

Editorial — — Air Training Should Be Adopted Locally

We don't know what efforts will be made to institute aeronautical training in the Big Spring high school, now that J. W. Studabaker, U. S. commissioner of education, has said that all schools will be asked to consider his recommendation that such a program be undertaken.

He leaves the contingency of 15 young men who could otherwise qualify as aviation cadets and who are interested in the training.

Although this area has been worked with a fine touch comb by the army for cadet material, there will be more than any 15 young men who could qualify. The responsibility will be upon the school system to see that facilities for offering the training are available, even if it is for 10 times the minimum number.

We have our financial problems with our schools, but we are at war. We recognize this fact in a training program for aircraft and ship building workers. We must recognize it again for young men who are to become the flying fighters of the country.

One wonders why this important step has thus long been delayed when it has been apparent since the beginning of our talk of huge numbers of planes that we must first have huge numbers of men to fly and to service them. Whatever the reason—good or none at all—we now have an opportunity to share in meeting the need of the hour.

Certainly Big Spring will arise to the responsibility and see that all young men who wish this training have an opportunity to get it, and get it as thoroughly as it can be had elsewhere. We have a reputation of doing things that way.

The Timid Soul



MR. MILQUETOAST USED TO GIVE THE POLICEMAN'S HORSE A LUMP OF SUGAR DAILY.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds— Reasons John Sheppard Finds Screen Work Too Confusing

By ROBBIN COONS
HOLLYWOOD—Elmira, one of the three "loves of Edgar Allan Poe," was coming out her golden ringlets in the make-up room. She wore brown slacks. She was through for the day, and was Virginia Gilmore again.

At the next mirror sat Edgar Allan himself, or John Sheppard, a hairdresser worrying his wavy wig into perfection.

On the set around the corner young Freddie Mercer, the boy Poe, was taking a scolding, under Harry Laemmle's direction, from Frank Conroy as Poe's foster father.

In the make-up room Vern Murdock, make-up artist, arrived to say that Sheppard's face could wait. He'd touch it up just before the next scene, after he'd "aged" Conroy for the time lapse.

So we went over to Sheppard's dressing room. I wanted to find out about this "unknown" in his first starring role.

Sheppard is a tall, lean young fellow with a sharply chiseled, intellectual face; in make-up he's accented enough to make an acceptable Poe. He's been around three or four years, but Poe is the part he's been waiting for. He had no ambition, he said, to be a "great hunk of man." He was for characters—"to get inside a human being and reveal him, that's worthwhile," he said.

He liked pictures but, compared to the stage, found them "confusing."

"A man poked his head in. 'You can go now, John. They won't get you today.'"

John relaxed to fill in, by request, some details of his background: a Hillsboro, N. C., boy who wanted writing and acting too. Real name's Sheppard Strudwick. Finished four university years (North Carolina) in three after his father's cotton mill failed—picked up a Phi Beta Kappa key to boot. College detesters, then New York, with letters, and the stage....

(Frank Conroy poked his head in. "We're doing that scene, John," he said, and hurried off to be "aged.")

After New York he and four other players (one of them now Mrs. Sheppard) experimented in a stock theater at Surrey, Me. Made a go of it. Movie agent Charles Feldman sent him \$1,000, eight un-

Washington Daybook— Here's Civilian Defense Dope That's On Level

By JACK STEINNETT
WASHINGTON—For my money, the bible of civilian defense is a book titled simply "Civilian Defense of the United States." It is written by Col. H. Ernest Dupuy and Lieut. Hodding Carter.

I met the colonel some years ago when he and Maj. George Fielding Elliott were harping on the then unpopular string of all-out national defense with a book called "If War Comes." The colonel went on with the armed forces; the major continued literary.

The colonel, after an interlude as a West Point brass hat, is now in Washington and in a position to be as authentic as a Bureau of Engraving \$5 bill. The lieutenant likewise.

Yet the frontispiece of their book on civilian defense carries the caution: "Opinions expressed and conclusions drawn in this book are those of the authors. They must not be construed as necessarily reflecting the official opinion of the Office of Civilian Defense, of the War Department, or of the services in general."

I wouldn't mention this except that I don't believe it. The acknowledgments give credit to almost every person in Washington who has anything to do with civilian defense. The authors may have libeled somebody but they NOT only haven't been sued, they haven't even been shouted at.

Their book covers everything that has anything to do with civilian protection of the nation. It starts with such simple definitions as: "The civilian's defense (against modern enemies) is organization for his own protection. His counterattack is production and the maintenance of a national morale that will out last the enemy's."

The book is matter-of-fact. In spots it's even dull. But the authors have not gone about their business without imagination. For instance there is that preface to Chapter XII, "Women In Defense," which starts off with a mention that Helen of Troy never rolled a bandage or drove an ambulance; Penelope never knit a sweater; and Florence Nightingale had to break down a door to get medical supplies because the soldier men of those days thought a woman's place was anywhere but in the fighting line. From there on they approach a dozen paths to prove that women are not only vital in democracy's arsenal, but important as near-front combat forces.

The authors strike the keynote of their realistic views on labor when they quote the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company's plant placard: "Don't Let 'Em Catch Us With Our Plants Down."

I can't think of a subject that has to do with civilian defense that Colonel Dupuy and Lieutenant Carter haven't dealt with.

They discuss everything from the fact that this war "is a civilian's war," to the intricacies of sabotage, transportation, a health and welfare under wartime conditions; picking up such things as the use of gas, fire protection and medical preparedness, on the way.

Secret Orders BY ELEANOR ATTERBURY

Chapter Seven
News From Kurt

The left like office in the tall Market Street room building was practically deserted by noon. Except for Stephanie and the woman in charge of her division in the Motor Corps, only a few of the Red Cross workers sorted stacks of clothing and yarn on the rough wooden tables. A boat loaded with supplies for England had left only an hour ago. And Stephanie, exhausted with the frenzied activities of the morning, sagged wearily in her chair.

"Darling," a familiar voice in the doorway, "you look simply deflated!"

Stephanie glanced up with a tired smile. "Hello, Vicky." Then wryly, "And you look simply devastating. New suit?"

"Heavens no. It's ancient. I'm on a shopping tour right now. Come have lunch with me and help me decide about an adorable hat at Mim's."

Automatically, Stephanie shook her head. "Sorry, I—" Then she changed her mind. Why not? There'd be nothing doing here at Headquarters for a few days now. Besides, she was tired of being the drudge. "All right, I will."

The St. Francis was awarmer with pretty women hanging like a giant beehive. Many of the workers in uniform like herself. The others in smart suits and sables.

"You know," Vicky said when the headwaiter had found them a table. "I have the most thrilling news. From Kurt!"

Stephanie felt her heart leap to attention.

"Oh, he's done the most thrilling thing. That order he got out at the Club Sunday was about a secret flight to San Diego. It seems the F.B.I. got wind of some plot to bomb some airplane factories and planes from Lafayette Field were sent down to do some scouting. And who do you suppose actually located the enemy planes?"

Stephanie forced a calm, "Kurt, of course."

"Isn't he simply unbelievable! He'll probably be promoted to major now or something wonderful and of course to hear him tell about it, you'd think he'd done absolutely nothing."

Vicky stopped to light a cigarette, let her glance wander with deceptive carelessness about the crowded dining room. Grateful for the moment in which to regain composure, Stephanie finally managed. "Then you've seen him?"

Invitation

Vicky nodded. "I just happened to be in the garage in Peralta and I heard someone asking about your car. I had no idea it was Kurt until I went in to see what was what. By the way, you didn't mention having had an accident."

Stephanie flushed. "It was nothing. Just a denied fender."

"Well, anyhow, we go to talking and he told me everything about his flight." Vicky went on. "And Stevie darling—guess what?"

"I couldn't."

"He's invited us to dinner at the Officers' Club next Saturday night. Isn't that thrilling?"

"Us? Are you sure I'm included?" Stephanie asked and wished she could find courage to refuse. It would only be asking for misery.

"Of course. He mentioned you especially. And Henri can drive you up," she explained enthusiastically. "Everything just works out beautifully."

"I see. Well, I'm not sure I—"

"Oh, you must come. I'm seeing Henri this afternoon so I'll tell him to give you a buzz."

She decided over coffee and French lemon pie that she didn't want to drive to Peralta with Henri de la Pagerie. But when he telephoned later that evening, she actually heard herself accepting.

"I know you are anxious to see your father, Stephanie," Henri was saying in his precise English. "I hoped that perhaps you would

Stanton Schools To Close May 24

STANTON, April 13 — Stanton schools will end the 1941-42 term on May 24. Charles L. Klapproth of Midland, former district judge, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement address, and Bill Gipson, Church of Christ minister here, will preach the commencement sermon.

In the one-act play given Friday night at the district interscholastic league meet in Midland, Ann Eastland, performing in the play put on by the Stanton school, won first place as the outstanding actress in the district.

Miss Nettie McMaster of Garden City began teaching this week in the Stanton elementary school. Miss McMaster has a previously taught in Yoakum and Kingsville. She is a sister of Miss Mona McMaster, who has been teaching in Stanton several months.

Postmaster Morgan Hall reports that the volume of business transacted by the local postoffice ending March 31 was 30 per cent greater than at the same period last year.

Figures from the tax collector's office Saturday revealed that 1,180 cars had been registered in Martin county. The total includes 908 passenger cars, 176 farm, 60 trucks, 25 trailers. The number of cars registered at this date last year was 1,090, the gain being in passenger cars registered.

County Agricultural Agent Hubert Martin, accompanied by Dale Kelly, attended the T. E. Hughes dispersion sale of dairy cows at Ballinger Friday. Kelly has been in the dairy business in Stanton several years, and has an excellent herd of dairy cattle. He purchased Premier Dreaming Barbetta, a 4-year-old, for \$145 and paid \$170 for an uncatalogued cow.

All Teachers At Coahoma Reelected

COAHOMA, April 13 — Entire teaching staff of the Coahoma schools was reelected for next year, at a meeting of the board of trustees. The faculty includes:

High school—D. L. Townsend, principal; J. O. Mickel, G. T. Guthrie, Jack Reynolds, Ethel Rives Byrd, Mrs. James Stroup, Mary Carpenter, Mary Middleton. Elementary school—H. H. Colley, principal; Mrs. J. Gilbert Gibbs, Mrs. George M. Boswell, Elizabeth Coffee, Edythe Wright, Mrs. Fred Beckham, Pearl Forrester, Nettie Lee Shelton and Sybil Myers.

J. T. Weaver has been teaching this term through the R-Bar sponsorship, and Mrs. J. O. Nickel has been a supply teacher. Supt. George M. Boswell is completing the first year of a two-year contract.

Reelected without opposition last week as board members were A. K. Turner and Ralph White.

Last week's Defense Stamp Day in the Coahoma schools resulted in sales of \$38.68, with these totals: high school, \$6.50; Mrs. George M. Boswell's room, \$3.40; Mrs. J. Gilbert Gibbs' room, \$1.25; Nettie Lee Shelton's room, \$2.15; Pearl Forrester's room, \$2.20; J. T. Weaver's room, \$4.10; Elizabeth Coffee's room, \$3.48; Edythe Wright's room, \$6.60. Mrs. Wright's group — a small class of fourth graders—has purchased \$40.35 in stamps since the regular sales were started.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stroup spent the weekend in Brownwood visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Watson, and other relatives.

Mrs. Lois Hall of Mineral Wells spent several days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Lovens and family.

Mrs. Floyd Hall of Klotz visited in the home of her sister, Mrs. Earnest Rainey, Friday.

Miss Parthena Buchanan of Barstow spent the weekend in the home of her mother, Mrs. Sam Buchanan, and other relatives.

Jack Roberts is now in Los Angeles, Calif., employed in an airplane factory.

Earnest Brooks and Hugh Cox left Thursday for service in the armed forces.

Mrs. Barney Barnett is back on the job as T&P agent after spending the last two weeks in Louisiana visiting her parents and other relatives.

Roy Ashburn of Jayton was a visitor here last week. He is a former resident of Coahoma.

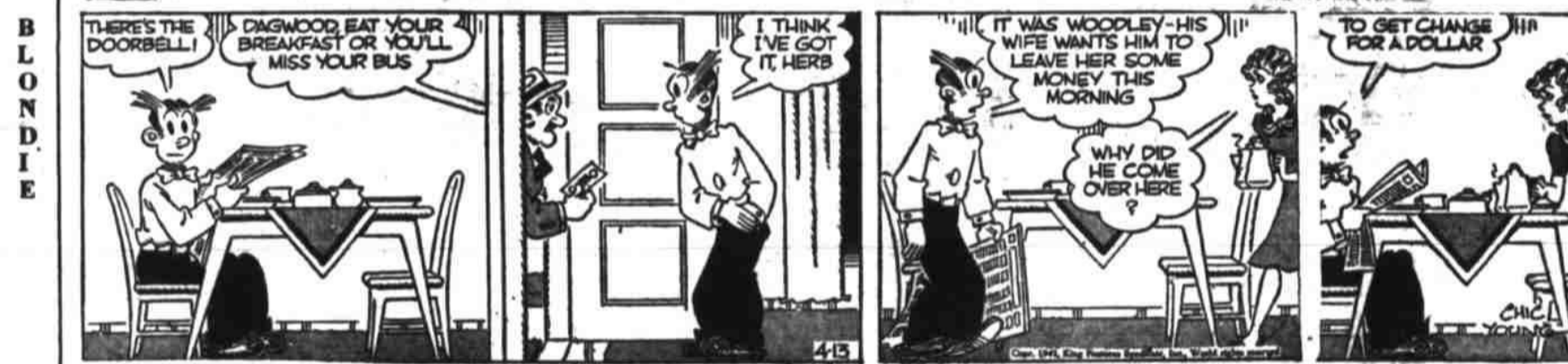
THE PHANTOM BY RAY MOORE



Dr. Sanders Gets Rating As Captain

Dr. Preston R. Sanders, member of the staff of the William Beaumont general hospital at El Paso, has been promoted to the grade of captain. It has been announced by Col. W. L. Richards, chief of the hospital.

Sanders formerly practiced in Big Spring.



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RITZ Ends Today

Ball of Fire advertisement featuring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck. Text: "I LOVE HIM because he doesn't know how to kiss - THE JERK!"

RITZ STARTING TUESDAY

Pulse-pounding adventure! A sock-shocking thriller! Dangerously they live! John Garfield, Nancy Coleman, Raymond Massey, Moroni Olsen.

Plane Crashes Kill 14 Men

LIVERMORE, Calif., April 13 (AP) Fourteen U. S. navy fliers perished yesterday when two big PBV-3A patrol bombers crashed and burned near each other in the Livermore hills.

Cattlemen's V For Victory



Every pound of meat saved for home use releases that much Food-Freedom to help feed America and her armed forces...

Sabine River Area Flooded

GLADEWATER, April 13 (AP)—A swollen Sabine river, which rose eight feet in 24 hours, threatened lowland residents, flooded an area dotted with hundreds of oil wells...

Weather Forecast

FORECAST WEST TEXAS: Showers this afternoon and evening east of the Pecos river. Temperatures this afternoon and tonight about the same as yesterday afternoon and last night.

LYRIC Last Times Today

JANE WITHERS As A 4-H Girl in "YOUNG AMERICA"

QUEEN Last Times Today

Bombay Clipper advertisement featuring a woman in a hat. Text: "A PLANE-LOAD OF EXCITEMENT!"

Two Men Shipped For Navy Sign-Up

Three men have been shipped to Dallas for enlistment in the U. S. Navy. L. W. Walker, assigned to the recruiting service here, said Monday.

Call Numbers Of Men Listed In Third Draft Registration

Table listing call numbers and names of men in the third draft registration. Columns include Order Serial, Name, and Call Number.

Markets At A Glance

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—Stocks had a slight upward slant today with benefits somewhat unevenly distributed...

Livestock

FORT WORTH, April 13 (AP)—CATTLE—Cattle 3,500; calves 1,600; early sales steady and yearlings most steady although most bids lower.

Cotton

NEW ORLEANS, April 13 (AP)—Cotton futures today closed steady net unchanged to 5 points higher.

Malone And Hogan Clinic-Hospital

Janice Crow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Crow, has been admitted for medical care.

American Sub Tackles Three Jap Destroyers, Eludes Depth Charges

Ordered a direct attack on three enemy destroyers somewhere in the southwestern Pacific.

Photo Making For 'Personality Child' In Final Week

Final week of picture making in the Personality Child photo event began Monday morning with Alfred Kloven, 4 years and ten months old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kloven as the first entry in the 3-to-4-year age division.

Four United Nations Freighters Sunk

FORTALEZA, Brazil, April 13 (AP)—Four United Nations merchant ships were torpedoed and sunk last week by submarines off the north coast of Brazil...

Here 'n There

Scrap collection from the Howard county oil fields for the war effort has resulted in the shipment of 25 carloads in three months.

Local Legionnaires Attend Convention

Dale Thompson and L. B. Dempsey represented the local American Legion post in the 1941 district meeting of the Legion during the weekend at Colorado City.

'Anti-Semitic' Charges Libelous

WASHINGTON, April 13 (AP)—The supreme court upheld today a circuit court decision which was interpreted by opposing litigants to hold that under New York law a published charge that a public official holds anti-Semitic views is libelous.

News Notes From The Oil Field

Mrs. Paul Whirley has been ill, Mutt Scudday of Denver City visited relatives in Forsan last week.

Jewel Stud DRESS Is Still Your First Choice! It's CLASSIC and that means fashion lines and tailoring of acknowledged excellence.

Public Records Building Permits Hack Wright to move house from 1001 E. 3rd street to 1811 Scurry Street, cost \$50.

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