport portrays with skill the difficult role of the hermit, and the animals who abide with him in family-like fashion, notably a crow and a dog, perform convincingly. Billy Severn, as a boy reared by the hermit, is excellent.

The Hollywood reviewer's rating on "The Enchanted Forest" is good.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crimm and son have recently moved to Ballinger from Sudan and have purchased the Mrs. Edith Baker residence on Seventh Street. Mr. Crimm was formerly sheriff of Lamb county.

Clean, cotton rags wanted at The Ledger office. Full market price paid.

'Love Letters'



Scene from "Love Letters," starring Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten, and to be presented at the Texas Theatre next Sunday and Monday, two days only, December 23, 24.

'Love Letters' Co-Starring Vehicle For Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten

The newest Hal Willis offering under the Paramount banner is "Love Letters," co-starring vehicle for Jennifer Jones and Joseph Cotten, which is the principal attraction at the Texas Theatre next Sunday and Monday only, December 23, 24. Ann Richards, Anita Louise, Gladys Cooper, Cecil Kellaway and Robert Sully also figure prominently in the cast.

A glance at the players named is ample assurance that this is another quality production. The story, adapted for the screen by Ayn Rand, author of "The Fountainhead," is, reviewers say, one of the strangest, most compelling love stories ever filmed. It is motivated by a collection of love letters written by one man over another's signature. Such is the nature of these letters that they inspire romance and murder in breathless succession.

Once again, Joseph Cotten portrays the screen lover with effective restraint. This is something new, at a time when flits, rather than finesse, usually win the fair lady's heart. But "Gentleman Joe" has ushered in a new era of gallant, quietly forceful love-making. Such pictures as "Since You Went Away" have made him one of Hollywood's important stars.

Jennifer Jones, former Academy award winner, brings another deeply moving performance to the screen in "Love Letters." As the young woman who suffers amnesia following a severe emotional shock, she plays her first adult role opposite Cotten. Other members of the cast were also credited with exceptionally fine characterizations with special mention awarded Australia's lovely gift to American films—Ann Richards.

"Boston Blackie" Detective Story and Musical-Comedy Features at the Texas Tomorrow

"Boston Blackie's Rendezvous," a detective yarn, and "Hitchhike to Happiness," frothy musical comedy, make up the appealing double-feature program at the Texas Theatre tomorrow (Friday) and Saturday, December 21, 22.

Chester Morris' newest adventure as Boston Blackie, the elusive ex-crook turned private detective, is "Boston Blackie's Rendezvous," a Columbia picture which also features Nina Foch and Steve Cochran. George E. Stone and Richard Lane are seen in their familiar roles.

The sparkling musical, "Hitchhike to Happiness," has Al Pearce,

Donald Duck, Popeye, Bugs Bunny and others, which will make the presentation time about an hour. The doors will be opened at 9:00 a. m. and the house will be made comfortable for any kind of weather. Employees of the Texas will be on duty to help look after the tots, and all children are urged to be present.

Notice of Budget Hearing

A public hearing will be held at the City Hall in Ballinger, Texas, at 3 p. m. Monday, December 31st, 1945, for the purpose of adopting the City of Ballinger Budget for the fiscal year February 1st, 1946 to January 31st, 1947, in accordance with State Statutes governing. All property owners of the City of Ballinger are invited to attend the hearing.

DRURY P. HATHAWAY
Mayor
Attest:
K. V. NORTHINGTON
City Secretary.

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As the Shadows fall on the close of another year, we desire to express our deep appreciation of your good will and friendship, and to wish for you during the Christmas season of 1945 all the better things that life affords.

Stone's

Dale Evans and Brad Taylor taking turns at the wheel. It's a vehicle load of laughter, melody and romance about back stage adventures off Broadway.

William Frawley, Jerome Cowan, Joyce Compton, Arlene Harris, Wally Trenk, Maude Eburne, Bert Moorhouse, Wendell Niles, the Romer twins, Jeanne and Lynn, are all prominent in supporting and specialty roles.

ANNUAL FREE CHRISTMAS SHOW FOR THE KIDDIES AT THE TEXAS MONDAY

Children of Ballinger and vicinity will be given a special treat Monday morning (Christmas eve) at 9:30 o'clock, at a special kiddie show at the Texas Theatre. The theatre management makes this an annual custom and invites all the children of this territory to be present for the big Christmas show. "This is our way of showing how much we appreciate your loyalty during the past year," said Jack Scales today.

The management has booked for this special program a selection of short subjects consisting of

In this Holiday message to our friends, we want to add our sincere appreciation for the good will and cooperation you have given us. Equally as warm and sincere are our cordial wishes for a Christmas of good cheer and a New Year of Peace and Happiness.

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Jennifer Jones Joseph Cotten HAL WALLIS Production 'Love Letters'

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Screenplay by Bruce Manning, John Klorer and Leonard Lee. Based upon the play entitled "Come Prima Meglio de Prima" by Luigi Pirandello. Directed by WILLIAM DIETERLE. Produced by HOWARD BENEDECT

TUES. and WED.
December 25 and 26
MEN in HER DIARY
Starring Peggy Ryan and Jon Hall
ALSO—
"TRAIL TO VENGEANCE"
Western

THURS. and FRIDAY
December 27 and 28
DOUBLE FEATURE
John Wayne, in
"TALL IN THE SADDLE"
and
Fibber McGee and Molly, in
"HEAVENLY DAYS"

GREETINGS

THE
Christmas SEASON

To our friends everywhere, we send sincerest Christmas greetings. We value your friendship and never-failing faith in our organization. May the coming year be a prosperous one, a cheerful one and a helpful one for you.

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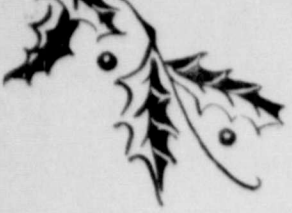
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DENNIS MOORE
LEE 'LASSES' WHITE

Feature No. 2
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ULTRA-HIGH FREQUENCY RADIO WAVES STUDIED AT UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

AUSTIN, Dec. 19.—A research project in ultra-high frequency radio waves is now being conducted by the University of Texas for the office of research and inventions of the navy department, Dr. E. W. Hamlin, director of the project, has announced.

Dr. Hamlin is professor of electrical engineering and is directing the \$162,000 project with a staff of 20 radio engineers, meteorologists, and technicians.

The number of research workers on the radio project is expected to increase to 40 within the next two months, Dr. Hamlin said. Studies of the electrical research labora-

tory, as it is to be known, are aimed at facilitating the use of ultra-short wavelengths and to advance knowledge gained during the war on this subject.

This radio project is the second research project being undertaken by the university for the navy. The defense research laboratory, set up in September, is developing special missiles for the navy's bureau of ordnance.

Civilians will get larger supplies of most foods this winter than at any time in the past 12 months.

The nation's second largest potato crop on record is on the market. The crop will total 432 million bushels, or 15 per cent above the average.

The SPUR of the Moment A CHRISTMAS EPISODE by J.A. WALDROD

EVERYBODY except confirmed bachelors and spinsters for choice is interested in domestic phenomena. And the marital happiness of others is a matter of wonder and inquiry on the part of matrimonial parties who have missed it.

The Vanners—Rose and John—had been married two years and had lived at a hotel all of that period except the weeks devoted to honeymoon travel. They were happy, and this state in a hotel is unusual with married pairs for any considerable period.

After Mrs. Vanner's women friends had discussed the matter among themselves without solution one of them made bold to ask her about it.

"A man and a woman can be happy anywhere if they are in love with each other and if they are truthful—absolutely truthful—with each other," was Mrs. Vanner's explanation.

Not that they prided themselves on their veracity, or paraded virtues. It just happened that they were such good pals that deceit had no place in their association. And while each before marriage, had been lively enough in a decent way, they were so well satisfied with each other that they were seldom apart, except as business called Vanner or auction bridge or some other pastime engaged Mrs. Vanner.

The holidays were approaching. The Vanners were dining together at the hotel as usual when Mrs. Vanner asked, "Have you any plan for Christmas eve?"

"Not a plan," Vanner replied. "Want tickets for the theater?"

"No. We go to the theater all the time."

"Well, make your own plan."

"If you are keen for some mutual enjoyment, make one yourself. Think up something. But if you are not, I've an idea I should like to play bridge that evening if you could find something congenial!"

"The idea suggests one to me. Friends at the Sojourners' club have been trying for weeks to get me into



"Merry Christmas," she cried.

a poker game. They are all 'alones' and live at the club. I think I can make a date for Christmas eve with them."

"But you wouldn't go into the game as a regular thing, dear?"

"Oh, no!"

"Isn't poker a gambling game?"

"No more a gambling game than bridge, Rose."

"Shall you play late?"

"I shall probably be home by midnight."

"Well, we shall play but four rubbers. No doubt I'll be in bed and asleep when you come in. Just go to your room, and we'll see which of us wishes 'A Merry Christmas' first in the morning."

And so it was planned. The Vanners had dinner together at the hotel, as usual. Then Vanner went off to the Sojourners' club, and Mrs. Vanner started to drum up her trio of bridge devotees. But her plan did not carry. One of the women was suddenly called out of town, and another became just ill enough to eliminate the game. Mrs. Vanner finished a novel she was reading and went to bed. She was always a sound sleeper until very early in the morning.

The Sojourners' club bunch were amazed at Vanner's luck at poker. At midnight he had most of the chips, and in decency he had to play on. At 4 a. m. he insisted upon cashing in and started wearily for his hotel. He wished there might be some way to keep the knowledge of this innocent delinquency from Mrs. Vanner.

He got to his room in the hotel safely. Apparently Mrs. Vanner was slumbering peacefully in her room. He shed his coat and vest and was at work on his collar when he saw Mrs. Vanner at his door with a wrap over her night robe.

"Merry Christmas!" she cried.

"Merry Christmas, dear!" he responded. The chimes of a neighboring cathedral rang out, foretelling the early Christmas service.

"But why are you dressing so early, John?" she asked.

Vanner suddenly became wide awake. "Oh, I thought it would be a treat to go over to the cathedral and hear the wonderful music," he replied.

"Of course you were going to call me to go!"

"Of course, honey!" Vanner yawned audibly. "Run along and dress."

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REV. S. F. MARTIN WILL
PREACH HERE SUNDAY

Rev. S. F. Martin, district missionary for the Wichita Falls area, will be here during the Christmas holidays for a visit with Rev. B. J. Martin and family. He will be heard at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening, delivering the sermon at the regular worship service.

Post Office Rush Is Heavy Monday; No Delay in Mail

The rush got underway at the Ballinger post office this week and lines formed to buy stamps and receive parcels. Postmaster Tom Caudle said it was the biggest rush experienced so far this year and that all mail was being made up as fast as it came in to insure quick delivery of packages.

Most of the packages require notices to be placed in boxes and for owners to call for them. Also many of them are insured, calling for a sign-up, which slows down the work at the windows.

It is now too late for early mailing but post office employees expect to clear the mail on schedule each day and to be able to take care of incoming packages. Local mailing is heavier this year than in 1944 but the rush is expected to be shorter.

Practically all overseas mailing for Christmas was done several weeks ago so service men abroad might get their packages by Christmas. However, there are still some packages being mailed to men overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Simpson, of Coleman, were here Monday for a short visit with relatives and friends.

Wants A-Bomb Secret



Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov, shown in air photograph as he addressed the Soviet council and announced that the Soviet "will have atomic energy" and that the atom bomb "must not be kept secret." The request is not being met in U. S.

Mrs. A. S. Love is spending the Christmas holiday season in Tyler.

Staples Limited quantity of Markwell Staples at Ballinger Printing Co. Clean, cotton rags wanted at The Ledger office. Full market price paid.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

TO OUR CUSTOMERS
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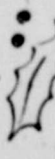
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Christmas

It is with grateful appreciation of your courtesies during the past year that we take this means of expressing the compliments of the season. Mistakes and problems of the last twelve months are of minor importance at this glad season and we look forward to the future with every confidence and anticipation. A very Merry Christmas to you, and you, and you!



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May the shining star of Christmas shine forever in the hearts of mankind and may "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" remain with us forever.

Sykes Motor Company

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WESTINGHOUSE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
GOODYEAR TIRES

STORES HERE TO BE CLOSED TUESDAY FOR CHRISTMAS

All Ballinger stores will celebrate Christmas next Tuesday and will be closed all day. After closing time Monday evening business will be suspended for the one big holiday of the year and the next day, Wednesday, merchants will

start the grind of closing their books for 1945, taking inventory and doing other work connected with the last of the month and the year.

A few offices here will be closed Saturday night and will not be reopened until December 26.

Be wise—advertise.

VETERANS' RIGHTS TO SURPLUS PROPERTY TOLD IN PAMPHLET
COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 19—

A pamphlet designed to give veterans full information on their rights to buy surplus property has been prepared by the Surplus Property Administration.

The booklet sets forth the basic facts about the preferences given veterans in buying surplus property. The purchasing procedure is outlined step by step. A list of disposal agencies and the kinds of property they sell is included.

To cover all angles of the subject, a series of questions and answers received from veterans has been added.

The booklet is being distributed to separation centers and other key points in the armed services, to civil service boards, to veteran administration offices, and through veterans organizations.

Joe Beck, formerly with the West Texas Utilities Co. district office at Quanah, is here temporarily and after January 1 will receive a new assignment. His family is still at Quanah but will join him as soon as he is permanently located.

Be wise—advertise.



TO HAVE AN EARLY CHRISTMAS... "Dear Santa," writes pained three-year-old Marvie Clark, with the aid of his mother, Edna Clark. But Marvie will never know Santa's response, for doctors have told his parents that Marvie cannot live until Christmas.

expenses of second primary—last day, August 16.

August 24—Second primary election day.

September 3—Last day for filing final statement of campaign expenses of second primary.

September 3—State convention meets.

November 5—General election.

Be wise—advertise.

Miss Dorothy Lynn, of San Angelo, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vetterlein and son, of McCamey, will be here during the Christmas holidays to visit Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn.

R. W. Earnshaw will leave Sunday afternoon for New York to attend a company meeting called for December 27.

Light after Darkness

This is our brightest Christmas in a long, dark time. Every light on every tree—every window that greets night with cheerful challenge—is a shining symbol of the passing of war's shadow.

There is radiant happiness in family gatherings this year. Men are coming home from war. And those who hear their Christmas carols under strange skies are closer, nearer to home than they have been in a great while.

For many, this will be a wistful Christmas—but a Christmas brave and strong in the knowledge that those who bought victory so dearly will make tomorrow's world a brighter place for us all.



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Citizens have one more month in which to pay their poll taxes and thereby be qualified to cast ballots in the elections of 1946. The final date for obtaining receipts is January 31 and while payments in Runnels county have been good to date, many more must visit the collector's office if the county's voting strength is up to normal.

The two Democratic primaries will attract much attention next year as all precinct, county, district and state officials are to be elected.

The following calendar of dates and events will be of interest to both candidates and voters during 1946:

January 31—Last day to pay poll taxes, obtain exemption certificates or otherwise qualify by obtaining voting credentials.

May 20—Last day for candidates for judge of the court of civil appeals or for representative in congress; or for state senator or district judge or district attorney in districts composed of more than one county to file applications for places on ballot.

June 3—Last day for candidates for state offices to file applications for places on ballot.

June 15—Last day for candidates for county and precinct offices to file requests with county chairman for places on ballot.



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June 22—Last day for candidates to pay ballot fees.

June 27—First day for candidates and campaign managers to file first statement of campaign expenses of first primary—last day, July 2.

July 15—First day to file second statement of campaign expenses of first primary—last day, July 19.

July 27—First primary election day.

July 30—Last day to file first statement of campaign expenses of second primary.

August 3—County conventions meet to elect delegates to state and district conventions.

August 6—Last day to file final statement of campaign expenses of first primary.

August 12—First day to file second statement of campaign

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Ledger subscribers are requested to notify the publisher of any change in their address promptly. 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. The best plan for all concerned is to send the change of address in advance.

It is time to say Merry Christmas again and this year the wish carries a different meaning than for all the war years. Many boys are still away from home and in foreign lands, but the fighting has stopped and that makes it different, eliminating those nights of restlessness when every day brought the fear of bad news. We have now entered a period when world leaders are trying to find a way to assure peace on earth and good-will towards men. Let's all realize we have a place in that scheme and unless it comes from most of the people no plan will work. Let's stay behind our leaders on any plan for peace that may finally be adopted and if everybody wants peace strong enough it can be made a reality. To our readers let us express the wish for a merry Christmas and also a hope that the New Year will bring all the best things of life.

This time last year people of this country were thinking of war and our boys being slaughtered in battles around the world. At this time in a year of peace automobile accidents are about equalling war casualties and we are in a season when traffic officers expect the heaviest number in history. Driving carefully is not enough. It requires every precaution possible as every highway during the Christmas holidays will be filled with reckless drivers in cars that are not properly operating because of their age. If you must make trips this Christmas be careful not

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only of your own driving but also of the other fellow you meet. In this way the death and accident toll can be reduced and the happiest season of the year not marred by tragedy.

Trustees and faculty members of the Ballinger schools acted wisely in deciding that the Christmas holidays would begin three days earlier than first scheduled in order to halt the rapid spread of influenza. Students were dismissed Friday noon instead of Wednesday of this week. At the time many children and several teachers were out because of illness and additional cases of influenza were being reported daily. It was thought that the extra three days holiday might help to stop a full-grown epidemic.

Even the best of hens have a moulting period and this should be a "paid" vacation for them. If fed well during the "lay-off" they will resume work in good health and ready for all-out production.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
TO: Roxie Ann Cole, 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 7th day of January, A. D. 1946, then and there to answer Plaintiff's Petition filed in said Court, on the 20th day of November, A. D. 1945, in this cause, numbered 5182 on the docket of said court and styled L. R. Cole, Plaintiff, vs. Roxie Ann Cole, Defendant.

A brief statement of the nature of this suit is as follows, to-wit: Suit by said plaintiff L. R. Cole against said defendant Roxie Ann Cole on the ground that said defendant was taken in adultery with a man other than plaintiff after her marriage to plaintiff, the petition further alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married April 21st, 1943, and permanently separated September 1st, 1944, that no children were born to them and that none would be born to them, and that plaintiff has resided in Runnels County, Texas, for more than five years next preceding the filing of the suit and has been an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas for more than five years, 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 21st day of November, A. D. 1945. (Seal) MRS. WINONA PARKER, Clerk, District Court, Runnels County, Texas. 29-4t

Visible Speech Device for Deaf



At a demonstration at the Bell laboratories in New York, Edgar Bloom Jr., totally deaf man, talks with Miss Harriet Green over a telephone to which a cathode ray translator is connected. The device, known as "visible speech," translates sounds into patterns of light on the screen.

Santa on Television



Early visits are being made into American homes by Santa Claus by way of television. When he visited large department store in Philadelphia, he was seen throughout the building by television. Next year he may visit many homes this way.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

Clabe Castleman, 8-year-old son of L. T. Castleman, of Menard, was seriously injured last week while playing with a souvenir shell from overseas. The small boy held a lighted match against the tearing a hole in his stomach and injuring a hand and an arm. He was taken to a San Angelo hospital where several blood transfusions were given as soon as he arrived.

A meeting was held at Melvin last week to start a fund for the erection of a new Catholic church. Ralph Riojas, building committee chairman, said a considerable amount had been paid in for the structure and pledges made would enable actual work to begin within a few weeks. Plans are being drawn and no time will be lost in getting the edifice under construction.

The Texas & Pacific Coal and Oil Co., which owns one of the largest blocks of acreage in Frath county, sold surface rights to 32,000 acres in several counties last week for consideration of \$500,000. According to terms of the sale the T-P company retained all mineral rights, but the deal virtually means the complete control passes into the hands of Frank Walker, of Ranger.

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The Brady schools reopened this week but schools at Rochelle, Pear Valley and other communities in McCulloch county remained closed on account of the influenza epidemic. Most of the Brady teachers and students were present when classes were resumed after several weeks. It was thought that the Christmas holidays might help in stopping spread of the epidemic.

All members of the football team of the Miles high school, the Bulldogs, were entertained at a banquet last Thursday evening. The captain and other officers were elected for 1946 and entertainment numbers presented after the serving of the turkey dinner.

Coleman county went over the top in the Victory Loan campaign last week, meeting both the E bond and the overall quotas. Purchases of E bonds totaled \$283,875, and the overall \$899,621. A special effort was made in the final days of the drive which met with success in all communities. B. A. Parker was county chairman for the campaign.

Chaplain Fred A. DeLashaw, formerly pastor of the Paint Rock Baptist Church, has arrived in the United States after 28 months' service in Australia, New Guinea, New Britain, Biak, Leyte and Luzon. He has signed up to remain in the army as a chaplain until 1947 and after sixty days will report at Kelly Field, San Antonio, for reassignment.

Turkeys have been moving fast from Brownwood, where they have

to have been approved by the City Planning and Zoning Commission, and shall be granted unless denied by the City Commission.

SECTION 4. In view of the emergency and that the public interest demands the immediate passage of this ordinance, therefore, the rule requiring every ordinance to be read at three several regular meetings of the City Commission be suspended, and that this ordinance be read three several times and adopted at this regular meeting of the City Commission.

Passed and approved, this the 6th day of December, 1945. (Seal)

Approved:
DRURY P. HATHAWAY,
Mayor
Attest:
K. V. NORTHINGTON
City Secretary. 777

MISS LYNN HONORED AT STEPHENS COLLEGE

Miss Mary Lynn, of Ballinger, a student at Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., has been elected publicity chairman of the Independents organization of South Hall, one of the twenty-five residence halls on the college campus. The annual Independents fall formal was held Saturday evening, December 8, in the Lela Raney Wood ballroom at the college. Hal Havid's orchestra, direct from an engagement at the Casa Loma ballroom in St. Louis, played for the dance, the theme of which was "Star Dust." Miss Lynn is the daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Estes M. Lynn, 300 Eleventh Street. She is spending the Christmas holidays, December 13 to January 9, at her home.

BALLINGER F. F. A. CHAPTER WINS SECOND IN DISTRICT

The annual Ballinger district Future Farmers of America conducting contest was held Wednesday of last week at Winters. In the senior classification winners were: Bronte, first; Ballinger, second; Wingate, third; and Winters, fourth. In the greenhand contest winners were: Ballinger, first; Winters, second; Bronte, third; and Wingate, fourth.

The Winters sweetheart, Miss Margaret Bredemeyer, won first place as district sweetheart; and Ballinger's entry was second.

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Regional Championship 3A For Bearcats

The Ballinger Bearcats became champions of region 3 last Friday afternoon when they completely bewildered the Anson Tigers, champions of districts 11 and 12, to win from them 51 to 12. Playing before a capacity crowd the Bearcats started in early to show the fans that it was just another ball game for them and that their highly rated offensive would not be stopped by the Tigers.

Scoring twice in the first quarter, the Bearcats proved that their

running game was good for yardage all the time and a constant threat to getting loose any time to score. The Tigers showed some offense but the Bearcat defense had it fairly well in hand all the way. One touchdown drive netted a score and later in the game Rogers intercepted a Bearcat pass and ran 55 yards to score for the visitors.

Several Bearcats turned in their best game of the year as they finished their high school career.

Especially was this true of Bill pass, Davenport to Flint, set the Scoggins, Bearcat center. He was ball on the 7 from where Frazier all over the field Friday afternoon slid through the line for the and featured in more than half score. Sykes kicked.

27-6
Opening the second half the Bearcats struck quickly for pay work. Red Frazier was in the game all the way and carried the ball many times against the Tigers for long runs and was never held to the line without gaining. Russell, Syke and Davenport also were outstanding. Sykes doing a large share of the afternoon's work and Russell reeling off much yardage when he carried. In the line Cope, Northington, Payne and Stewart were outstanding all afternoon and Flint turned in a good game and especially on a defensive side-back. The entire Bearcat team played one of its best games and had the contest on ice all the way. Sanders, relieving Cope who was injured, did a swell job and featured in a number of turning points.

33-6
Anson received again but was forced to kick, the ball going out on the 50 yard line. It took five running plays by Frazier and Sykes to place the ball behind the Anson goal with Sykes going over from the 2. The kick was low.

39-6
Taking the kickoff, Anson could not gain and kicked out on their own 46. Sykes got 38, Russell 16, Sykes 4 and Sykes over. The kick was no good.

46-6
In the final quarter Ballinger took charge of the ball, drew a 15 yard penalty for holding which placed them back almost to their own goal. Davenport passed to Sykes for 16 and a minute later Sykes broke into a clear field and was pulled down from behind after a 57-yard gallop. Russell got 12 and then went over for the final touchdown. Stuart kicked but was low.

51-6
The Bearcats were driving down field again when Rogers intercepted a pass, stepped into the opening, received some excellent blocking and raced 55 yards to score.

51-12
At the close of the game the Bearcats were back only two yards from the Anson goal line when time overtook them. The gun sounded and the 1945 regional championship was back in the Bearcats' hands.

The comptroller of currency at Washington has authorized an increase in capital stock for the First National Bank of Midland from \$100,000 to \$200,000. The capital stock had been \$100,000 since 1896.

20-6
Anson kicked to the Ballinger 40 and the same combination of Sykes, Russell, Frazier & Co. went to work again and coupled with a

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*A*t no other time during the year do any of us derive the pleasure, satisfaction and contentment we receive from the joys of Christmas. The pleasant associations of friends and loved ones, the spirit of good feeling and love for our fellowman are in evidence everywhere and from these associations comes a stronger confidence in those around us.

Christmas is important! It is the season of sincere good will, the spirit which should go with us the three hundred and sixty-four other days of the year.

Let us each pledge ourselves toward this goal.



Season's GREETINGS
WOODROOF'S

SPORTS

The Bearcats could have selected no better Christmas present for Coach Felton T. Wright than the championship of region 3, which they presented to him, in a big way, Friday afternoon. However, at a supper Friday night, the players also presented him with a hand-tooled leather belt with a sterling silver buckle set with red stones. The coach was downtown early Saturday morning, and paying no attention to the heavy frost, had his vest unbuttoned and his belt showing.

Blondy Cross received his biggest thrill of the game here when he found the Bearcats playing in San Angelo white and blue jerseys, which were the same ones the state championship Bobcats wore two years ago. Anson's colors are black and red, so it was necessary for the Bearcats to find another color for the championship game. Cross was well pleased with the way the Bearcats performed in the jerseys and stated that they looked like the Bobcats of 1944.

There were a number of college scouts on the Bearcat bench and in the stands Friday. One scout stated he would want the entire team, especially Payne at tackle. He was informed that Payne was only a sophomore and would have to wait two more years before the Bearcats finished with him. Most of the Bearcats who are seniors will get an opportunity to continue football in some college next year. Many of the smaller schools are starting football again in the fall and are looking for good high school players.

The Bearcats finished the season with the record of being the highest scoring team in Texas. During the 1945 season they piled up a combined score of 570 points against their twelve opponents.

The team members are turning in their equipment this week-end and a large number will be ready to start basketball training after the Christmas holidays. The annual banquet and other events will be worked out soon after Christmas and announced at that time.

Bob Wright, elder son of Coach and Mrs. Felton Wright was chosen the all-European theatre quarterback in a recent football poll taken in Germany. Bob has played during the entire season with the 71st Division team which was one of the teams selected to play in the bowl game in Nice, France, on December 8 against the 100th

Southern Methodist University, Dallas, was here Friday to watch his teammates of a year ago win over Anson.

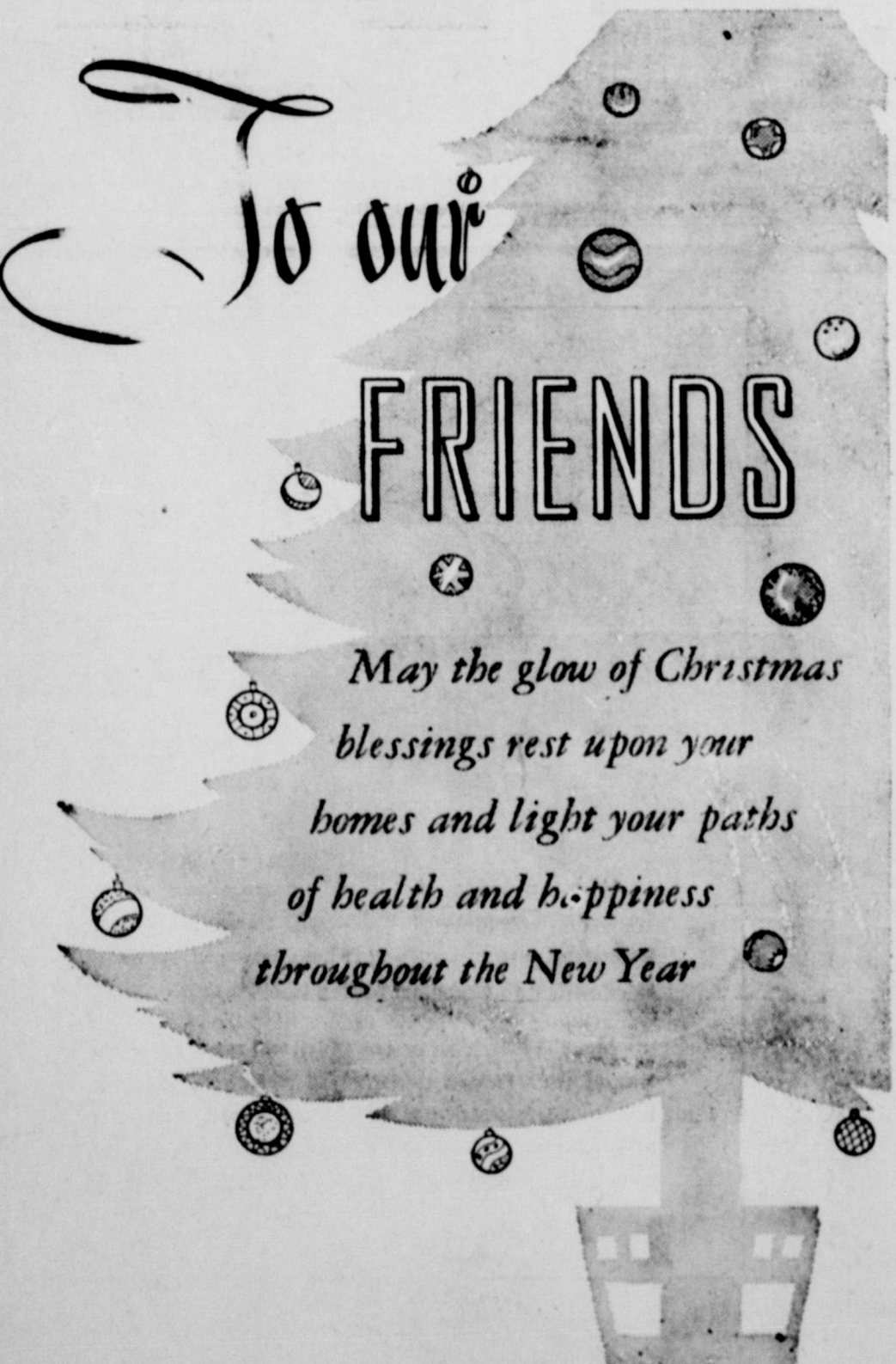
Bids will be received by the state highway department and a contract awarded for the grading, drainage and paving of a 23-mile gap in highway No. 67 in western Pecos county. Plans for the construction have been approved and right-of-way easements secured. The present route west of Fort Stockton, a dirt road, runs along

the Santa Fe and this will be widened and surfaced.

A movement was inaugurated at Sweetwater last week for the establishment of a junior college at which high school graduates could take pre-professional subjects. This idea has been in the minds of Sweetwater educational leaders for some time, and last week Dr. C. C. Colvert, a junior college specialist, was there to explain details.

To our FRIENDS

May the glow of Christmas blessings rest upon your homes and light your paths of health and happiness throughout the New Year



George's
Ready-To-Wear

Greetings

To our good friends, those whom we have had the privilege of serving in the past, and those whom we'd like to serve in the future, we send this little package of Christmas cheer. It is heavily laden because it carries our most hearty appreciation of your friendships, patronage, and cooperation that you have shown this institution in the past. It also brings you our earnest hopes for a full enjoyment of the Holiday season.

Accept our wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.

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Longenette Home Is Scene of Speck-Anderson Nuptials

Miss Evelyn Catherine Anderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Anderson, Sr., of Miles, became the bride of Charles E. Speck, Jr., of Sterling City, son of Charles E. Speck, Sunday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock in the home of the bridegroom's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Longenette.

A lovely wedding arch was improvised of English ivy between corner living room windows. White wedding bells and a large white satin bow marked the exact center and tall white baskets of huge

white mums and five-point floor candelabra holding white candles were placed at the sides. Family members and a few close friends witnessed the double ring ceremony read by the Rev. Gary Hoffius, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Earl Howe of San Angelo, was at the piano for a group of pre-nuptial numbers as Mrs. Ed Curry, cousin of the bridegroom, lighted candles. She accompanied Mrs. Hoffius who sang "I Love you Truly" by Carrie Jacobs-Bond and "Because" by d'Hardelot, preceding the Lohengrin processional.

Mrs. Longenette was matron of honor. Her dress was of pale pink

winter lace and her corsage was an orchid. Her small brown hat had pink floral trim and other accessories were brown. Hamp Anderson, Jr., attended the bridegroom as best man.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a dress of white wool made on tailored lines. The sweetheart neckline and edges of the long pointed sleeves were outlined with designs of gold sequins as was her small white veiled hat. Accessories were navy. For something old she wore an heirloom brooch of old gold which had belonged to her grandmother. She carried a white Bible, belonging to Mrs. Curry, which was topped with an orchid and showered with narrow white satin ribbons.

Mr. and Mrs. Longenette were hosts for the wedding reception and were assisted in receiving by wedding party members, the bride's parents, and the bridegroom's father.

The three-tiered decorated cake, which was topped with miniature bridal couple and encircled with baby mums and lace fern, and the crystal punch bowl were placed at opposite corners of the dining table laid in satin damask. White tapers burned in two-branch crystal candelabra at alternate corners, and the centerpiece was a reflected arrangement of white chrysanthemums in a low crystal bowl. Mrs. Sam Behringer ladled punch and Mrs. Curry cut the cake, using the same silver knife used by the bridegroom's parents and sister. Mrs. Ray Vinyard and Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale assisted. Mrs. P. H. Jackson, of San Angelo, was at the bride's book.

Mrs. Speck graduated with honors from the Lake View High School and Mr. Speck attended the San Angelo schools and business college. After a honeymoon trip to San Antonio, they will be at home on their ranch near Sterling City. For traveling the bride wore a navy suit with blouse

Eisenhower Visits Iowa Relatives



During his recent western trip, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower stopped off at Boone, Iowa, to visit with Mrs. Eisenhower's relatives. They are, left to right: Mrs. Joel E. Carlson, aunt of Mrs. Eisenhower, Mrs. John S. Dowd, mother of Mrs. Eisenhower, Mr. Carlson, Miss Carlson, General "Ike," Mamie Moore, and Mrs. Frances Dowd Moore, sister of Mrs. Eisenhower.

of lighter blue and an orchid corsage.

Longenettes Host Rehearsal Supper

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Longenette were hosts Saturday evening at an informal ranch buffet supper for the Anderson-Speck wedding party.

Other guests were Mrs. Hamp Anderson, Sr., Ed Curry, and Charles Speck, Sr.

Christmas Party for Methodist Philathea Class

The attractive home of Mrs. Ralph Payette on Fifth Street was the scene of the annual Christmas party for the First Methodist Philathea Class Monday evening with Mrs. J. D. Wilson and Mrs. O. R. Lasater hostesses with Mrs. Payette.

A prettily-decorated and lighted tree surrounded by exchange gifts

predominated seasonal decorations of berries and tinsel where Mrs. H. B. Loyd gave the devotional from E. Stanley Jones' "Abundant Living." Mrs. Cecil Jones presided for the routine officers' reports. It was voted to make a \$10.00 contribution to the Christmas orphanage offering.

At the social hour, Mrs. Wilson directed games and the birthdays of Mmes. Mack Setser, L. A. Allen, Ralph Vancil, and Miss Thelma Middley were celebrated. Mrs. A. M. Miller, of Fall River, Kansas, distributed gifts. Mistletoe corsages were favors for the dessert plate served with salted nuts, mints, and coffee. Others present were: Mmes. John Barton, R. D. Midgley, Ford Taylor, O. R. O'Neill, Tom Agnew, Marion Hays, R. W. Earnshaw, Paul Richardson, Tom Caudie, Claude Stone, and Troy Simpson.

Hill Hamptons and Oren Chandlers Entertain Dance Club

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Hampton and Dr. and Mrs. Oren Chandler were hosts on Thursday evening of last week at the country club with a formal dance when their dance club held its first meeting for several years.

After dancing to nickelodeon music, sandwiches, potato chips, and olives were served with coffee.

Former members included: Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Cheatham, Messrs. and Mmes. Charles Thorp, Jack Rudd, Arthur Underwood, Loyd Herring, Leonard Scales, Jack Nixon, Jr., Jack Scales, Otis Jacob, Buster Parrish, John Hollingsworth, Jack

Celebrates Birthday



Mrs. Adeline Hill of Fort Atkinson, Wis., is shown as she celebrates her 107th birthday. Last year Vice Pres. Henry Wallace attended her celebration.

Rodgers, Sam Malone, Jr., H. Giesecke, Jr.; Messrs. Alden Thorp, Arthur Doose and Maurice Bartlett. Others were: Messrs. and Mmes. Wix Currie, Jr., Ed Curry, Dan Woodroof, E. C. Cloninger, Allen Davis, Marvin Davies, E. H. Becton, George Newby, H. G. Agnew, and Myles Nixon; and Miss Louise Batts.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Stasney and children, Anne and Buddy, left Tuesday for Houston for a holiday visit. They will return Christmas Day and will be accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Boswell, Jr.

Mrs. Tommy Hall and sons, of El Paso, are here for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wardlaw.

Wedding announcements, wedding invitations. Ballinger Printing Co.

A MERRY American CHRISTMAS

We wish you a most merry and happy Christmas and may the New Year bring you Peace, Joy and Prosperity.



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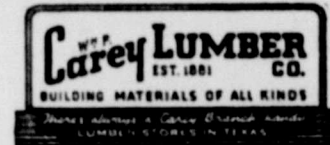
HAPPY NEW YEAR

Our Wish for You

EVERYONE

is included in our wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year — wishes which are drawn from the deep, pure wells of hope.

You have helped make the past year a most pleasant one for us. Mindful of this, we have but one thought as we enter 1946 ... to be fully worthy of the confidence you have reposed in us.



J. E. Harral Mgr.

Just a good plain
MERRY CHRISTMAS

What can we say that would express all our wishes for the coming season? This is the closest thing to it we know of and we want you to believe we express these sentiments with a genuine feeling of appreciation.

May the New Year be one which will see the realization of your fondest dreams and ambitions. May it be the one in which you will be the happiest and the most content.

Best wishes to you, friends

Sam Behringer & Company
Mrs. H. Laxson Dee Saylor
Sam Behringer and Employees