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County Red Cross Drive For \$13,900 Set March 1

Citizens of Runnels county are faced with another wartime call for funds—on March 1 the annual American Red Cross drive will be launched.

Shepperd, county chairman, is making an effort to get a chairman in every community in Runnels county to accept and raise the quota for his community. The county quota of \$13,900 will be broken down into community quotas and just before the drive begins all chairmen and other workers will be called here to get supplies and instructions.

The \$13,900 quota is the largest amount asked by the organization since the war began. The Red Cross has extended its activities to all parts of the world and at the same time is conducting a big program on the home front. Red Cross representatives' work in military and naval camps, among prisoners, on the home front, and in other ways has been so noteworthy that it is believed the large quota will be easy to raise.

A number of chairmen have already accepted their appointments and others are being sought this week to complete the county organization. Radio stations and newspapers all over the United States will begin the publicity before March 1 and will continue through the campaign. The drive will be launched by theatres in the fourth week, when pleas for donations will be made and collections taken.

Mr. Shepperd urges that those who are called on to give some time to this work to be ready to do so. He pointed out that it was a part of the war effort that could not be neglected and that it would require much work to make a 100 per cent canvass and give every individual an opportunity to contribute.

New Well Spudded On Giesecke Ranch; To Go to 3,500 Feet

A new oil test was spudded Tuesday on the H. Giesecke ranch, 18 miles southeast of Ballinger, by Elliott & Mathieson, of Roswell, New Mexico. H. M. White, of Coleman, has the contract for the 3,500-foot well, and Charles Miller, of Ballinger, is in charge of operations.

The location is 4,470 feet north and 1,024 feet east of the east line of the James Hughes Survey 227. It is west and slightly north of other wells drilled on the Giesecke ranch, in territory not previously explored.

Since spudding the crews have been getting everything ready to begin regular tours and no time will be lost in sinking the hole in the new territory. Numerous oil and gas showings have been found on this ranch in wells drilled in the past.

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Runnels County Exceeds Quota for 4th War Loan

Ballinger Soldier In 'Lost Battalion' Cited for Heroism

The war department revealed Monday the thrilling battle experiences of another Ballinger boy in the 36th division. The man named in the heroic action was Sgt. Floyd Doherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Doherty of Ballinger.

Sgt. Doherty has seen much action since the invasion of Italy. Three other brothers are with the armed forces and are doing their share in various war theatres.

The release from Washington



Sgt. Floyd Doherty

tells the story of the part played by young Doherty in Italy:

"The heroic story of a 'lost battalion' that wasn't lost at all, but just busy fighting, was told today in a war department announcement based on the report of a Texas infantryman attached to the battalion.

"Cut off from contact with the main forces by rocky Italian cliffs and heavy enemy artillery fire, this unit of the 36th division fought three days with only a chocolate bar and a canteen of water for each man.

"They called us the 'lost battalion,' said the Texan, Sergeant Floyd C. Doherty, 209 Seventh Street, Ballinger, 'but we knew where we were all the time. We also knew that the Germans were laying down terrific artillery fire around us, and there wasn't much we could do about it then.'

"After two days of pushing steadily ahead, a little at a time, the battalion was pinned down on the side of a hill facing the German lines.

"The division tried to get food through to us. They even used planes to drop food. But we were so close to the German lines, the sergeant explained, 'that they couldn't find us.'

"We set off smoke pots to help them locate us, but still most of the food fell right down among the Germans. It was just one of those things nobody could help.

"Having those Germans get our food hurt more than anything else," he laughed. "They fed us shells and we fed them good American chow."

"The fourth day, other regiments in the division were brought into play, staged a mass attack all along the front, and relieved the misnamed 'lost battalion.'

"Sergeant Doherty's wife, Mrs. Lois J. Doherty, is making her home at Millersview, Texas."

SINGING SLATED SUNDAY AT GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

The regular singing at the Grace Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A group of San Angelo singers will attend and another group from Abilene is expected. The public is invited to attend the program.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cape and family, recently of Amarillo, came in this week to make Ballinger home for the duration. Mr. Cape is to report to the navy and the family will reside in the house on Seventh Street formerly owned by Frank Flynt.

Mrs. Troy Simpson and Mrs. Fred C. McClanahan came in Friday from Glendale, Calif. Mrs. McClanahan will be here for the duration.

DR. J. E. SMITH

Chiropractor
Doose Building

With war bond rallies at Ballinger and Winters Saturday afternoon Runnels county went over the top in the 4th war loan drive by a comfortable margin. At the Ballinger rally \$127,365 in bonds were purchased and a large amount was bought at Winters to put each town over its assessed quota. Tabulations from Rowena, Miles and Wingate Saturday night showed each town had bought more than its quota and the total for the county was \$949,630.38 on a quota of \$923,000.

It was reported Monday morning that some of the issues were closed but the treasury department announced that the sale of series E, F, G, and C savings bonds would be continued until February 29.

In the original quota Runnels county citizens were asked to purchase \$477,000 in series E bonds. Tabulations Saturday night disclosed a total of \$394,000 of this series issued, leaving \$83,000 needed to meet the quota in E bonds. Citizens will have until February 29 to meet this part of the quota and leaders here Monday were of the opinion that the total would be purchased during the remainder of the month.

Tabulations to Saturday night were as follows:

Ballinger	\$489,488.00	\$514,657.00
Winters	249,000.00	253,711.00
Rowena	94,853.00	96,151.25
Miles	52,781.00	53,605.75
Wingate	19,932.00	27,925.00

The largest crowd yet to attend a war bond rally here was on hand Saturday afternoon to greet the soldier personnel in charge. A section of Eighth Street was roped off and several thousand people shivered on the cold street until the program was concluded.

The 634th air corps band from Concho Field, San Angelo, opened the program at 3 p. m. All stores closed at that hour and the concert continued while the crowd was assembling. Captain Edward Felle, of Concho Field, introduced as the first speaker, told of some of his experiences in the South Pacific where he has flown his required missions and where he took part in some of the biggest battles of the war against the wily Japs. He closed with an appeal to civilians to buy bonds for his buddies who would not come back.

Major David J. Evans, of Camp Barkeley, Abilene, was introduced by Lockett Shelton, chairman of the regional war bond committee. Major Evans wasted no time and after a stirring appeal began the selling of the freedom securities. Buying was spirited from the start and as the rally progressed purchasing became more spirited until a total of \$127,365 was sold from the platform. Local bond drive leaders stated that practically all the bonds sold Saturday were issued before local banks closed at a late hour Saturday night.

Miss Gwen Morgan, representative of the Ballinger Home and Auto Supply Store, was crowned queen of the 4th war loan drive to conclude the program. Miss Morgan was high in a recent contest held here which closed January 31. Mrs. Ernest Caskey presented the crown and flowers to Miss Morgan, who responded by saying that if she had helped in any way to sell an extra bond she had been rewarded.

A meeting of the county war bond committee was held Monday morning and it was voted to continue the drive for E, F, G, and C bonds until February 29 and to do everything possible to meet the quota, still \$83,000 short. The booth will be left on the street until the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Afflerbach, accompanied by L. Afflerbach and Mrs. Joe Spill, visited in San Antonio on Tuesday of this week and were accompanied home by Mrs. L. Afflerbach, who had been visiting in the Alamo City.

Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr., and children left Monday to join Mr. Beck at Quanah, where he was recently transferred to the West Texas Utilities Co. district office.

Income Tax Returns

Individual—Partnership—Corporation

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SERVING UNCLE SAM

Cpl. Odell Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Smith of Maverick, is now stationed in Italy with the 96th bomber squadron. He is working in a hospital most of the time. His parents got a letter recently



Cpl. Odell Smith

which was dated December 21, in which he said he was okeh at the time except for a bad cold. Cpl. Smith receives The Ledger regularly and writes that he enjoys it very much.

Morris E. Nunley, seaman 2c, son of J. M. Nunley, has been serving aboard a destroyer in the Pacific for the past month and a half. Morris graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1942 and attended Hardin-Simmons University before he enlisted.

Bobby Nunley is at home awaiting call for active duty with the naval air corps. He graduated from the Ballinger high school in 1943 and attended the University of Texas five months. He will be here until March 1.

Robert J. Dean, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Dean of Wingate, received his commission and wings in the army air forces last week when he graduated from the advanced school at Lubbock. Before becoming an aviation cadet and pilot he was a gunner on a flying fortress.

Sgt. Grady E. Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Shelton of Winters, who is a member of a tank destroyer battalion with the 36th division in Italy, has been awarded the purple heart. He is now in a hospital recovering from shell fragment wounds in his left hand and left foot.

Cpl. John L. Waddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Waddell, formerly of Ballinger but now of Coleman, has been cited for distinguished service in Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell have three sons who all attended the Ballinger schools and who are now in the service. Sgt. Willard Waddell is also with the 36th division and another brother, Sgt. Bernard Waddell, is at home on furlough after two years foreign service in the army air corps. Following is the official citation given Cpl. Waddell:

"Conducting reconnaissance patrol missions into enemy territory is one of the important duties on the Fifth Army front of Corporal John L. Waddell.

"Leading his squad on a recent mission, Corporal Waddell obtained valuable information that aided his unit in its subsequent successful capture of an important height overlooking the road to Rome.

"Endangered by mine fields and subjected to heavy machine gun fire, the patrol accurately reported the locations of the enemy installations. In the attack on the mountain, the mine field was avoided and the machine gun nest that fired upon the patrol was neutralized before it could do any damage to the advancing troops."

A letter dated January 31, from Lt. Tom Crockett, in England, stated they were not getting in much flying due to bad weather but that he had 18 missions to his credit. He has been awarded

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83 Runnels County Men Pass Army-Navy Exams

B.C.D. Committee Chairmen Named For Current Year

The executive committee of the Ballinger Board of Community Development, composed of O. L. Huddleston, Cal Adair, R. W. Earnshaw, Drury P. Hathaway, E. C. Grindstaff and Frank Flynt, was in session Tuesday night for the purpose of appointing committee chairmen and attending to other business.

A number of items were discussed and will be presented to the entire board this (Thursday) evening when the directors meet for the first time.

Committee chairmen will be called together in the near future to name other members of their groups for the current year. Appointed as chairmen by the executive committee Tuesday were: Agriculture and Livestock, J. M. Williams; Finance and Membership, O. L. Huddleston;

Public Relations, E. C. Grindstaff; Civic, Ed Lengefeld; Highways, Roads and Safety, A. O. Bartlett; Trade Service, Weldon Howell; Aviation, Cal Adair; Program and Entertainment, R. W. Earnshaw; War Air Activities, W. B. May.

Chinese Lecturer Holds Large Crowd To Attention Here

The Ballinger high school auditorium was filled Tuesday night for the second program of the Rotary Institute of International Understanding Dr. No-Young Park, born in the East but education in the West, was the speaker and delivered a lecture on the subject, "The Orientals as Contributors to a New World Order."

Dr. Park held his big audience to perfect attention and spoke for an hour. When he announced this as the speaking time, many of the speaker and will play in the new world order.

Following the address, questions were asked of the speaker and he devoted forty minutes in answering these. This part of the program proved as interesting as the lecture itself.

Dr. Park has been on the lecture platform for the past six years, looked at their watches, believing he had talked only a few minutes. Many citizens said Wednesday that he had received the most attentive hearing of any they had ever witnessed here.

Most of that time for Rotary International in institute programs.

The next speaker will appear here on the evening of February 29. He is Simon M. Davidian, of Lima, Ohio, who will discuss "The Russian Republics as Contributors to a New World Order."

The institute will be concluded March 21 with a speaker from London.

Jack Scales came in today from Greensboro, N. C., for a fifteen-day furlough with his wife and parents.

Mrs. Joe Eubank, of Galveston, is in Ballinger this week on business. Mr. and Mrs. Eubank and children have been residing at Galveston several months where Joe is doing war work.

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Women's Society and Club News

Engagement of Miss Behringer and Sgt. Curry Announced

Mrs. Sam Behringer was assisted by her mother, Mrs. A. T. Campbell, and her sister, Mrs. Hutton Laxson, in giving a daintily-appointed two-course breakfast at nine-thirty Sunday morning to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Miss Camille, to Technical Sergeant J. Edward Curry of the United States Army, now stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Pretty arrangements of daffodils used about reception rooms of the Behringer home on Tenth Street suggested the yellow and white color theme featured in all appointments. A low crystal bowl of daffodils combined with acacia and single tall white tapers in matching holders formed the centerpiece for the cream damask-laid dining table. Dresden china figurines held place cards, small white wedding bells bore the announcement, "Ed-Camille, February 26."

Mrs. Behringer presented the honoree a gift, and also presented a gift to her niece, Miss Clayonae Campbell, who has been employed in the office of Walker-Smith Co. in Ballinger, and is being transferred to Sweetwater.

Others included: Mmes. Fred Vetterlein, Lucius Evans, Derwood Bissett, J. W. Longnette, Bob Fowler, Harmon Buckley, and James Wear.

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Nancy Connor and Tommye Payne Complimented with Dance

Nancy Connor and Tommye Payne, of Comanche, were guests of honor Friday evening when a group of senior high girls were hostesses at a dance in the Army and Navy Club.

About twenty-five couples danced to nickelodeon music.

Chaperons were: Messrs. and Mmes. Malcolm Morgan, Felton Wright, Cal Adair, and Miss Hilah Blankenship.

Sam Malone Honored with Birthday Dinner

Sam Malone was complimented on his birthday anniversary last Sunday when his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Malone entertained with a three-course turkey dinner at their home on Sixth Street.

Azaleas were about the living rooms, while the linen-laid dining table was centered with acacia.

Included were the honor guest and Mrs. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Malone, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Harvey, Mrs. Jack Scales, Paula and Sylvia Harvey.

Martha Kay Northington Honor Guest on Birthday

Martha Kay Northington was guest of honor on her fifth birthday anniversary last Saturday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. K. V. Northington, gave a party for her at their home on Seventh Street.

After games were played, guests were invited into the dining room where the lace-laid table was centered with the pretty white birthday cake, which was decorated in red cherries and topped with red candles.

Mrs. H. J. Zappe, Mrs. Riley Jackson and Mrs. Conrad Matthews assisted in serving homemade ice cream with the cake and punch. Children were: Ruth Ann Hennigar, Walter Thomas, Mary Helen, Freddie Beth and Danny Miller, Joy Lengefeld, Robert and Fred Holliday, Sharon Tuckey, Keith Nutt, Susan and Lynn Herring, Jon Edwin Schnable, Patsy and Elaine Zappe, Margaret Ann Adair, Johnny Jackson and Sarah Chandler.

O. E. S. Has Regular Meeting

Ballinger Chapter No. 266, Order of the Eastern Star, met in regular session Monday evening, February 14, with Mrs. Thelma Gabbert, worthy matron, presiding. The chapter voted to buy another war bond, resolutions on the death of Mrs. Amanda Norrid, a past worthy matron, were read.

Mrs. Kate Creath, of San Angelo, who is grand matron of district 5, section 1, paid her visit to the chapter. Other visitors were: Mmes. T. J. Boone, Ted Pace and Billie Harlow, all of San Angelo chapter No. 10; and Mrs. Kathryn Vineyard, of White Deer chapter.

Members present were: Dr. and Mrs. W. B. Halley, Mr. Paul Petty; Mmes. Luna Mae Foy, Bertha Stobaugh, Beulah Rape, Kathleen Bailey, Frances Zedlitz, Clemmie Ward, Rama Saunders, Nellie Campbell, Lydia Norwood; Misses Olga Schawe, Agnes Glover, Marie Norwood and Pauline Morley.

Mary-Martha Group Continues Bible Study

Members of the Mary-Martha group of the First Christian Woman's Missionary Society met Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Gene Crawford for their regular monthly Bible study.

Mrs. Charles Bailey discussed the study of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians following the reading of a chapter by Mrs. A. B. Stobaugh.

Mrs. Crawford was at the piano for all the song accompaniments, which were sung in unison. Benediction was given by the group.

Others present were: Mmes. M. A. Foy, Ray Vineyard, O. P. Dorsey, E. D. Walker, James Clayton, J. R. Lusk, and Misses Lula McElroy and Agnes Glover.

Ruth Class Entertained

Mrs. Bill Duncan, Mrs. G. R. Touchstone, Mrs. Louis Byers and Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr. were hostesses to the First Baptist Ruth Class on Thursday evening of last week with a Valentine party in the home of Mrs. Duncan on Sixth Street.

The Valentine theme was emphasized with bouquets of red carnations which decorated the living room where Mrs. Roy Worley presided and heard reports from the group captains, Mrs. Stanley Price gave the devotional.

Games and contests were played in which Mrs. James Parrish answered all quiz questions. Friendship names were revealed and pal gifts were exchanged.

Hostesses served a sandwich plate with cake and coffee. Plate favors were heart candies.

Included were: Mmes. E. F. Lawless, Malcolm Morgan, Paul Kirk, Barnett Frank, Fred Moncrief, Ross Bartlett, Dick Ayres, Price, George West, Worley, Oren Chandler, Parrish, Charles Hambrick, Arthur Crockett, John D. Harvey, and Mrs. Joe Eubank of Galveston.

Conquest Class in Demmer Home
Miss Carmen Demmer and Miss Lillian McMillan were hostesses to the Eighth Street Presbyterian Conquest Class last Thursday evening in the Tenth Street home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Demmer.

Arrangements of white gladioli and acacia were used to decorate rooms where Mrs. John Reese directed the usual business routine after the prayer by Mrs. W. A. Erwin and the devotional by Mrs. G. P. Teague.

Mrs. U. S. Daniel, the program leader on "Old Fashioned Music," was assisted by Mrs. W. A. Erwin in giving a short story on the "History of Music." Musical features were given by Mrs. Una V. Dooze at the piano and Miss

Demmer, violinist, when "Love's Old Sweet Song" was sung by the group; Mrs. Dooze sang "Humoresque," Dvorak, and "Lullaby Moon." Mrs. Raymond C. Wilson, a guest performer on the steel guitar, played and sang "Rose of Sharon" and "The Old Fashioned Meeting."

Mrs. H. F. Demmer assisted the hostesses in serving a sandwich plate with cake and coffee, with valentines and heart candies as plate favors.

Nazarene W. F. M. S. Meets

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Nazarene Church met Monday night in the home of Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Walker.

Mrs. Earl Collins, president, conducted the business session and the society planned a special program, "Medical Missions," for the N. Y. P. S. hour on February 26 at 6:30 p. m. to which the public is cordially invited.

The lesson for the evening which was taken from the missionary study book, "Distinctive Days," was discussed by Mrs. Walker.

Mrs. Walker was assisted by Lanetha Arrant in serving cake and ice cream to those mentioned and Messrs. and Mmes. D. C. Walker and Z. V. Turner; Mmes. C. A. Perry, C. B. Armstrong, Tom Davis, and Miss Hester Arrant.

Baptist Seniors Honor Guests at Valentine Affair

The First Baptist Woman's Missionary Society through its educational and social committees, assisted by teachers of the young people's department and the Baptist Training Union, gave a beautifully-appointed Valentine banquet Monday evening for all department members with the Baptist high school seniors named honor guests.

The affair, which is an annual

one, was held in the parlors of the church on Eighth Street. "The Treasure Hunt of Life" was the theme of the program.

All tables were laid in white and centered with arrangements of red carnations and red tapers in single holders with red graduated hearts at every vantage spot. The U-shaped senior table and the speaker's table were centered with large red heart nosegays, banked by red tapers, with red sweet peas and candytuft surrounding the base of the holders. Other table appointments were red heart place cards, and red and white lace heart shaped program folders.

The three-course menu, which also reflected the Valentine symbols, was served by the young girls of the intermediate department.

All arrangements of the banquet were made by the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. James A. Wear, president; the educational department with Mrs. Ernest Moody, chairman; and Mrs. R. T. Williams, social chairman; united with the young people's department of the Sunday school, Mrs. Taylor Henley, superintendent; and the Baptist Training Union, Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, director. Others assisting were Mrs. Weidon Howell, Mrs. Janie Barnett and Mrs. Charles Hambrick.

Miss Gladys Kemp, leader of the young people's department, was toastmistress for the program. After the invocation by Judge E. C. Grindstaff, the "welcomes" from the church, the Sunday school, Training Union, and the W. M. U. were given by Melvin Patterson, Mrs. Taylor Henley, Mrs. M. H. Morgan, and Mrs. Ernest Moody, with the response from the seniors, by Harold Richards. A trio, Mrs. Janie Barnett, Miss Mary Lou Ridings and Duke Jimerson, sang several selections, with Miss Tommye Mansell playing the accompaniments. Rev. Clarence A. Morton, church pastor, introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, pastor of the

First Baptist Church of Brownwood, whose subject was "The Treasure Hunt of Life." Supt. Nat Williams spoke the benediction.

One hundred and ten young people were present, and the honor guests were: Clyde Allison, Jr., Betty Jo Baxter, Billie Louise Blair, Jack Brunson, W. L. Burks, Fred Carroll, Wanda Clayton, Ava Fulton, Billy D. Curtis, Lavinia Faubion, Willard Gentry, Mary Green, Jack Hirschfeld, Juanita Kelly, S. M. Jonas, Jr., John Kennedy, Lee Maples, Eldon Moody, Loretta Park, Mary Ann Morgan, Velma Rayburn, Harold Richards, Leota Smith, and Pauline Witter.

First Presbyterian Business Women Meet

Miss Winnie Trail was hostess to the First Presbyterian Business Women's Circle Monday evening in her home on Fourth Street.

Miss Louise Batts presided over the short business period, followed by the lesson from the book of Job, led by Mrs. C. R. Stephens. Mrs. J. M. Pyburn read an article on "Illiteracy" from the magazine Presbyterian Survey.

A sandwich plate with cookies was served with tea to Mmes. Stephens, Pyburn, Elma Mann, R. L. Craig, E. A. Trail, Misses Maggie Underwood, Batts, and Virginia Holman.

BETHEL HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

The Bethel home demonstration club met last week with Mrs. Herman Hallmark with thirteen members present. Miss Myra Tankersley, county home demonstration agent, prepared loin steak so that all present could taste it and secure the recipe.

The club has completed the recovering of the seats in two school buses.

MRS. HOLLINGSWORTH AT HICO

Mrs. Tom A. Crockett, of Horton, has received a letter from Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, former Rannels county home demonstration agent, who is now making home at route 7, Hico, with her aged mother. She asked Mrs. Crockett to tell all her friends in this county she thinks of them often and is looking forward to seeing them all some time. She had a splendid job at Denton Woman's College, but had to give up the work to be with her mother.

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A PAGE FROM A 40-YEAR RECORD of PROGRESS

Gains during 1943--
In Insurance in force, \$28,219,533
In Assets, \$9,759,770

Progress In 1943		ASSETS	
December 31, 1942	\$32,654,466.67	December 31, 1943	\$43,215,159.51
United States Government Bonds	13,473,817.65	Texas County and Municipal Bonds	12,478,790.79
Texas County and Corporation Bonds	3,351,267.69	Public Utility and Texas Real Estate	3,394,648.47
First Mortgage Loans on Texas Real Estate	16,485,555.79	Home Office Building	15,271,149.81
Home Office Building	1,500,000.00	Other Real Estate	1,470,000.00
Other Real Estate	1,055,068.22	Preferred and Common Stocks	752,912.00
Preferred and Common Stocks	2,229,537.00	Cash	3,168,279.94
Cash	2,069,777.23	Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	3,865,282.45
Reinsurance Premiums Paid in Advance	139,352.00	Accrued Interest on Investments	167,368.00
Accrued Interest on Investments	571,285.92	Unpaid Mortgage Interest	553,251.88
Unpaid Mortgage Interest	18,703.12	Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	12,663.37
Loans Against Cash Value of Policies	14,880,140.90		13,839,236.96
	\$88,428,972.19		\$98,188,742.98
LIABILITIES			\$85,602,697.79
Policy Reserves	\$77,316,137.35	Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	2,413,510.11
Interest and Premiums Paid in Advance	1,704,770.91	Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	922,535.08
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	658,063.93	Total Liabilities	\$88,938,742.98
Total Liabilities	\$79,678,972.19	Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:	4,000,000.00
Surplus Funds for Protection of Policyowners:	4,000,000.00	Capital Stock	5,250,000.00
Capital Stock	4,750,000.00	Surplus	\$98,188,742.98
Surplus	\$88,428,972.19		

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- The Company carries no real estate in excess of market value.
- The rate of interest earned by the Company during 1943 was 3.7%.
- Market value of stocks and bonds December 31, 1943, exceeded by \$3,289,784.26 the book value used in the balance sheet.

Ballinger Representative
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Deanna Durbin Has Sprightly Role in 'His Butler's Sister'

Deanna Durbin is starred in the Universal production, "His Butler's Sister," the attraction at the Ritz Theatre next Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 19, 20, 21, 22.

This gay and sprightly musical comedy come close to giving Miss Durbin a vehicle comparable to that of her girlhood productions, including the one with one hundred men in the cast. Franchot Tone and Pat O'Brien have strong featured parts, while Akim Tamiroff contributes to the merriment of this "escape" film. Other members of the impressive cast include Evelyn Ankers, Frank Jenks, Alan Mowbray, Walter Catlett and Elsa Janssen.

Several nice vocal excursions are given Deanna and the plot should evoke countless laughs and a light-hearted mood from any audience. Reviewer Cook of the

New York World-Telegram says: "Nicest picture she (Deanna) has made since she was a little girl with a hundred men. . . People who see it are going to have quite a time for themselves. . . Script full of joyous mirth and a wonderfully funny supporting cast all add up to making 'His Butler's Sister' a mighty pleasant picture to see."

Education Theme Of Miller's Talk For Rotary Club

Fred Miller, principal of the Ballinger high school, was the speaker for the Ballinger Rotary Club Tuesday, talking on education. He explained the accepted educational plan in this country and dealt with the basic subjects as well as the vocational part of education that is taught in the public schools.

A complete breakdown was given on the work done in the Ballinger system, as to required and optional subjects which students can take for graduation. This year there are about 1,250 pupils enrolled in the local schools and while the graduation class will be smaller than in previous years a class of 89 is expected to be ready for graduation at the end of the term.

Six years are included in the elementary school here, three years in junior high, and three in senior high. Aside from the regular required and optional class-work a very complete course in instrumental and vocal music is offered as well as vocational agriculture and vocational home economics.

Mr. Miller explained the financial setup for the local schools, showing an annual budget of approximately \$100,000, of which about one-third is received from local taxpayers, about 40 per cent from the state and some from the federal government, the last given to towns in defense areas where more money is required to maintain the educational standards.

The attitude of the average student was declared good, and the speaker said there were no dissatisfied pupils because of war jitters or other distracting conditions. Students here are also making popular chemistry and other sciences required by the navy and the army air forces for entrance. He gave these units credit for causing students to seek subjects that will help them in the services later.

MISS BLANKENSHIP RESIGNS FROM LOCAL SCHOOL FACULTY

Miss Hilah Jo Blankenship, teacher of commercial arts in the Ballinger high school, tendered her resignation this week to take effect at once.

Supt. Nat Williams is seeking a teacher to take her place for the remainder of the year.

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

District Boy Scout Banquet to be Held Here Friday Night

A meeting of the Colorado Valley Boy Scout district will be held here tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7 o'clock, with a banquet at the Central Hotel. The affair is open to all scout leaders, parents of scouts, and anyone else interested in any phase of scouting.

Dr. Hubert William Hurt, national figure in Boy Scout work and an associate professor at Columbia University, will be the principal speaker. Dr. Hurt has written text books which are used by scout leaders and for many years has devoted about half his time to the Boy Scouts of America.

Tickets for the banquet are 75 cents each and may be purchased at Pearce Drug Store or from F. M. Pearce. A large number have already been bought and local leaders hope all persons interested in scouting will attend.

Members of the Rotary and Lions clubs, sponsors of troops in Ballinger, will be present in large numbers. A group of leaders and executives of the Coneho Valley council also will attend the meeting.

BALLINGER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Assembly An entertaining hour was spent in assembly February 3 when Miss Eaton presented a musical program.

Folk music of foreign lands was the theme of the program. The numbers were sung in the original tongue and then the English version.

Billie Sue Wood, in a solo number, was especially good. Negro folk music as sung by a boys quartette, composed of Walter Hill, Carl Black, Deanie Smith, and Charles Miller, made a big hit with the student body.

Curios of Foreign Lands

Mrs. Parker's geograph and history classes have enjoyed a display of curios from many different lands last week. This collection included weapons, costumes, dolls, and photographs.

Guess Who?

A short blond boy is the personality for this week. He's active in all sports and especially basketball.

His favorite teacher is Miss Knowles and his favorite subject is math.

He bashfully admitted he has a girl. Although he wouldn't reveal much about her we found out she lives in Oklahoma and she visits him every summer.

Like most boys his age, he's interested very much in airplanes. His ambition?—to be an airplane mechanic when he gets a little older. Guess who?

Last week's "Guess Who?"—Wanda Crager.

Sub-Deb Party

Miss Charlene Parrish was hostess to members of the junior high school Sub-Deb Club at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. O. L. Parish on Seventh Street Friday evening, February 11.

Potted azaleas and bouquets of yellow jasmine were used throughout the entertaining rooms.

Games and contests were enjoyed during the evening. Special prizes went to Bobby Marie Eoff for drawing the best comic valentine, and to Helen Heavenhill for the best musical geography score.

Mrs. Parrish directed the girls into the dining room. Mrs. U. S. Heavenhill laded punch from the crystal bowl, placed in the center of the lace-laid table, and flanked by tall burning red tapers in crystal holders. Other appointments were red and white candy hearts, red heart-shaped cookies and sandwiches.

Mrs. Lee Parker gave a toast to the hostess.

Those present were: Mary Lou Howell, Doris Farmer, Bobbie E. Eoff, Nina Hendricks, Margaret Korneck, Glend Roe Smith, Eloise Wood, Louise Smith, Lillian Campbell, Nelda Dameron, Joyce Sanders, Helen Heavenhill, Billie Bob Dodson, Dorothy Daugherty, Mary Sue Looney, Theda Cotton, and Doris McClelland.

Items of Interest

The students of Jr. Hl. school are finding it easier to apply themselves to their school work due to the fact that those failing in their school work each week will see their names posted on the bulletin board.

Recently one of our former students, Billie Jean Herring, visited the school.

Mr. Garner has reported to us that 78% of the school has received no demerits and that 36% has been neither tardy nor absent. We think that we have a good record and hope to keep it that way.

Plant good seed—in war bonds—and harvest security after the war.

'Old Acquaintance'



Scene from "Old Acquaintance" at Texas Theatre Saturday midnight in preview and Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Bette Davis and Miriam Hopkins Acting Marks 'Old Acquaintance'

With the amazing power, resourcefulness and variety that are the marks of genius, Bette Davis, in Warner Bros. production of "Old Acquaintance," is to be previewed at the Texas Theatre Saturday midnight, and regular presentations on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, February 20, 21 and 22, again creates a new personality, so genuinely alive and real that everything which concerns her becomes of absorbing interest.

And since her story comes from the sensitive and understanding pen of playwright John Van Druten, the film is an unforgettable and vivid experience in the dramatic play of emotional forces.

Brilliantly co-starring, Miriam Hopkins provides, in the character of self-centered Millie Drake, a flashing, headstrong vixen, as contrast to the fine and understanding selflessness of Bette Davis' Kit Marlowe.

The story subtly tells of the envy of these two women. Millie's envy of Kit's ability as a novelist expresses itself in quick, unreasoning jealousy which alienates both her husband and her child, while Kit unselfishly seeks only to preserve for her friend the happy possessions for which she envies her. Even after Millie's jealousy has robbed both women of love, Kit's transcendent loyalty and serenity is great enough to sustain them both.

The supporting cast, headed by Gig Young, with John Loder and Dolores Moran furnishes a superb acting background to the intense, searching performances of the film's stars. "Old Acquaintance" is declared to be one of the most brilliantly performed films to come out of Hollywood in recent years.

Capable supporting players include Philip Reed, Roscoe Karns, Anne Revere, Esther Dale, Joseph Crehan, Ann Codee, Pierre Watkin and Marjorie Hoshelle.

"Mallard Flight," a special sports attraction, in technicolor, will be shown at the Texas on the same dates as "Old Acquaintance." This RKO Radio short had its world premiere at Amarillo about two weeks ago, and should be especially interesting to hunters as well as other sportsmen.

WATER HOLES BEING DRAINED INTO MUNICIPAL RESERVOIR

Work continued last week of lowering water holes on Elm, Bluff and Coyote creeks and draining the water into the city reservoir.

Several hundred thousand gallons of water were obtained in this manner and the lower reservoir is now only about 40 inches from the crest.

Holes on the streams above the reservoir are full of water and large quantities of water have been obtained by cutting drainage ditches and starting the water downstream. Several streams that empty into Elm Creek are running from springs and some water is being received from this source.

FDR says:

Curtail spending. Put your savings into war bonds every payday.

PALACE BALLINGER Saturday and Sunday

CONTINUOUS SHOWS 1:30 TILL 11:00 P. M. FEATURE NUMBER ONE



THE MYSTERY OF THE 13th GUEST



Color Cartoon

REGULAR PRICES

Mystery Horriifier And Cowboy-Flier Pictures at Palace

Featuring a cast headed by Dick Purcell, Helen Parrish and Tim Ryan, "Mystery of the Thirteenth Guest," horror thriller, is the No. 1 film on the double-feature program at the Palace Theatre next Saturday and Sunday, February 19 and 20. The No. 2 offering is "Cowboy in the Clouds," featuring Charles Starrett, Dub Taylor, Julie Duncan and Jimmy Wakely and his Saddle Pals, who once again ride, shoot and sing their way across the screen.

"Mystery of the Thirteenth Guest" is a story of murder and suspense, motivated by the will of an eccentric old man who orders his granddaughter to read the document at midnight in an old, long deserted house. This eerie request leads to a succession of killings executed by hooded assailants that drive the picture to a smash climax.

Also featured are Frank Faylen, John Duncan, Jon Dawson, Paul McVey and Jacqueline Dalya.

In "Cowboy in the Clouds," Charles Starrett has the role of Steve Kendall, ranch boss who goes to the aid of the civil air patrol under fire from the richest man in the state. The story carries Steve and his friends through the dangers of thundering hoofs, gunfire, thrilling airplane exploits, and the menace of a roaring forest fire.

In addition to the two-listed men of the plains riding hard and shooting straight, they roar through the clouds.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

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

Allocations Help War Loan Drive In This County

The 4th war loan drive was helped to the tune of approximately \$130,000 by allocations to Rannels county. These purchases were made by firms and the county received credit on its quota for the amounts allocated here.

A check-up this week revealed the following buying bonds on this plan:

- Perry Bros., \$1,000
H. & H. Theatres, \$2,000
Wm. Cameron & Co., \$3,000
Supreme Lodge of Texas, Slavonic Benevolent Order, \$5,000
Clay Building Material Co., \$2,000
Humble Oil & Refining Co., \$17,000
Higginbotham Bros. & Co., \$20,000
Lone Star Gas Co., \$7,600
Texas & Pacific Railway Co., \$30,000
Sweetwater Cottonoil Co., \$1,000
San Angelo Telephone Co., \$4,000
West Texas Utilities Co., \$7,000
Safeway Stores, \$2,000
Walker-Smith Co., \$7,000
Santa Fe Railroad Co., \$17,400
South Texas Lumber Co., \$1,000
Banner Ice Co., \$2,000
J. C. Penney Co., \$2,000

Advertisement for 'Nurse Loses Fat Safely Aids Way' featuring a woman and text about a diet plan.

RITZ THEATRE advertisement for 'His Butler's Sister' featuring Deanna Durbin, Franchot Tone, and Pat O'Brien.

Advertisement for 'Invasion' movie and 'BUY BONDS' with a logo for 'The First National Bank of Ballinger'.

TEXAS BALLINGER Friday and Saturday Double Feature Program advertisement for 'Bar 20' and 'Sleepy Lagoon'.

TEXAS BALLINGER Prevue Saturday 11:45 p. m. Sunday-Monday-Tuesday advertisement for 'Old Acquaintance' and '13th Guest'.



Women's Society and Club News

Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Polansky Hostesses to Allies

Mrs. W. R. O'Neill and Mrs. Clinton Polansky entertained Air-Field Allies Wednesday afternoon in the City Hall auditorium. Mrs. W. L. Barber presided at the business meeting.

Games of bridge and rummy in which prizes were won by Mrs. H. M. Green, Jr., and Mrs. Earl Wood, were followed by the tea hour at the Cactus Coffee Shop.

Others present were: Mmes. H. L. Gannell, L. A. Sakewitz, H. L. Magnuson, Jerry Church, S. G. Christopher, Thomas J. Scario, L. A. Handrick, J. W. Capps, D. G. Thomason, M. A. Wheelon, E. C. Apts, G. E. Vordenbaum, L. E. Leffler, B. C. Roberts, Jr., and Virgil Reynolds.

Clubs Give Social for Miss Myra Tankersley

Miss Myra Tankersley, who has been home demonstration agent for Rannels county eight years, was paid a compliment Monday afternoon when the members of the home demonstration clubs of the county were hostesses at a valentine social in the City Hall auditorium.

Two members from each club in the county took part in conducting games, stunts, and quiz programs. Many of the older club members made short talks of appreciation and thanks for the outstanding work done by Miss Tankersley in the 4-H girls' clubs as well as the home demonstration clubs.

Mrs. Marion Hays, home demonstration council chairman, gave a short talk in behalf of all the clubs, and presented the honor guest with a large valentine, which bore the names of all present, and some luggage, a gift from all the clubs in the county.

A dessert plate with cookies and punch was served to the honoree and to: Mmes. Hoys, Vernon Webb, Claude Simmons, H. Shelburne, Grady Richards, B. H. Henry, B. M. Batts, Claude Thompson, Fred McFarrel, Harold Routh, J. P. Boothe, Roy Holstead, J. C. Reese, George McMillan, J. Wesley Jones, Virgil McShan, J. W. Rogers, V. E. Fisher, Mack Watkins, Emmett Taylor, Reese Jones, W. A. Mitchell, Harvey Bryan, Tom Crockett, Victor White, Kirby Robinson, Jim Duff, Grover Davis, J. D. Sowell, Riley Marks, Bud Davis, Bill Cole, C. L. Green, Victor White, J. A. Lambreth, Howard Woodrow, John Swatchow, W. S. Horn, and W. E. Cule.

Miss Tankersley left for Eastland Wednesday, where she will take over the extension service work here, and Miss Ozzie Polkes has arrived in Ballinger to take up the agent's work with women and girls of this county.

World Day of Prayer to be Held Friday, February 25

World Day of Prayer will be observed by the women of Ballinger at an inter-denominational meeting Friday, February 26, at three o'clock, at the First Christian Church on Broadway.

Mrs. Charles Bailey, First Christian Church, is program chairman, and Mrs. Walter Middleton, First Methodist Church, secretary.

The program theme, "And the Lord Wondered that there was an Intercessor," will be presented as follows: "Intercession for Those in Sorrow," Mrs. B. H. Erwin, U. S. A. Presbyterian Church; "Intercession for Christians Throughout the World," Mrs. W. B. Woody, First Presbyterian Church; "Intercession for the Refining of the Spirit of Mankind," Mrs. J. H. Endacott, First Baptist Church; "Christian Literature and Union Christian Colleges," Mrs. Fred McShan, First Methodist Church; "Migrants and Indian Students," Mrs. Welch, Grace Baptist Church.

The offering prayer will be given by Mrs. Walker, Church of the Nazarene; and special music by Mrs. Carl Black, First Baptist Church.

Third Grade Pupils Given Valentine Party

Third grade pupils and their teacher, Miss Juanita Huddleston were complimented with a valentine party in their room after school Monday afternoon.

Following a valentine program, in which all took part, Mrs. V. O. Wade and Mrs. Joe Forman were hostesses to the class when they served heart-shaped cookies and candies.

Visitors were Mrs. Joe Beck, Jr., and small Janie Wade.

"Peace" Club Program Theme

The Fannie Stephens Study Club met in regular session Wednesday afternoon at the Army and Navy Club with Mrs. Ernest Moody presiding for the routine business.

The general theme was "Peace" in which Mrs. J. M. Williams directed the program and read a paper on "Uncle Sam's Child, Who and What is He?" Mr. Williams assisted with the program by showing films on the Latin-

American countries: "Americas All," "A Day in Mexico," and "A Sunday in Mexico."

Others present were: Mmes. Chester Afflerbach, Carl Black, W. E. Elkins, J. H. Endacott, W. O. Irby, W. H. James, J. A. Killough, E. L. King, Lee Maples, LeRoy McAulay, M. E. McClenny, Jack Rogers, George Newby, Dee Saylor, O. G. Joiner, R. H. Garner, Alton Underwood, Allen Davis; Misses Joy Eaton, Pauline Morley, and Carmen Demmer.

Family Dinner in Jacob Home

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Jacob entertained their children and their families Sunday when a dinner was served in their home on Tenth Street.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cathey and children of Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Everitt Winters; Mr. and Mrs. Austin; Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jacob and Mrs. Ann; of Ballinger; Mrs. Otis Jacob, of Dallas; and Mrs. Roy Jacob, of Temple.

The two boys not present were Otis and Roy.

Bid-N-Chat Club Meets

Members of the Bid-N-Chat contract club met last Friday afternoon for their first meeting after organizing in the home of Mrs. Donald Nichols on Tenth Street.

Blooming pot plants decorated the living room where a salad plate was served with coffee after the game series. Mrs. G. C. French was winner of high score prize, Mrs. C. A. Steward won second high, and Mrs. Carl Benson on the bingo.

Others were: Mmes. E. C. Apts, D. B. Daniels, A. C. Vanden Bulcke, and W. P. Norris.

Dorothy Tarver Engaged to Flight Instructor C. L. Flene

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Varnell, of Abilene, announce the engagement of their granddaughter Dorothy Tarver, to Flight Instructor C. L. Flene, of Bruce Field.

The wedding will take place February 26 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Nichols, Tenth Street, Ballinger.

Crystal Shower-Dinner Compliment to Miss Blankenship

Miss Hilah Jo Blankenship, bride-elect of Lieut. D. W. Gibbs, stationed at Indian Town Gap, Pennsylvania, who has been a commercial teacher in senior high school for two years, was paid a pretty compliment Tuesday evening when Miss Dorothy Lynn, Mrs. William T. Perry, Mrs. James Page, Miss Ruby Thornton and Miss Katherine Freeman were hostesses at a crystal shower in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lynn on Seventh Street.

After gifts were displayed, guests were invited to the Central Hotel where a three-course menu was served, and attended the lecture of Dr. No-Yong Park at the high school auditorium as a dinner aftermath.

Members of the senior class presented the honoree with a blanket. Those included were: Mmes. Ernest Caskey, Herbie Fulcher, Lee Parker, Felton Wright, Levy Lee; Misses Marryatt Smith, Lea Matterson, Alta Bell Bilbo, Dorothy Crawford, Ann Kiechle, Clara Wheeler, Cleo Lane, Eugenia Baskin, Vera Taylor, Pauline Morley, Louise LeMond and Curtis Gregory.

Mrs. Norris Hostess to Instructors' Auxiliary

Members of the Civilian Instructors' Auxiliary were guests of Mrs. W. P. Norris Tuesday afternoon in her home on Seventh Street.

Mrs. M. A. Wheelon directed a short business meeting when the club voted to make arrangements for a dance on March 4 to entertain husbands and visitors.

Games of contract gave diversion with high score prize going to Mrs. Frank Smith and bingo to Mrs. Bill Daly.

A sandwich plate with cookies was served with cakes to: Mmes. Wheelon, D. B. Daniels, E. C. Apts, Donald Nichols, Smith, Daly, P. S. Harris, and Olin Parris.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman Hosts to Army Personnel

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Harman included the army personnel and their wives when they were hosts at an old fashioned valentine dinner party in their home on Eighth Street Monday evening.

Arrangements of red roses were about the reception rooms and a large red heart made of small ones formed the centerpiece for the dining table where the buffet supper was served.

Old fashioned games were played and comic valentines were received and read.

Included were: Major Landon McConaell, Captain and Mrs. Louis A. Handrick, Captain Robert F. Moore, Captain and Mrs. Bruce B. Johnson, Lieut. and Mrs. J. W. Capps, Lieut. and Mrs. W. P. Siebert, Lieut. and Mrs. Top

Scario, Lieut. and Mrs. D. G. Thomason, Lieut. Ralph Bernfield, Lieut. E. L. Black, Lieut. Roland, Lieut. Henry McAvay, Lieut. O'Neill, Lieut. Charles Stotler, Lieut. James Walker and Mr. E. L. Ingram.

Gwen Morgan and June Wright Honor Comanche Guests

Nancy Connor and Tommy Payne, of Comanche, who were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Morgan, were complimented Saturday evening when Gwen Morgan and June Wright were hostesses at a valentine dinner party in the Morgan home on Sixth Street.

Red carnations were used about the reception rooms and red sweet peas in a crystal bowl flanked by red candles in crystal holders were used to center the lace-laid dining table where places were marked with valentines.

Mrs. E. F. Lawless and Mrs. Morgan assisted the hostesses in serving the three-course menu.

Others were: Pat Richards, Carolyn Cheatham Pauline Witter, Nailyonne Williams, Joanne Glover, Charlotte Miller, and Jean Mapes of San Angelo.

Cadet Wives Visit Painted Rocks on the Concho

Members of the Kaydette Club met at the Army and Navy Club room Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock, where a Harman Training Center bus was waiting to take about forty cadet wives to make their first visit on a Texas ranch and visit the Painted Rocks on the Concho River.

Mrs. Fred Harman and Mrs. Alex McGregor, Army and Navy Club hostess, accompanied the group of young ladies to Paint Rock, where they were met by Mrs. Ellen Sims, who explained the history of the Painted Rocks. They also visited the old Concho county jail before going to the Sims ranch where they were served coffee cooked on an open fire with cookies.

Mr. and Mrs. Harman have arranged to take the Kaydettes to the Cicero Smith ranch on Friday where a barbecue will be served by Mr. Smith and Mr. Harman.

Mrs. O. R. O'Neill Book Club Hostess

Mrs. O. R. O'Neill entertained the Current Book Club Tuesday afternoon in her home on Ninth Street.

Daffodils and acacia gave a pretty floral adornment to living rooms where Mrs. J. Dexter Eoff presided over the business session. Mrs. Gertrude Woods gave a review of "Liberty Street" by I. V. Norris, which club members will read.

A sandwich plate with cookies was served with coffee. Others were: Mmes. Sam Behringer, O. R. Lassater, W. A. Taylor, John A. Barton, Chester Cherry, J. E. Dankworth, Jack Nixon, Sr., Alex Saunders, Tom Caudle, Paul Petty, A. B. Legate, C. A. Glover and O. C. Sykes.

DEATHS

Mrs. N. J. Wardlaw

Mrs. Nannie Josephine Wardlaw, 82, pioneer of Rannels county, died at Dallas Monday after illness of one week. She had been in failing health for a number of years.

The body was brought here Wednesday and taken to the home of a son, Malcolm Wardlaw, where it was held until the funeral service Wednesday afternoon. A total of fifty-six relatives were here to attend the last rites.

Decedent was a pioneer of Rannels county, coming here in 1890 to take her place with other members of her family in this fast developing section. It was soon after the close of the Civil War that decedent moved with her family to Hog Island, Falls county, and there grew to young womanhood and met and married N. J. Wardlaw in March, 1878.

The Wardlaw family moved to Ballinger in 1890, just four years after the founding of the city, and engaged in farming and ranching. They continued this work until 1929, when Mr. Wardlaw retired from active life, and moved to Glen Rose, where they resided until the time of his death on February 25, 1931. Mrs. Wardlaw continued to make her home there until a few years ago, when she went to Dallas to make home with a daughter, Mrs. E. E. Dillingham.

Survivors include six sons, Malcolm Wardlaw, Ballinger; L. J. Wardlaw, Fort Worth; Jack Wardlaw, Sonora; C. B. L. B. and Newt Wardlaw, all of Del Rio; three daughters, Mrs. Dillingham, Dallas; Mrs. Maggie McCamey, Corpus Christi; Mrs. Harrol Osborn, Glen Rose; two sisters, Mrs. Betty Wood, Paint Rock; and Mrs. Sam Holland, Eldorado; a brother, Wade Barbee, Phoenix, Arizona; thirty grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the First Presbyterian Church, the pastor, Rev. Gary Hoffius, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery.

Palbearers were grandsons and the flowers were in charge of granddaughters.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Pollie A. Barrett

Mrs. Pollie A. Barrett, 81, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ray Gentry, one mile west of Ballinger, Friday evening at 6:20 o'clock after illness of two weeks and failing health for the past three years. She had been making home with the daughter here since 1936, following the death of her husband, W. W. Barrett. She had been a member of the Baptist church since girlhood.

Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Gentry, Ballinger; Mrs. Ed Farquhar, Glendora, California; Mrs. J. P. Jones, Rockport; three sons, Vern Barrett, Lake Victor; Fred E. Barrett, Fort Worth; Charles W. Barrett, Hondo; fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren.

The body was taken to Laruna, Texas, where funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. George H. Brown, of Lampasas, officiating. Interment was in the Laruna cemetery.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Jesse C. Winans

Funeral services for Jesse C. Winans, 31, were held at the Agnew chapel Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Rev. Glen C. Bowman, pastor of the Norton and Bethel Methodist churches, officiating. Interment followed in Evergreen Cemetery. Winans died at the county-city hospital in El Paso on February 9.

Survivors besides the wife, Mrs. Martha Winans, El Paso; include his mother, Mrs. M. J. Winans, Ballinger; four sisters, Mrs. T. J. Moreland, Mrs. M. W. McShan, Ballinger; Mrs. F. T. Fine, Durango, California; Miss Vera Mae Winans, San Angelo; six brothers, Charles Winans, Fort Worth; Tom and Dick Winans, Morinca, Arizona; Pvt. J. W. Winans, Ingewold, California; Bill Winans, of Beaumont; and Pvt. Clarence Winans, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

Agnew Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Janie Jones

Mrs. Janie Jones, 59, died at the Winters Hospital Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock after failing health for some time. She was admitted to the hospital 11 days ago for treatment but her condition did not improve and death resulted Tuesday.

It was in 1916 that the family moved near Winters and later settled six miles north of Winters, where they still live. She had been a member of the Church of Christ since an early age.

Survivors besides the husband, A. D. Jones, include a daughter, Mrs. Leola Hensley, Junction; a son, A. M. Jones, Menard; two sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Gabbert, Veribest; and Mrs. Mary M. Finger, Littlefield; three brothers, Will Wheat, Amherst; Sy Wheat, Blanket; and Tom Wheat, California.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Spill chapel, Elder L. W. Hayhurst officiating. Burial followed in Fairview Cemetery at Winters.

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

CREWS

Cold winds have prevailed the past few days and a light shower fell Sunday night.

Grain is looking pretty and green at the present time, and the prospect is good for a bountiful harvest.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis have been notified that their son, Pvt. Elvin Mathis, has landed safely overseas in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Miller, of Coleman, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion Sunday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Buford Goode and little daughter, of Hatchel, were visitors in our neighborhood Monday night.

Miss Mertha Kirby, who had been critically ill in the Ballinger hospital, is reported considerably better and is convalescing in the home of her niece, Mrs. Clyde Brevard, and Mr. Brevard.

It is reported that Juanell, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Wood, is ill with pneumonia in an Odessa hospital.

Mrs. Greda Carter and Carroll, of Abilene; and Captain and Mrs. E. C. Cochran and little son, of Lincoln, California, visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Pink King, Sunday.

Mrs. Lloyd Fuller returned the previous week from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Woodrow Worthington, of Levelland; and her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Obed Fuller, of Denver, Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Pumphrey spent the week-end with their son, Sgt. Leon Pumphrey, and family, of San Antonio.

Several members of the local Methodist church attended quarterly conference at Talpa Sunday.

HERRING

We have had a cold spell of weather following some nice spring weather the past two weeks. It is thought by some that this cold spell was too late to save the badly needed fruit crop.

Small grain is looking good and furnishing an abundance of sheep grazing. The inch rain which fell Tuesday morning has delayed plowing and grain sowing.

Miss Mertha Kerby was removed from the Bailey Clinic-Hospital on Saturday to the home of her niece, Mrs. Clyde Brevard. She is reported to be doing very well.

Mrs. Thora Kerby and sons, Marvie and Roland, of Dale; and Miss Lexie Brevard, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brevard.

Miss Norma Sue Fuller spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Maliechek.

Miss Myrtle Ruth Hale, of Ballinger, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hale, Sr.

Mrs. D. S. Wilkerson, of Winters, and Mrs. Arnold Alcorn, of Talpa rural, spent Monday of last week with Mrs. Perry Bragg.

Allen Jackson and Arvol Matthews went to Lubbock Tuesday of last week and took their pre-induction examinations. Both were accepted for the navy.

NORTON SCHOOL NEWS

By Lewis Hensley

Basketball News

The local boys went to Water Valley last Friday to attend a basketball tournament. The boys beat Barnhart but lost to Water Valley.

The boys went to Winters Monday night and came home victorious. The B team was on the losing side but the main string brought home the "bacon."

Saturday, February 19, a basketball and volley ball tournament will be held in the local gym. The following teams have been invited: Crews, Bronte, Lake View, Merton, Christoval, and Winters.

Volley Ball News

Last Monday night the volley ball girls played their first game. They played the Ballinger girls and lost two out of three games. Those girls who received suits are: Ouida Sharpes, Bonnie Wayne Lee, Nelda Lee, Maxine Mitchell, Nita Taylor, Charlene Carlton, John Anna Cowan, Laverall Lee, Lewis Hensley and Dorthalene Richards.

The girls are looking forward to Saturday because they have several games planned. They play Bronte first and if they win they play Christoval later.

Stamps and Bonds

During the last two weeks \$309.65 worth of bonds and stamps have been sold here at school. All of the students are helping to buy a jeep by buying these stamps and bonds.

Senior Party

Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Crockett honored the seniors with a formal party last Tuesday night. The valentine theme was carried out in decorations and games. Refreshment plates of sandwiches, olives,

pickles, cherries, cake and punch were served as the guests arrived. Later in the evening candy was served between games. Nancy Mae Crockett, Joyce Ash and Mrs. Para Lee Ash served the refreshments. Seniors who attended the party were: Travis Daniels, Doris Allen, Geraldine McDorman, Warren Colthorp, Bobby Jack Priddy, John Anna Cowan, Wilma Mitchell, Johnnie Ash, Wayland Martin, Zill Mackey, Dorthalene Richards, Lewis Hensley; and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Brown. Others present were Mrs. Bob Allen, Rowland Allen, Mrs. James Ash.

Speech Club Organized

The speech club has organized a literary society. Members of the speech class are members and anyone else who wants to be can be admitted to the club. Mrs. Reynolds is sponsor. Bobby Jack Priddy, president; Lewis Hensley, secretary; Johnnie Ash, treasurer, were the officers elected. The program committee consists of Doris Allen, Geraldine McDorman and Warren Colthorp. The main purpose of this society is to improve the library.

Who's Who

She's that attractive brown-haired, blue-eyed senior. She is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 130 pounds. She hails from Maverick and is partial to a Maverick boy. She has a grand personality and is a good sport. Her grades are excellent and she wants to be a housewife. Her hobby is reading and cooking. Who is she?

He's that tall dark junior lad. He is 6 feet one inch tall and weighs about 150. He is a star on the basketball team. He is well known to all those who have tele-phones because he dearly loves to cut in on a conversation. His ambition is to be a flyer. Who is he?

Last week's "who's who"—Johnnie Ash and Lanham Mac Carter.

Helen E. Smith has completed course in the Air-WAC at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and is awaiting assignment to some permanent station. This information was received here this week in letters to relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mathis have been notified that their son, Pvt. Elvin Mathis, has landed safely overseas in the Pacific.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Miller, of Coleman, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faubion Sunday.

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H. E. FULCHER ASKS FOR REELECTION AS COMMISSIONER
To the Voters of Commissioner's Precinct No. 1
I am announcing as a candidate for reelection as commissioner of precinct No. 1, Runnels county. If you see fit to reelect me, I will continue to do what I think best under the present conditions. I think we should continue to

operate as economically as possible in order to be financially able to take advantage of any post-war road project work that might develop.
I invite you to investigate the progress made in the past year. I want to thank everyone for the fine way in which they have cooperated with me and assure you that your support will be appreciated.
H. E. FULCHER

All Deferment Requests Should be Filed at Once

There is considerable misunderstanding by Runnels county registrants as to the time to ask for deferment, and members of the local draft board are anxious for all who are up for reclassification to make requests at once if they intend to do so. This will save time of board members who are already overloaded with work and also make it possible for each case to be properly considered.

As fast as classifications are made a card "notice of classification" is mailed each registrant. Instructions for notice of right of appeal are printed on this card and should be carefully read by each person receiving a card, if he has any intention of making such request. The information reads:

"Appeal from classification by local board must be made within ten days after the mailing of this notice. You may file a written notice of appeal with the local board, or you may go to the office of the local board and sign an appeal form.

"Within the same 10-day period you may file a written request for personal appearance before the local board. If this is done, the time in which you may appeal is extended to ten days from the date of mailing of a new notice of classification (form 57) after such personal appearance."

The filing of requests for deferment by registrants now will greatly assist members of the board in giving each case a thorough hearing. It will also prevent some waiting until the date for such action is passed.

Attention is called to the provision that only registrants have the right to appear before the board on matters dealing with the classification or deferment of the individual.

All men in 3A are now being reclassified and this group should file requests if they intend to do so and at the same time file notice of appeal.

Draft board members give much time to this wartime job and do not receive any remuneration for their services. They ask that citizens not make personal visits to them in regard to matters they cannot discuss except in regular board sessions when the registrant in question must be considered on his file and from no other angle. Each member of the board wants to give every person a courteous hearing, but this can only be done in a regular meeting of the board, and to the registrant only.

They ask the cooperation of all citizens in putting over this important wartime job. They are willing to hear any registrant and consider his case in regard to his file at the board office and the laws governing selective service and induction of men.

Free Picture Show On Farm Machinery Upkeep Billed Here

How to keep farm machinery in fighting trim is the keynote of the special free motion picture program sponsored by Mansell Bros., to be shown at the Ritz Theatre beginning at 2:30 p. m. Monday, February 28.

"Every farmer, farm boy, or farm helper who works with tractors or other farm machinery, regardless of its make, is especially invited to attend this motion picture show," says Claude Mansell. "He is assured of getting much worthwhile information on the care, repair, and servicing of farm equipment.

"Featured on the program is 'Wartime Care of Your Tractor,' a talking picture which covers every angle of tractor servicing and care," Mr. Mansell said. "It has plenty of worthwhile pointers for every farmer, no matter what make of tractor he owns."

Talking pictures on adjusting and servicing mowers, combines, and planters, plus a picture on hitching and belting of farm machines, are also on the program. An interesting newsreel showing action on the battlefronts of the world and on the production lines at home is included.

"We feel that this show is of direct benefit to the war effort," said Mr. Mansell. "With a severe manpower shortage and a lack of sufficient new equipment for 1944, the farmers of America have a real job ahead if they are to meet production goals. Every piece of farm equipment must be kept in tip-top condition to prevent delays and crop losses. This show will help every farmer with his equipment problems."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries

For State Representative, 92nd District:

W. H. RAMPY

For Sheriff:

J. L. MORELAND

For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1:

H. E. FULCHER

NEGRO CHURCH RAISES \$1,001 IN FINANCE DRIVE

Members of Tyree Chapel, A. M. E., extend thanks to their many white friends who assisted them in their recent financial drive. With white people aiding, a total of \$1,001 was raised by the church group of which U. S. Washington is the pastor.

OLFEN SCHOOL NEWS

The regular meeting of the Olfen P.-T. A. was held last Thursday night, February 10, in the school, with Mrs. Theo Halfmann presiding.

After the minutes were read, and the treasurer's report was given, Theo Halfmann, luncheon treasurer, gave his report. The president encouraged the parents to raise spring gardens and can as much as possible for the luncheon for the next school term.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Theo Halfmann a collection was taken to complete the \$25 P.-T. A. bond which purchase was started some time ago.

Ben Holtmann had his name added to the roll.

The attendance prize went to Mrs. Ben Holtmann.

Readings were given by Mmes. Theo Halfmann, Paul Halfmann, and Ben Holtmann.

An hour of fun and frolic was enjoyed by all when "Going to Jerusalem," "Shooting Darts," and "Drawing the Moon" were played. Music for the games was furnished by Marvin Haechten, piano-acordionist. Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Matthiesen, Mrs. Roman Lange, and Ben Holtmann, after which refreshments were served.

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

T. D. Shepherd, of Coleman, and Charles Shepherd, of Austin, were here the first of the week to visit the former's brother, C. P. Shepherd, who has been ill several weeks. Charles Shepherd also transacted business for Comptroller George H. Sheppard while here.

Typewriter ribbons at The Ledger office.

Card of Thanks
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Mrs. M. J. Winans and Family
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Under the new postal laws newspapers and periodicals must pay postage due for notices of any change in addresses 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.

Draft board calls are eating deep into the manpower of Runnels county. The last group to go to Lubbock for physicals included a large number of fathers, some with four and five children, and additional calls are known to be forthcoming which will take large numbers. Within the next few months conditions at home will cause our people to realize more and more that war is closer. Homes are being broken up for the duration and those left behind will be called on to work harder to keep business wheels turning and home front calls cleared. Men who have just returned from Lubbock will be leaving here about the end of this month or the first of March to begin military training.

Baptist Brotherhood Will Have Venison Supper and Program

On Tuesday, February 22, the brotherhood of the First Baptist Church will assemble for the pastor's annual venison supper at the church. Rev. Clarence A. Morton, pastor, makes his annual deer hunt on the Ridenhower ranch near Junction each year and always preserves his deer until February when all men and boys of the church and a number of other guests meet for a program and banquet. This year the pastor is joined by his two hunting partners, Ray and Olin Ridenhower, and O. T. Toney and Weldon Howell in providing the venison.

The meal will be prepared by Weldon Howell, chairman of the food committee of the brotherhood, and his helpers. It will be on the serve-yourself plan and everything will be ready at 7 p. m. on the date designated. E. Shepperd will direct the get-acquainted period. An orchestra directed by Ernest Moody will provide music, and R. E. White will have charge of a sing-song. A male quartet will sing special numbers.

J. A. Killough, brotherhood president, will preside, and Alton Underwood will introduce the guest speaker, Rev. Dick O'Brien, and popular and well known after-dinner speaker, Rev. O'Brien is now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Post card invitations have been mailed to men of the church and a number of friends of the church and the pastor.

Card of Thanks
We wish to express our appreciation to our friends for their kind words and deeds, and for the beautiful flowers received during our sorrow over the loss of our father, W. D. Parker. We especially thank the I. O. O. F. Lodge and Agnew Funeral Home for their kindness.
The Family
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Boy Scouts Do Good Deeds for New York Hospitals



Since war was forced upon America, Boy Scouts have played a major part in every civilian defense activity. In New York they are helping the overworked staffs of hospitals. Left: Scout Richard H. Osseman receives instruction on labeling and filing X-ray plates. Top inset: Norman Feinstein, another Boy Scout hospital aide, relieves a regular employee to more vital work as he delivers tea to this patient. Right: Sheldon Klahr and Norman Rowe are interested in a laboratory experiment.

WEST TEXAS NOTES

A tabulation of Red Cross work in Coleman county shows more than 800 women are participating. During the past three years the women have met all their production quotas and the greatest number of workers are engaged now since the beginning of the war. They have just completed their most recent quotas of surgical dressings, sewing and knitting and are awaiting additional materials.

The Burkett high school F. F. A. chapter made a fine showing at the Houston stock show and the boys returned the last of the week with their pockets full of money and many ribbons. Animals shown by the Burkett boys ranked high in the show and their stock sold at high prices in the auction the last day.

Plans have been perfected for the Talpa livestock show, scheduled February 25. As usual it will be held in the Talpa wool warehouse and a large number of F. F. A. and 4-H club boys will have on exhibit some of the finest livestock shown in recent years. More than 75 head of muttons have been entered.

A campaign has been started at Brownwood to raise funds for building a memorial to the 36th division. Mayor Wendell Mayes, chairman of the committee, stated last week that some money has already been received for this cause. The division was assembled and received its first training at Camp Bowie, Brownwood.

Approval has been granted by the war production board for construction of a frozen food locker plant at Winters. D. J. Kirkham, manager of the Winters Hatchery, will build and manage the new enterprise. All lockers to be installed in the plant have been leased.

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Quick action by the Miles fire department Sunday night of last week held in check what threatened to be a disastrous blaze when the Pic Theatre operations booth caught on fire. It was just before closing time and only one or two patrons remained in the house. Damage to building and equipment was slight.

J. T. Hammett, of Eastland, well known West Texas golf player, has completed fifty missions on a flying fortress and expects to return to the United States in the near future. Hammett, a radio man of a bomber crew, has been flying in North Africa and Italy with the U. S. A. A. F.

Dr. Frank Turner, former president of McMurry College, Abilene, and at one time pastor of the First Methodist Church of Ballinger, is conducting a revival at Rising Star. He will be there several weeks in the religious campaign. Since resigning as president of the Abilene college Dr. Turner has been doing evangelistic work.

The annual Menard F. F. A.-4-H club livestock show will not be held this year, it has been announced. Due to the critical feed shortage this winter practically all the animals to be fed were turned out into pastures. In previous years Menard county boys have taken many blue ribbons in state competition.

A Stephenville committee is considering what to do with the grounds of Garner State Park. The site has been turned back to the city by state authorities and plans must be made in the near future what to do with the land. The land comprises 300 acres, seven miles northwest of Stephenville, near Morgan Hill.

After a year and a half of successful operation the negro nursery school at Brady was closed last week and officials in charge of the project sold the furniture and other equipment and with the money purchased a \$500 war bond. Closing of the nursery was voted because adequate trained help could not be employed.

Rowena citizens were organized last week to begin a 60-day scrap paper drive and at the same time collect costume jewelry. H. J. Zappe, county salvage chairman, was in Rowena last week to aid local leaders organize the campaign. The first collection of paper was made Saturday by Boy Scouts and it was learned this week, met with good results.

Our boys must keep on fighting—we must keep on buying WAR BONDS until victory is won. Keep on BACKING THE ATTACK.

Poll Tax Payments Highest in Years; 4,742 Get Receipts

Poll tax payments in Runnels county indicate strong interest of local people in the elections of 1944. Payments here on January 31 were the highest in many years, a total of 4,742 receipts having been issued along with 45 exemptions, making a total of 4,787 possible voters plus over-age citizens in the county who are not required to pay poll taxes.

The highest number of poll tax receipts issued in recent years with which citizens used to vote in an election year was in 1939. At that time 4,416 Runnels countians obtained receipts. The 1939 poll tax receipts were used to vote in the last presidential election held in 1940.

Not only were poll tax payments good but the county-state collecting office received payment on current tax rolls amounting to 93 per cent, one of the highest percentages of collection of state and county taxes in many years.

A list of the poll tax receipts will be made up in the near future showing the number of qualified voters in each precinct of the county. Present indications are that there will be well over 5,000 possible voters in the 1944 elections, counting the overs. This is a large number compared with any election year in the past, yet there are probably 1,200 to 1,500 potential voters in the armed services, many of whom did not pay poll taxes.

Notice of Execution Sale
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Runnels:
By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Runnels County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 3rd day of June, 1942, in favor of John Phillips and against Mary Phillips Stone and Aaron Stone in the case of John Phillips against Mary Stone et al, No. 4701, in such court, I did, on the 26 day of January, 1944, at 11:35 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following

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

TOWNS IN LOUISIANA FUNGENTLY NAMED

BATON ROUGE, Feb. 15.—The strangely named villages of Louisiana, which have been the pride of the Pelican State in tracing namesakes from under ten flags, offer wartime visitors convenient classifications to meet all temperamental moods.

Conscientious visitors, influenced by such nomenclatures, may gravitate toward "Duty" or "Liberty" or "Uncle Sam" or "Aimwell," when they come to Louisiana. For the pleasure seeker, one travel agency lists such towns as "Gaytime," "Bohemia" or the village of "Bliss" in Rapides parish.

Dodging between the two Louisiana towns named "Hard Times," located in Livingston and Tensas parishes, and avoiding the town of "Solitude" in West Feliciana parish, the socially inclined will find the quaint little hamlet of "Watizit" in Ouachita parish, and as a further inducement, the attractively titled town of "Blondes" in St. Tammany parish.

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described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Runnels, State of Texas, to-wit:

All of Lot Six (6) in Block No. Ninety-Three (93) of the First Railroad Addition to the town of Ballinger, Runnels County, Texas, as the same is shown upon the map or plat of said town on record in the office of the County Clerk of Runnels County, Texas, and on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1944, being the first Tuesday of such month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Mary Phillips Stone and Aaron Stone in and to said property.

Dated at Ballinger, Texas, this 7th day of February, 1944.
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Just because your gas range is built to last many years is no reason why its care should be neglected. You want to make it last and keep its performance at a high standard of efficiency for new ones will not be plentiful until the war is over and the peace is won.

1. Do not put wet dishes directly on the enamel. (This enamel is glass.) Protect top with asbestos mats.
2. Wipe off spilled foods at once, with dry cloth. Later when range is cool, clean with damp cloth.
3. To clean top burners of aluminum or enamel, use mild soapsuds; rinse and dry. (Do not boil in soda solution.)
4. To clean broiler grill, let cool before washing with soapsuds; use fine steel wool. (Remove grill and pan from the range, as soon as food is taken
5. Whenever possible, use only a moderate heat for broiling, and you will find the broiler easier to clean. (Many foods broil well with a moderate heat.)
5. The oven-lining will last longer, if you roast meats at low temperatures (250° to 325°). It makes better-tasting meat besides, and also cuts down grease-splatter on oven-walls.
6. To clean up spill-overs on oven-floor, let cool, and then use a fine steel wool.
7. Don't load the oven-door with heavy roasts, as you put them in or take them out. It might warp the door.

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

Home Demonstration Agent Does Much Work in 8 Years

Miss Myra Tankersley, Runnels county home demonstration agent for the past eight years, left Wednesday for Eastland county to do identical work. During the past eight years much work has been done among the women and girls of this county, and there have been radical changes in the type of work done by the agent.

In a brief report of activities for the eight years, Miss Tankersley stated that programs in gardening, food conservation, bedroom improvement, clothing and poultry have been carried on by the county's clubs.

There have been seven gold star girls in this county during Miss Tankersley's stay here: Miss Mary Lehman, who now works at Bruce Field; Miss Clara Wright, now married; Miss Mary Dell Murphy, now married; Miss Imogene Fagan, who lives at Stephenville; Miss Anita Hambricht, now married; Miss Flora Halfmann, in school; and Miss Mary Lou Halfmann, in the Ballinger senior high school.

Women of this county have carried on programs dealing with food, clothing, home improvement, child welfare, and have devoted much time to repairing machines, furniture upholstering, feather comfort making, repairing furniture, and other work that makes better homes.

The home demonstration agent has cooperated with the schools of the county, the school lunch rooms in planning menus, with health programs, and in recent years has devoted much time to the general war program.

In the mattress program a total

of 509 were made in Runnels county.

One noticeable change in the agent's work is that many more hours and days were required in the field in recent years than when she first came to this county. In her first year here she spent 113 days in the field and 167 in the office. The past year only 65 days were spent in the office and 224 in the field.

Home visits over the 8-year period varied from 326 the first years to 991 in 1941. Families participating in the work ranged from 628 her first year to 2,023 in 1941 and 1,800 last year.

In canning as few as 6,209 containers were put up in 1938 to a high of 18,360 in 1943. The dried food program was never important in this county, 3,609 pounds being processed the first year she was agent in the county, and in recent years it dropped off until nothing was reported.

During 1943 a total of 1,113 garments were reported made in the sewing program.

In saying good-bye, Miss Tankersley stated she would be passing this way often as she went to her home at Merton, and that she would always remember her Ballinger friends.

NORTH NORTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

Twelve members were present Thursday, February 10, when the North Norton home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. W. W. Mitchell. A program on the rules and recommendations of the Texas Home Demonstration Association was presented.

Reports were given by the council delegate. A delegate was chosen to represent the club at the district meeting at Eastland in April, to be voted on at the next council meeting, which is scheduled next Saturday afternoon, February 19.

A quilt was partly completed for Mrs. Mitchell. Refreshments were served.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held February 24, in the home of Mrs. Dave Underwood. A program on the care and raising of turkeys will be given. Work also will be done on a quilt for the hostess.

Very instructive household hints are given for roll call at each meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED BY SOUTHWESTERN LIFE SHOWS BIG GAIN MADE

Southwestern Life Insurance Co. closed the year 1943 with more than \$450,000,000 of insurance in force and with assets in excess of \$98,160,000, it was indicated by the forty-first annual report to policyowners released here today



Jack Nixon, Local Agent

by C. F. O'Donnell, of Dallas, president.

The reports shows a gain in assets of \$9,759,770 and \$28,219,533 in insurance in force for 1943.

Pursuant to its announced policy of investing all new premium money in United States government securities during the war, Mr. O'Donnell reported that the company has invested this and other funds in \$37,000,000 of such bonds since Pearl Harbor.

Death claims paid during the year under policies on persons in the armed forces of the United States amounted to \$270,463, and the company has insurance on persons reported missing in action in the sum of \$106,500, and \$155,000 on members of our armed forces reported as prisoners of war. Although these payments resulting directly from the war are substantial, Mr. O'Donnell said the total mortality record of the company during 1943 was more favorable than its average mortality during the last five years.

In releasing the annual report, Mr. O'Donnell voiced tribute to the more than 120 members of the company's field force and home office personnel who have answered the call to the armed service of the nation. "The company," he said, "is conscious of the great sacrifice they are making, and deeply proud of them." He also expressed satisfaction with the production record of the local agency whose sales, he said, made an important contribution to the company's growth in 1943.

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APPLY at the nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Station (your local post office will give you the address). Or write: The Adjutant General, Room 4415, Munitions Building, Washington, D. C.

KEEP ON Backing the Attack WITH WAR BONDS

FSA Loans Are Paid Ahead of Schedule In 3-State Region

Nearly 50 per cent more money was repaid to the farm security administration in this region during the last fiscal year than was loaned by the agency, Roy V. Pinson, FSA supervisor in Runnels county, said here today. FSA loaned \$3,517,422 in the region, while borrowers repaid \$5,049,339.

These figures are part of the complete report being given FSA district supervisors by Regional Director Ray E. Davis, at a supervisors' meeting being held at Amarillo Tuesday through Friday of this week. Runnels county and 21 surrounding counties comprising district IV are being represented at this meeting by Marvin C. Wilson, district supervisor, and Miss Roberta E. Martin, associate district supervisor.

Region 12 comprises the western portion of Texas, New Mexico, and the Oklahoma Panhandle.

"We believe these repayment figures afford ample proof of what financial assistance plus supervision will do for small farmers," Mr. Pinson said. "Such a repayment record means that the contribution of these people to the nation's food production effort was enormous."

The farm ownership division of FSA, which makes loans to help former tenants become landowners, also will show a remarkable repayment record, according to Mr. Davis' report. The regional director declared that most of these borrowers were on the variable payment plan, which enables them to make larger payments in good years and smaller payments in bad years. As a result, many are as much as fifteen years ahead of schedule on repayments. Six borrowers paid off their FSA loans in full this year entirely from farm earnings.

COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION TO MEET SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The annual meeting of the Runnels County Tuberculosis Association will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the city hall here. Officers urge all interested in the work to attend.

Business to come before the association includes election of officers for the ensuing year and other items pertaining to closing the year's work.

The association has had a good year with many worthwhile accomplishments and the largest Christmas seal sale in history. Reports of activities will be made and it is hoped a large number will be on hand to hear these reports and assist with the business.

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

Cross Plains Takes District Basketball Tournament Here

The district basketball tournament for district 8A was held here Saturday with six teams taking part to establish a district championship. In the final Cross Plains won over Mozelle to take the 1944 flag.

Games were started at 9:30 a. m. and all the first games were taken care of during the morning, semi-finals being played in the afternoon and the finals at night. In the first game Ballinger won over Lake View, 26-19. In the second game Brady eliminated Winters by a score of 26 to 13 and in the third game Mozelle defeated San Saba by the score of 14 to 12.

In the afternoon semi-finals the first game was won by Cross Plains, Ballinger being eliminated 21 to 14. In the second round

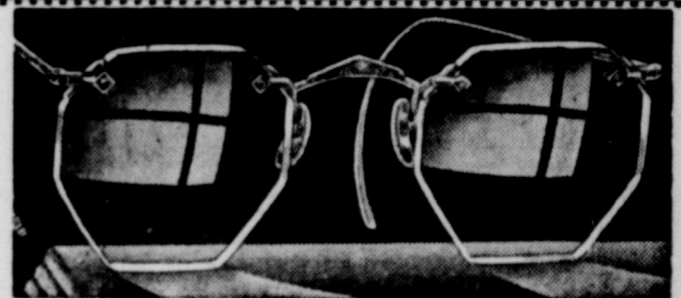
Mozelle defeated Brady 20 to 15.

As a preliminary to the final game of the tourney, a team of cadets from Bruce Field defeated a team of instructors 27 to 17.

Cross Plains came through in the final tilt to win over Mozelle 20 to 16, copping the district championship.

The all-district team selected at the conclusion of the tournament included: Moore, Cross Plains, guard; Sessom, Brady, guard; Hanson, Brady, center; Vaughn, Mozelle, forward; and King, Ballinger, forward.

The tournament games were well attended.



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FOR SALE—Wood, \$5.00 a cord at my farm two miles north of town. Mrs. Thomas Eagan, Sr. 17-2t

FOR SALE—140 acres, Runnels county. House, windmill, barn, plenty water, \$20 an acre. 96 acres, rock home, R.E.A., lots of pecans, plenty water, \$30 acre. 340 acres, good home, R. E. A., \$40 acre. Also some good ranches worth the money. Renza Lee, Maverick. 17-2t

FOR SALE—12x14 foot tent, complete with poles. Three burner oil stove. See Ward Crager at Clay Building Material Co. 11*

FOR RENT—Small furnished apartment. Utilities paid. Phone 1308. 17-1f

FOR SALE—My home at 408 Eleventh Street. Seven rooms, two baths, new roof, refinished inside and out recently. Two car garage, small barn, place for chickens and cow. Bargain if sold at once. J. Frank Smith. Shown only by appointment. See E. T. Branham, agent. 17-1f

FOR SALE—Heavy duty wind-charger with glass batteries, radio, and all lighting equipment. Bryan Clayton, Talpa, route two. 17-1t

FOR SALE—Pair of shop made dress boots, size 8, slightly worn. A. Doose. 17-1t

FOR SALE—1941 Ford, super DeLuxe, 8 passenger coupe, no dents or scratches, good tires, heater, seat covers. C. Oeters, 406 Ninth Street. 11*

FOR RENT—Furnished house, three rooms and bath. Call 1335. 17-1f

LOST—One medium size female bound dog. Brown head, white with black spots on body. Finder please notify Wesley J. Stewart, Winters, Texas. 17-1f

BIRTHS

Pvt. and Mrs. Fred Vetterlein are the parents of a fine baby boy, born Monday at San Angelo. The young man has been named Fred Lynn and weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces upon arrival. Mrs. Vetterlein, the former Miss Bilsie Lynn, and son are both doing nicely. The father is on duty with the armed forces somewhere in the South Pacific. Grandfather Harry Lynn was back on the job at the First National Bank Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Brunson are the proud parents of a son, born last Friday, February 11, at the Bailey Clinic-Hospital. The young man, who weighed 7½ pounds upon arrival, has been named Glenn Alan.

Read the ads and SAVE!

Listed this week by non-residents, two good homes on corner lots. Terms if desired. A. F. Brock. 17-11

FOR RENT—Furnished bedroom. Mrs. R. E. Willingham, 301 Twelfth Street. 17-11

FOR RENT—Furnished duplex apartment, close in. Phone 406 or 222. Mrs. Laxson. 11*

FOR RENT—Farm, on the halves. Roy L. Hill. 17-11

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Serving Uncle Sam

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another oak leaf cluster to add to his air medal. He sent clippings from London newspapers and the Stars and Stripes telling of the new pathfinder device which permits bombing from above the clouds.

Mrs. Ada Terrell received a letter last week from her son, Pfc. Rommie Terrell, in which he said he was in a rest area on Guadalcanal. He had seen action in the Treasury Islands, and on Bougainville. He enclosed a number of clippings from newspapers printed in the South Pacific area which contained interesting information. One article told of condition in a sector from where the Japs had been forced to retreat hurriedly upon arrival, has been named Glenn Alan.

Oscar W. Cook, Sp. M. 3c, of Rowena, has graduated from a specialist mechanics school at the naval training station, Sampson, New York. Sampson is one of the three inland naval training bases recently established.

Word was received this week from Vernon Cook, seaman 1c, in which he stated he was doing fine and had just received new rating of carpenter's mate 3c. Vernon is somewhere in the Solomons with the seabees.

Ernest R. Coursey, son of Mrs. Anthony Coursey of Ballinger, has been promoted to the rank of corporal. The announcement was made by Col. G. H. Palmer, commander of Concho Field, San Angelo.

T-Sgt. Gerald Henderson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Henderson, reported at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, last week for pre-flight army aviation cadet training. Sgt. Henderson had been stationed at Del Rio for some time.

Announcement of the promotion of Arnold B. Pospichal, formerly of Ballinger, to the rank of captain was made January 24. Capt. Pospichal, 26, is commanding officer of an ordnance company of the 13th AAF service command.

The citation of promotion, issued at an American base in the South Pacific, read in part that the advance in rank came "as a result of meritorious service as commanding officer."

In his assignment with the ordnance unit of the air service command, Capt. Pospichal is responsible for the maintenance and repair of aircraft cannon, machine guns and the intricate mechanisms of all types of bombs from smoke signals to lethal "block busters."

His wife, Mrs. Arnold B. Pospichal, lives at Fort Stockton, and his mother, Mrs. Frances Pospichal, lives in Ballinger. Two brothers, Robert R. Pospichal, a marine gunner, and Hubert M. Pospichal, corporal in the AAF, also are serving overseas.

J. L. Henderson, formerly of the Purcell, Oklahoma, naval air training station, is at Jacksonville, Florida, taking a course in naval aerial gunnery.

Relatives here received a letter this week from James Middley, seaman 1c, stating that he has a new rating and is now a machinist's mate 3c. He also said he was doing fine in his new camp.

Lt. Sam Routh is here from Kansas for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Routh.

Aviation Cadet W. O. Moreland,

son of Sheriff and Mrs. J. L. Moreland, has completed primary flight training at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has gone to Winfield, Kansas to begin basic army flight training.

A letter was received this week from Hollis S. Davis, of the Puget Sound Navy Yards, giving information relative to the death of his brother, Sgt. Thomas Woodrow Davis, 22, who was killed in action in Italy on January 7. Sgt. Davis was serving with the first special service force (paratroopers) all volunteer. The special force is the counterpart of the British commandos. Before joining the special group in 1941 he was stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, several years.

Sgt. Davis saw his first action in the Aleutians. He was in combat on Attu and landed on Kiska but found no Japs. He was then returned to the states for a short time before being sent to North Africa last November.

Relatives have been advised by the war department that details of the circumstances leading to his death are not available.

Troy M. Smith, seaman 1c, spent a few days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Smith, while en route to the submarine training base at New London, Connecticut. He recently got his diploma from a torpedo training school in California and thinks he will have about six more weeks training before he is assigned to a sub.

T-Sgt. S. C. Harding came in last week from Florida to visit three days with the H. R. Wiesepape family. Sgt. Harding has been serving in Alaska and the Aleutians and is pretty well toughened to weather and work. He said he was surprised to find civilians living so well and added that he was glad to see his many Ballinger friends.

A letter received this week from Pvt. Walter E. Crockett by his

parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Crockett, of Norton, informed he is now stationed at Camp Roberts, California, in the infantry. He stated that it rained there all the time. Walter had gone to church where he met Rev. A. C. Haynes, formerly pastor of the Ballinger Methodist church, who is chaplain at the camp.

Mrs. O. S. Clark received a letter this week from her daughter, Pvt. Billie Cuniff, of the WAC, stating she had arrived at Washington, D. C. and been given an assignment. Pvt. Cuniff said she liked her new station but missed her Ballinger friends. She added that she was looking forward to a furlough home in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Drummond have received a letter from their son, Cpl. Coner Drummond, who is in a hospital at New Orleans, having been there a month. He has had three operations but expects to be out soon. A member of the 33rd signal battalion, Cpl. Drummond has been in service for two years. He was first at Camp Bowie and then sent to a training center in Mississippi and later to New Orleans.

John M. Hash, petty officer 1c, of the seabees, recently visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hash. He came here from Attu where he spent many months on construction jobs and was on duty on other Aleutian islands. He is now in a naval hospital in California, where he will receive medical care several months.

Cpl. Roger Jerman, formerly of class 42-J at Bruce Field, visited Miss Billie Blair the past weekend. Cpl. Jerman is now an instrument instructor at the Abilene air base.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pikes had a letter this week from their son, Pfc. Virgil C. Pikes, with the marines somewhere in the Marshall Islands. He said he was well,

had plenty of food and water but spent most of his time in fox-holes. He told his mother not to worry about him, declaring he was okeh, and asked his parents to write often.

Pfc. Coy Lee Boswell, in the construction engineering section of the army air forces, now in North Africa, has written that he is okeh, getting plenty to eat, and has recently visited Algiers and Oran. He sent Joyce Boswell some money from Algiers. He stated in a letter that the natives there were 1,000 years behind this country.

Major A. R. Murchison was here Wednesday for a visit with his wife and children. He was en route from Tennessee to take command of another unit at Camp Roberts, California.

BALLINGER SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWS
By Natlyne Williams

Cue and Curtain Club

The Cue and Curtain Club held a formal initiation ceremony last Thursday night. The new members were taken in at a very impressive ceremony conducted by the president, Hie Parrish, and his cast. After the club colors, club oath, club handshake had been given to the new members, punch and cookies were served to the entire club.

Basketball Season Closes
The basketball season closed last Saturday with the district tournament. The team from Ballinger high was taken out of the contest by the Cross Plains team in the semi-finals. We feel that our team has done especially well, considering the amount of previous experience. The boys are now starting to train for track and a very promising season is in view.

Girls' Volley Ball Team
Miss Taylor, girls' physical education teacher, has selected eighteen girls from her classes to constitute a volleyball team. This team played in Norton Friday night and won both of the games played. The girls on the team are Lavenia Faubion, Belle Graves, Row Pieper, Edleen Forbus, Carmen Louka, Mildred Curry, Lorena Cook, Frances Muller, Mary Chapman, Jolene Chapman, Camilla Caffey, Billy Bryan, Leota Smith, Mary Alice Kendrick, Rana Wade, Francis Taylor, Betty Baxter, and Ruby Waldrop.

Miss Creola Henderson has returned to Dallas, where she is employed, after a ten-day visit at home.

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Smoked Jowls	Sugar Cured	1 lb.	17¢	Points Per Lb. 1
Salt Pork	No. 1 Clear	1 lb.	20¢	Points Per Lb. 2
Pork Sausage	Cloth Bags Grade AA-2	1 lb.	35¢	Points Per Lb. 4
Pork Chops	Center Cuts	1 lb.	35¢	Points Per Lb. 8
Pork Roast	Loin Ends 4 Points Per Lb.	1 lb.	28¢	
Beef Roast	Shoulder Cuts	1 lb.	26¢	Points Per Lb. 8
Ground Beef	Fresh Ground	1 lb.	24¢	Points Per Lb. 7
Sliced Bacon	Grade A	1 lb.	37¢	Points Per Lb. 4
Slab Bacon	Grade A	1 lb.	27¢	Points Per Lb. 3
Salt Jowls	Fine for Seasoning	1 lb.	15¢	Points Per Lb. 1

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Sardines	Avalon	15-Oz. Can	11¢	Points Per Can. 11
Chopped Ham	Leeds	12-Oz. Can	33¢	Points Per Can. 5
Lunch Meat	Kam Pork	12-Oz. Can	33¢	Points Per Can. 5
Cherub Milk		2 Small Cans	9¢	Points Per 2 Cans. 1

G-H-J EXPIRE FEBRUARY 20

Raisins	Seedless Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	14¢	Points Per Lb. 4
Greens	Standard Turnip	No. 2 Can	11¢	Points Per Can. 4
Spinach	Standard	No. 2 Can	13¢	Points Per Can. 6

Brown Stamp Items

Chili	My Power Plain	16-Oz. Can	26¢	Points Per Can. 4
Cheese	Kraft's Yelveats	2-Lb. Box	74¢	Points Per Box. 24
Crisco	Cream Shortening	3-Lb. Jar	68¢	Points Per Jar. 15

Extra Values Not Rationed

Dressing	Duchess Salad	16-Oz. Jar	23¢
Green Beans	Standard Cut	No. 2 Can	10¢
Pecans	Success Brand	14-Oz. Pkg.	37¢
Toilet Soap	Mazine	3 Reg. Bars	14¢

Gardenside Tomatoes No. 2 1/2 Can 15¢ 12 Green Points

Coffee	Airway Fresh Roasted	1-Lb. Pkg.	21¢
Coffee	Mob Hill Full Strength	1-Lb. Pkg.	24¢
Coffee	Edwards Fine Quality	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Grapefruit Juice	Standard	No. 2 Can	13¢
Syrup	Maple Golden	16-Oz. Jar	21¢
Honey	Raydon's Extracted	16-Oz. Jar	29¢
Tenderoni	Van Camp's	6-Oz. Pkg.	8¢
Peanut Ruff	Frontier	16-Oz. 25¢	
Flour	Kitchen Craft Fine Quality	25-Lb. Bag	1.19
Flour	Gold Medal Fine Quality	25-Lb. Bag	1.32
Bread	Julia Lee Wright's Dutch-Defd	24-Oz. Loaf	10¢
Oxydol	Granulated Soap	Small Pkg.	10¢
Lava Soap		Med. Bar	6¢
P&G Soap		Large Bar	5¢
Laundry Soap	Crystal White	Large Bar	5¢
Shoe Polish	Wilbert's Black Shoe or Tan	2 Cans	15¢

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Calavos	Nutrition 10 Size	2 Lb.	25¢
Rutabagas	Yellow Turkeys	Lb.	5¢
Lettuce	Crisp Tender Firm Heads	Lb.	8¢
Cabbage	Texas Green	Lb.	2¢
Potatoes	No. 1 Russets	5 Lb.	22¢
Texas Yams	U. S. No. 1	Lb.	10¢

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