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County Makes \$25,000 Profit From Bond Deal

Permanent School Fund Bond Sold to San Antonio Firm

Crockett county will profit at least \$25,000, and possibly a few hundred dollars more, from the sale of Fisher county road bonds, purchased with its permanent school funds, in a deal recently consummated by the Commissioners Court it was announced this week by County Judge Houston Smith.

An offer of Russ & Co., San Antonio bond firm, to purchase the Fisher road bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 5 percent at a \$25,000 profit was accepted by the court and the transfer of securities is now in process. Crockett county owned \$108,000 worth of the Fisher bonds, purchased a few years ago and will receive \$133,000 from the San Antonio firm for the issue.

This county's permanent school fund was realized from sale of county school land located in Lamb county, many years ago. The funds realized from sale of the land have been invested in various interest-bearing securities from time to time and had built up to a total of \$106,000 when the Fisher county bonds were purchased a few years ago. This amount had built up to \$108,000, which amount was sold at the \$25,000 profit in last week's deal.

In addition to the assured profit of \$25,000, the county stands to gain a few hundred dollars more in profit if the bond firm can sell the issue at more than that amount, the agreement specifying that all over the \$133,000 total realized from the bonds will be split between the firm and Crockett county.

The \$133,000 will be reinvested by the county in government bonds, Judge Smith said. Although bearing a lower interest rate than the Fisher road bonds, the government bonds will be more liquid and can be cashed and the fund reinvested in later years should some good bond investments be offered, it was explained. Further, the Commissioners felt it was unwise to keep the fund invested in one county's bond issue, although Fisher county finances at present are in good condition, because of uncertainties of the future. It was estimated that it will take ten years for the difference in the lower interest rate to eat up the profit from the sale, and in that time, the Court felt that new investments could be made to retain its profit.

County Still \$30,000 Short of 'E' Bond Quota

Small Investor Lag in Meeting Sixth War Loan Goal

Crockett county yesterday stood some \$30,000 short of its Sixth War Loan quota of Series "E" War Bond sales, Scott Peters, County War Finance Committee chairman reported.

Sale of Series E bonds yesterday stood at a little under \$45,000 on an assigned quota of \$75,000 in this class of securities.

Crockett county's overall quota in the Sixth War Loan is \$300,000, of which amount \$75,000 is to be sold in the Series E bonds. Little difficulty is anticipated in meeting the \$225,000 quota from large investors, Mr. Peters said. but it will require a real effort to meet the E bond quota.

3 FOR PHYSICAY EXAM

Three Crockett county registrants left by bus last night for Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for preinduction physical examinations. They were Samuel Luther, Juan Castillo and Luis Arista Hernandez.

Two Ozona Marine Officers, Veterans of Two Years of Bloodiest Pacific Campaigns, Recount Experiences in Talks to Rotary

Two United States Marine Corps officers, both native Ozonans and both veterans of more than two years in the thick of some of the bloodiest fighting against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific drive, held members of the Ozona Rotary Club and a number of guests spell bound for nearly an hour following the club's Tuesday luncheon when they recounted some of their experiences in the historic Pacific campaigns.

The two officers were First Lieutenant Welton H. Bunker, Jr., and Second Lieutenant C. Haskell Leath. Both were program guests for the day and in about twenty minutes each gave Rotarians and their guests a thrilling firsthand account of the early stages of the American drive which has relentlessly pushed the Jap back from the island outposts of his stolen empire.

Lt. Leath, first speaker, enlisted in the Marine Corps before American entry into the world conflict and was stationed at Pearl Harbor when the Japs made their sneak attack that touched off the forces now slowly but surely crushing out their national life. After Pearl Harbor, Lt. Leath, then a Marine Corps private, was returned to the States for a few months training and went overseas again in October 1942, landing in New Zealand. He won his commission in the field last summer.

His unit, the Second Marine Division, first went into action on Guadalcanal.

"That was after Lieut. Bunker's outfit (First Marine Division) had largely cleaned up the island," Lt. Leath explained. But there were two months of hard fighting for the Second Marines before they turned it over to the Army to hold and Leath went back for seven months more of training in New Zealand.

The next action Lt. Leath saw was on bloody Tarawa, where the United States Marines suffered the heaviest loss in any one engagement in the Corps' history. In five days of furious fighting, the Marines counted 1,026 dead on that tiny island.

"I went in with the first wave," Lt. Leath recounted. "They had told us that the island would be neutralized by prelanding bombardment. But when we started on we found that there were at least 7,000 Japs on the island who were anything but neutralized. In my platoon were 46 men and one officer and we got off with only 17. And our outfit was luckier than some. It was as hot the third day on the island as on the first, for it was so small that every Jap on it could shoot at you no matter where you were on the island."

Lt. Leath was attached to a platoon of assault engineers whose job was to blast out the Japs from it was to blast out the Japs from pill boxes, caves and underground fortifications with demolition charges and flame throwers. After five days of the furious fight on Tarawa, Lt. Leath's outfit was withdrawn and he returned to Hawaii for 5½ months more of intensive training, this time for a landing on Saipan island in the Marianas. In that invasion, Lt. Leath was in the third wave of Marines to land, fifteen or twenty minutes behind the first wave, he said.

"We encountered little small arms fire on the beaches at Saipan," he said, "but the Japs occupied the hills and from the high ground were able to pour lots of artillery shells at us. For the first five days, until we could secure the beachhead and bring in heavy equipment, we just had to sit and take it. It took 22 days to secure Saipan. Some of the boys went 14 days without removing their shoes and when they did, the bottoms of their feet came off with their socks."

There were always lots of Japs hidden in the interior after they called an island secure, Leath said, and these were either hunted down or left to starve. After a few days rest from the Saipan campaign, Lt. Leath participated in the fighting on Tinian island, while the Fourth Marine Division (Continued On Last Page)

Attendance Good At Baptist Fall Revival Meeting

Rev. L. D. Ball Preaching Fine Sermons at Daily Services

With fine crowds for each service, the annual fall revival meeting now in progress at the First Baptist Church is in full swing and will continue through next Sunday evening services, Ira Carson, chairman of the board of deacons of the church, announced this week.

Rev. L. D. Ball, pastor of the Sweetwater Baptist Church, is preaching at morning and evening services daily, and the Rev. O. L. Dennis of Tucumcari, N. M., is conducting splendid song services.

In addition to the regular worship services group meetings of the young people are being held each evening at 7:30. Rev. Ball speaking to the Young Peoples and Intermediate groups and Rev. Dennis to the Juniors. Evening preaching services begin at 8 o'clock.

"Rev. Ball is preaching some fine sermons and every person in Ozona should make special effort to hear him during this series of meetings," Mr. Carson declared. "The church extends a cordial invitation to everybody."

Rev. Ball has announced as his subject for the Sunday morning service, "Thrilling Words for Troubled Hearts" and for the final service Sunday evening, "What Shall I Do, Then, with Jesus which Is Called Christ?"

Sunday school classes begin at 9:55 Sunday morning and the morning worship service at 11.

Students Admire New Trophies Won By '44 Grid Squad

District Gold Football Award and Bi-District Ball on Display

Ozona High School students, and especially members of the district and bi-district 1944 football squad, may be seen in frequent huddles before the school's trophy case in the hallway near the west entrance.

They are admiring two new and important trophies added by this year's unconquerable football squad.

For the third time, and this time it will remain for all time, the district football trophy, a handsome gold ball, awarded by the district to each year's champion team, is on display in the case. When the trophy was first awarded a few years ago, it was specified by the district that the first team which won the trophy three times would gain permanent possession. The Eldorado Eagles had won it twice and Ozona Lion's twice up to this season—and the Lions romped through an undefeated season to take undisputed possession of the gold ball.

Another trophy from this year's grid season—the football used in play in the bi-district contest—is also on display in the trophy case. By agreement, the ball, an expensive item of the game, went to the winner of the bi-district contest and that 31-7 score the Lions piled up Friday against the McCamey Badgers left no room for argument as to who owned the ball.

The plate from the district football trophy, bearing the names of winners of previous years, is now in the hands of engravers in Fort Worth to be engraved with the legend, "Ozona, 1944." The football, denoting winner of the legend "Bi-District Champs—1944," with the name of the opposing team and the score.

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Skelton Unable To Speak Here On Argentina

Temple Attorney Sent On Gov't. Mission To S. America

Because he has been called by the government on a special mission to Argentina, in which country he served two years as special assistant to the United States Ambassador, Byron Skelton, Temple attorney, will be unable to give a scheduled lecture before an Ozona audience on the subject of Argentina.

In a letter to Ira Carson his host here on an annual hunting trip, Mr. Skelton advised of the government call and expressed regret that he would be unable to keep the appointment. Mr. Skelton had agreed to speak at the high school auditorium on the evening of December 5 on the subject of Argentina, a nation on which a great deal of attention is presently focused because of its attitude in the present world conflict.

Mr. Skelton, a graduate of the University of Texas, a Rhodes scholar from that institution in 1928, and at present practicing law in Temple, explained that the call for the special mission had come from the State Department in Washington and, being placed on a patriotic basis, he felt compelled to accept the call. He expressed the hope that he might be able to appear here at a later date.

TS&GRA Annual Meeting in San Angelo Dec. 4-5

Industry Leaders to Be Heard in Two-Day Sessions

Texas sheep and goat raisers will meet December 4 and 5 in San Angelo, Texas, for their 29th Annual Convention. Growers from all sections of the state are expected to attend. Several out-standing agricultural authorities are scheduled to address the two day session. The Honorable Grover B. Ture, will address the meeting on December 5.

"Although we have scheduled several interesting speakers, much of our program will be open discussion from the floor," declared Marsh Lea, Association President.

The current wool situation will be covered in addresses by J. M. Jones, Secretary of the National Wool Growers Association, Salt Lake City, Utah, and J. B. Wilson of McKinley, Wyoming. Mohair problems will be discussed by Sam C. Lukens, mohair purchasing agent for Collins & Aikman of Bristol, R. I. and Herbert Gregson of Sidney Blumenthal & Sons, Valley Falls, R. I. Lamb feeding and marketing problems will be presented by Walter Netch, Chicago, Illinois, Chairman of the War Meat Board and head of the lamb division for Armour & Company, and W. L. Stangel, head of the animal husbandry department of Texas Tech, Lubbock. Other speakers will include the Honorable Gibb Gilchrist, President of A. & M. College; Chas. A. Stewart, Traffic Counsel for the Texas Association, and C. A. Freeze, Tax Accountant from San Angelo.

A buffet supper honoring all Texas wool and mohair warehousemen is being given by the Texas 3. The San Angelo Board of City Association, 7:00 p.m., December Development will entertain all visitors and guests at a dance 9:00 p.m. December 4 at the Cactus Hotel.

Mrs. Vera Jo Fite, licensed beauty operator, has been added to the staff at the Hotel Ozona Beauty shop. Mrs. Lee Wilson announced this week. With Mrs. Fite and Mrs. Evelyn Haynie, regular operator, the shop now has two licensed operators on duty.

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Schools Observe Week-End Holiday For Thanksgiving

Students of Ozona public schools were released at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon to enjoy a four-day holiday in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

While many towns in the state observed the Roosevelt Thanksgiving of last week, Ozona schools and business firms chose to follow the state designated date of November 30, date of the annual Turkey Day battle between football teams of the University of Texas and A & M College.

Ozona schools will not reopen until the regular hour Monday morning, giving students and teachers an opportunity for a four-day holiday from classroom duties.

Trio of Artists In Concert Here Monday, Dec. 11

Varied Program Promised on Marimba Violin and Piano

The Music Makers, a trio of young women artists, will present a concert on the marimba, violin and piano in the high school auditorium Monday afternoon December 11, at 3 p.m., the third in a series of entertainments being brought here by the schools under sponsorship of the Boy Scouts. Admission charges will be 10 and 25 cents, with all proceeds over actual expenses to go to the Scout troop.

The program will feature Doris Stockton of Chicago, "America's First Lady of the Marimba," playing a magnificent \$2,000.00 Deagan Imperial instrument. Miss Stockton's musical education started at the age of seven, on the piano.

Trained for secretarial work, she was secretary to a prominent railroad official for some time when she decided to make music a profession. In the meantime she had taken up the study of the marimba with Clair Omar Musser. She was selected as soloist with a 150 piece orchestra in one of Chicago's greatest musical events. She also won first award in an 18 state contest of marimba artists. Miss appeared in a recital last March 5 at the Civic Theatre, Chicago, under the management of Bertha Ott, and was accompanied by members of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Clair Omar Musser.

Mavis King violinist, is a native Texan. She attended North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, and was soloist several seasons with the college orchestra. She received her Bachelor of Music degree last year and until joining this group was graduate violin teacher at NTSTC. Alma Lunsford, pianist, hails from Springfield, Missouri, where she attended High School and Southwest Missouri State Teachers Collge. She has played the piano ever since she can remember, and has had much experience as a soloist and accompanist in both high school and college.

These three young women will present a concert consisting of solo and ensemble numbers on the marimba, violin and piano.

Armentrout Receives Second Purple Heart For Saipan Wounds

CORPUS CHRISTI. — Private (first class) J. L. Armentrout of Ozona, Texas recently received from Captain J. R. Thomas, commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Hospital here, the Gold Star in lieu of a second Order of the Purple Heart medal.

Private Armentrout was awarded the medal for injuries received in combat at Saipan. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Armentrout of Ozona.

Mrs. Bright Baggett is in San Angelo this week for a medical check-up.

Lions Thump McCamey 31-7 For Bi-Dist. Crown

Locals End Undefeated Season in Brilliant Performance

Playing the most brilliant game of their undefeated season the Ozona Lions of Coach L. B. T. Sikes Friday afternoon sacked up the bi-district crown, the third Ozona football team to do so, administering a resounding 31 to 7 defeat to the McCamey Badgers on a rain soaked field in Ozona.

Despite the fact that the field was heavy from showers which fell throughout most of the morning, the champion Ozona squad uncorked a dazzling aerial and running attack that functioned mostly without a bobble to hammer the western district champions into groggy submission. Previously crowned undisputed champions of District 4B by virtue of a 5 game perfect season, the Lions staged a performance worthy of champions to win the bi-district crown, completely outplaying the visitors in every department and exhibiting a quality of team ability that marks the Lions of 1944 as worthy of a niche in the hall of fame of their alma mater.

The Ozona champions demonstrated their superiority before the game was many seconds old. On the second play of the game, after the Lions had received McCamey's kick-off, Bill McWilliams passed to Jimmy Read who raced 40 yards across the McCamey goal but was called back to the 29 where he stepped out of bounds. But the touchdown was made good a few seconds later when McWilliams tossed one to that ace end of the district, Byrd Phillips, on the 10 and he raced the remaining distance untouched for the first touchdown. Sweeten's attempted drop kick on the muddy field failed.

The Lions chalked up a second touchdown late in the first quarter, when Lowell Sweeten took it around end 14 yards to cross the McCamey goal. That touchdown sortie had started on the Lion 30 and it was Read, Sweeten, McWilliams, and a few passes mixed in, in a slashing attack which carried to the 14 and then Sweeten took it the rest of the way. This time an attempted place kick for the point failed.

The locals slowed down somewhat in the second quarter and it was about midway of that frame that the Badgers were able to make their first down of the game—one of only three made in the entire encounter to 14 for the Lions. Their attack bogged down, almost literally, because of the heavy field, the Lions sweated it out until the half. The warm sunshine which followed the rain rapidly dried the soggy field and it was greatly improved with the beginning of the second half.

The Lions pushed over two more touchdowns in the third quarter and the fifth in the fourth frame. They went to work for a third touchdown and a little more comfortable margin after receiving the Badger kick-off to start the second half on their own 35. Sweeten clicked off four. Womack a couple and Read made it a first on the Badger 45. Then McWilliams flipped to Read who galloped the remaining 45 yards for the third marker. This time Sweeten tried the line for the extra point and it was again a failure.

About the middle of the third, the champs repeated, again via the pass route and this time for about 35 yards. This time it was Ira Yancy, substitute back and an ace in the hole for the 1945 edition of the Lions, who gathered in one of McWilliams' accurate tosses and dodged through the Badger defense for a 35 yard gallop and another touchdown. This time Quarterback McWilliams took the ball himself for a try for that elusive point after touchdown, but with the same result that had attended the three first tries of the afternoon.

The Lions started the fourth quarter from McCamey's 30. Womack and Sweeten had failed in (Continued on Page 2)

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Lions Thump —

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three tries to make the necessary yardage and McWilliams flipped one to the ready arms of Byrd Phillips for a 17-yard gain to the Badger 10. After suffering an off-side penalty, it took another pass to Phillips to advance to the 1-yard stripe from where McWilliams darted through for the touchdown. A pass to End Joe Corbell accounted for the only extra point the Lions were able to score out of the afternoon's five touchdowns.

With a comfortable lead, Coach Sikes sent in his second string, those lads who are going to be called upon to carry the load next year, since nine members of the present squad will not be on hand in the fall, seven by graduation, one via the age route and one moving away. These lads—Cooke, McDonald, Word, Hoover, Yancy, Lemmons, Nat Read, Mankin, etc.—turned in a creditable performance in the few minutes they were in, but the Badgers uncorked a long, wild pass from Ozona's 48, Bob Pauley heaved a wobbler that M. Cooke, end, took on the 15, behind the Ozon a defense, and sauntered over for the Badgers' lone touchdown. B. Cook's place kick was good for the extra point. The second stringers stayed in for a little more thumping and then yielded to the first string to finish the final contest.

Ozona fans nominate for a place among the all-time football greats of Ozona High School the Lions of 1944—Byrd Phillips right end; Bill Wilkins, right tackle; Earl Tillery, right guard; Carlton Smith, center; Larry Arledge, left guard; Joe Perry, left tackle;

Joe Corbell, left end; Bill McWilliams, quarterback; Jimmy Read, Lowell Sweeten and Bill Womack, backs; and a capable array of substitutes, including Joe Ross Hufstetler, Don Cooke, Kerry Tandy, Sam Perner, Bob Bissett, Bill Hoover, Ira Yancy, Jack Coates, Max Word, Bernard Lemmons, Marshall Phillips, Marshall Sweeten, Nat Read, Ted Mankin and Leon Atkins.

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SPECIAL MEETINGS —

The First Quarterly Conference for the new Conference year will be held at the Methodist Center Monday evening, December 4th at 7:30 o'clock. All Official Members are expected to be present and all others are cordially invited to attend. Both the business and the policy making interest of the Church are a part of our Conferences. Come, and know the program of your Church.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education and the Workers Council will meet on Thursday evening at 7:30 at the Center. A number of improvements are being made at the Methodist Center building to make it comfortable

ble and adequate or all of our Church meetings except Church School and Sunday morning Worship. The Pastor's Study and Church Office are also located in the Center. Let's make it Methodist Headquarters here in Ozona until we can have a better Church Home.

American Indians Subject of Study at Club's Art Program

Ozona Woman's Club members enjoyed the annual Art program in a meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. B. B. Ingham with Mrs. Morris Dudley assisting hostess. The subject for the day's study was the American Indian.

Mrs. Chas. Williams was leader and in charge of an exhibit of arts and crafts of the Indians. Mrs. Williams discussed the history of the American Indian; Mrs. Hillery Phillips their art and Mrs. A. C. Hoover their religion. Mrs. Carl Colwick discussed legends of the Indians and examples were given by Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr. and Mrs. Stephen Perner. For the musical feature of the program Mrs. Neal Hannah played "Rain Dance" by Homer Grunn.

A business session preceded the program. New members introduced were Mrs. A. A. Carter and Mrs. Bert Couch.

Present were Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. B. B. Ingham, Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs.

A. C. Hoover, Mrs. N. W. Graham, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Will Baggett, Mrs. J. M. Dudley, Mrs. Neal Hannah, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Mrs. P. T. Robinson and Mrs. Chas. Williams.

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mont. Broadcast begins at 2:15 C.W.T. with Kern Tips, Ves Box and Charlie Jordan, three veterans of Southwest Conference football broadcasts, at the microphones.

Pvt. Bernie Adwell has been at home the past two weeks visiting his family. He received an emergency furlough to be at the bedside of his mother who has been ill in a San Angelo hospital. Pvt. Adwell left Monday to report back to Camp Wolters where he is stationed.

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The Rice-Southwestern clash, although not a conference game, will have great interest for fans. Broadcast of this game also starts at 2:20 over Stations WRR, Dallas; KFJZ, Ft. Worth; KBBC, Abilene; KBST, Big Spring; KGKL, San Angelo; KRLH, Midland; WACO, Waco and KWBU, Corpus Christi. Ves Box will be play by play announcer and Fred Nahas will describe color.

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Wonder what houses will be like in 1954? Air conditioned, of course. Deep-freeze facilities. Heating by means of pipes in the floor or walls, perhaps. Dish washing and waste disposal units, refrigerators and ovens with glass doors. It may be too early to plan your home, but it is not too early to plan saving for it. Buy all the War Bonds you can afford, put them in your safe deposit vault, and let them work for you. Put something in your bank account regularly so that you will have ready cash for emergencies. And sit back and watch your house being built, bond by bond... dollar by dollar.



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THANKSGIVING

Bang, boom, clang, whistle, bump—ouch! Whoa, Dobbin — I said Whoa! Euk!!— What's it all about? You don't mean to tell me you've drooled at home this happy Thanksgiving when you could be killing yourself on a beautiful ranch, do you? This scenery stretching for miles is thrilling with rare vegetation such as Opuntia (O.K. I won't get technical—prickly pear if you insist) on which I just so peacefully made a three point landing. You like to hike, don't you? Well, brother, come and join me and I'll tell you all about it while I limp over that fence, through two pastures, around that mountain, and through the canyon til I get to the road that shows me the way to go home. Ah—it's the wild life of nature for me— til I can find the quickest way back to that "Tin Pan Alley" show. I s'pose Dobbin has herded that little sheep back to the corral by now—someone once told me horses had more sense than the human beings he was acquainted with. Yipee — don't walk over there—that's reserved for the rattlesnakes. It's a shame they didn't get to come along with us, but I heard nearly all the teachers were going home this week-end. Yes, I'm very sarcastic but so was that triumphant whiny ol' Dobbin threw me a couple hours ago. Isn't that a gorgeous sunset—sure I'm thankful for it, and the turkey, and the scenery—yep, specially that new easy chair I got for my birthday. — Hi Bill! Doesn't he look swell in that uniform? Thanksgiving was never like this!

SOOOO, I SEZ TO MABEL—

The Ozona Lions are champs once more and the Lions of '45 are already thinking about next season.— Everyone seemed to be having a good time at the dance Friday night but from all reports the "backward" dance Saturday night can't be beaten.— Ex Charles McDonald was doing his bit in the cheering section at the game. He went to the dance with Doris Bean and his roommate went with Ruth.—Joyce's dream has finally come true. She went with Ex Billy Hannah to the dance.—Barbara and Larry were both out of school Monday. They must have had a gay ole time Sunday night.—Muggs has a hard time making up her mind just where she was Sunday at six. Whether she was with Bob Bailey or at home asleep, dreaming she was.—Carlton had a combination of lipstick on his collar Monday morning. He says it was Joyce's and Sue's, but we think it's Susie's.—Jimmy seemed very provoked at Louise after the paper came out last Thursday. No one can figure it out, not even Louise!—Earl has a tendency to fall out of top bunks. Sue must have had a strange effect on him Saturday night.— Ann and Bill Wilkins must have up quite a case. They've been together a lot lately.—Bill Mc doesn't call what he gives out a line but most of the girls agree that it is.— Lowell wrote Louise a very personal note in American History and it didn't concern Nan.—Bernard says that Jimmy is pretty good at giving out information on "how to act on dates."

WHAT IF—

The gold football didn't look so good in our trophy case?
Baby didn't try on Byrd's Senior ring for size?
Louise and Daphne hadn't gone to Lubbock and had a wonderful time?
Mr. Sikes wasn't so willing to explain in great detail how he killed a deer?
Bill Wilkins hadn't looked so happy over the week_end?
It wasn't so unusual to see the football boys in the Drug Store right after school?
The backwards dance Nan and Baby gave hadn't pleased the girls so much?
Corinne and Joe Ross hadn't had a long, very pointed conversation Saturday night?
Benny Gail and Billy Womack hadn't dressed alike for the dance?
Dick McDonald, who left Sunday, hadn't been honored with a dance Friday night?
Dorothy Ann, Lillian and Mary K. had enjoyed Saturday night more than they did?
More people would contribute to the Press Box? — Please!
Sue and Earl weren't a new two, some?
Baby and Bill McWilliams had-

n't been together Sunday night?
Larry and Barbara hadn't missed school Monday?

From the Mail Box—

Nov. 16, 1944
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Division "C"
%Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Cal.

Hello Gang

It really seems like a long time since I last saw you but hope to see you again very soon.

I get the Stockman and have really enjoyed the school page. I would like to congratulate the Football Team. I really do wish I were back playing for O.H.S.

I have been in three invasions since I've been out here and have really had a lot of excitement. I was at Saipan, Anguar and at Leyte.

I am a radar operator and I really enjoy my work. I can't tell you anything about it though it is really a wonderful contraption.

Well, I just wanted to let you know I am always thinking of you. Keep up the good work on the Lion's Roar.

Be seein' you,

Jimmy Farr
O.H.S. '43

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DICK McDONALD DANCE GIVEN FOR

A dance was given Friday night after the football game by Muggs Davidson in honor of Dick Lee McDonald, who is moving to Canyon. The Methodist Youth Fellowship presented him with a scarf as a farewell gift.

Cookies and punch were served to between sixty and seventy guests.

PEP LEADERS GIVE DANCE AND BARBECUE

Nan Tandy and Baby Hokit, pep leaders, gave a Backwards Dance Saturday night at the courthouse for their pep squad. The girls took the age old custom of the boy dating the girl and reversed it to their own advantage. Both sexes attempted to take the part of the other. The girls went to the door for the boys, opened doors for them, took their coats, got their refreshments for them, etc. Some even led on the dance floor. The boys pulled rear view mirrors out of place "to see if their noses were shiny," and brought innumerable objects for the girls to carry because "as girls they didn't have any pockets." The girls left the dance floor and went outside during a Paul Jones. The boys went to the powder room and stayed what

they meant to be an unreasonable length of time. When they came out they found the girls sulking. All this was an attempt on the part of each sex to show the other "just how they look."

The guests greeted their hostesses by thanking them for a nice time and Nan and Baby welcomed them by asking them to "Come again sometime." After a barbecue supper brought to the boys by the girls everyone danced "Home Sweet Home." The dances were dances were all girls' tag except all girls' tag except for a few scattered boys' tags. The hostesses asked their guests to come in and they returned said "Hello," and commented on the decorations, then departed.

SEE HERE, PRIVATE HARGROVE, Marion Hargrove with a foreword by Maxwell Anderson

Private Marion Hargrove, ASN 34116620, approaches life from a number of angles peculiarly his own. He approached the United States Army in the same way. Quite a number of sergeants who have served over Hargrove will testify to that. Indeed, he lets them testify in the pages of his book about what happened to him, and to the Army, when he joined it in response to a letter from Washington which began: "The President of the United States to Marion Hargrove, Greetings —" As the reader begins to discover the Army through Hargrove's eyes and Hargrove through the Army's he realizes that there is, after all,

a certain amount of excuse for sergeants.

"It's chief appeal is the neat mixture of sense and nonsense. It is just the sort of book which

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Marine Officers — (Continued From Page One)

stormed the Jap stronghold in landing operations, his division made a diversionary landing to draw the Jap fire from the main operation. "And we did," he said. On Tinian island, Lt. Leath said he witnessed some of the mass suicides of civilians and mass murders of civilians by Jap soldiers. "We were on a high ridge overlooking a valley into which the Jap soldiers and civilians had been herded," he said. "We could look down on them but could not get to them except after some two days of climbing down the cliffs. I saw Jap soldiers throw babies from cliffs and saw them tie bunches of civilians in huddles and set off explosives in their midst.

"Some of the civilians sniped at us or threw grenades, but most of them didn't have much choice between us and the Jap soldiers since they had been robbed of their food by the soldiers."

Lt. Bunker, who received his Marine Corps commission at Quantico, Va., after receiving his degree from A & M College was among a group of officers who were rushed to the Pacific theatre without much preliminary battle training in the States, so critical was the need for officers.

Lt. Bunker received his baptism of fire on Guadalcanal in the historic campaign of the First Marine division, the first step in the long march back to Tokyo. A hint of the boldness of that American operation was gained from Lt. Bunker's brief reference to the early attempts at landings on the island when strong Jap naval forces drove off the landing ships several times before landings were finally successful. He recalled that on one occasion a lone American cruiser took on a Jap task force and successfully dispersed it.

After they were relieved from the Guadalcanal campaign, the First Marines went to Australia to reorganize and re-form. Lt. Bunker said it was found that 98 percent of the men were suffering from malaria and other jungle diseases. He said that no more friendly people could be found on earth than the Australians and they were entertained royally as Marines from Guadalcanal hailed as saviors of Australia.

In the early stages of their training for the campaigns to come, Lt. Bunker's unit was loaded for a landing at Munda, but U.S. forces did not need help and they returned to Australia, he said. His next action was in New Guinea, Lt. Bunker recalled. He landed at Buna after that island had been "pretty well secured."

"There were still plenty of Japs in the interior, but they were giving little trouble and so there was no concerted drive to liquidate them," he said. "As part of our training, then, we decided to hunt Japs and that was what we did during our stay in New Guinea.

"I had my Christmas dinner a week early last year and on Christmas day 1943, we landed at Cape Gloucester on New Britain to secure the Bismark Archipelago and to cut off the Japs in New Guinea. That was by far the worst place I had been in so far as the climate, disease and general disagreeable conditions are concerned. The first day we landed the weather was clear and the sun shining. The next day it began to rain and never stopped for 21 days.

"We encountered little opposition on the beach at Cape Gloucester, but about two or three hundred yards inland it started."

On the beach at Gloucester he witnessed one of the greatest air battles of the Pacific, Lt. Bunker recalled. Some 200 Jap dive bomber and torpedo planes came in to bomb and strafe American landing ships and P-38 fighters went up to drive them off.

"They strafed us several times on the beach," he said. "On one run, I crawled under a truck for protection. The truck's motor was

shot out but I escaped injury since I was under the rear axle."

Lt. Bunker participated in a second landing on the island a few miles up the coast from Gloucester. This landing was without support from the navy and their only air cover was three Piper Cub observation planes to direct artillery fire. The Marines mounted a tank in the mouth of a landing barge and shelled the coast with the tank's guns as they came in for the landing. "That was our Navy," he mused.

After hunting Japs for several days, his outfit was withdrawn to another base and prepared for their biggest campaign the conquest of Peleliu and three other islands in the Palau group.

"I can't tell you much about that campaign for there has not been much of it released as yet," Lt. Bunker said. "I can quote you from a recent magazine article on the Peleliu fight that we suffered the heaviest casualties of any division in this war. A month ago I was on Peleliu and I can tell you that the fighting is tough. The Japs are well entrenched and that beach was well defended. Seven hundred yards off shore there was a coral reef and we had to wade in from that reef under mortar shell and machine gun fire from the beach. The Japs are entrenched in numberless coral caves and it is to be a cave by cave process of annihilation with flame throwers and demolition charges."

The Japs both Lt. Bunker and Lt. Leath agreed, try to hold the Americans by day and make their counter charges at night. "We fight during the day and they fight at night," Lt. Bunker said. "And we pray each night that they will counter attack because every time they made one of their Banzai attacks that saved us just that much work the next day in hunting them down." Lt. Bunker said that there were between 6,000 and 7,000 dead Japs in a mile square area in Peleliu.

"The weather was hot and you can imagine what it was like until we got things in hand and sort of cleaned up the place," he said. From Peleliu, Lt. Bunker, with a group of Marine officers flew 12,000 miles back to Abilene, Texas and from there came by auto to Ozona. He expects to rejoin his division after his present furlough is ended.

Both Lt. Bunker and Lt. Leath wear decorations and multiple campaign ribbons. Lt. Bunker wears the Bronze Star medal for gallantry, the Purple Heart for wounds suffered from Jap mortar fire, presidential unit citation and three battle stars. A fourth battle star is to be awarded for the New Guinea fighting, he learned after landing in the United States. Lt. Leath wears the Silver Star for gallantry in action, pre-Pearl Harbor and good conduct medals, and five battle stars denoting five major engagements in the Pacific theatre.

Lt. Bunker exhibited a large collection of souvenirs brought back from the Pacific battle field. In the collection was a Jap battle flag whose field was covered with inscriptions from friends of the Jap soldier, a Jap Marine's cap, a set of ebony wood chop sticks, Jap occupation currency a Jap soldier's pay account book, etc. One of the items was what Lt. Bunker called a Jap Bible. It was not our kind of Bible but one made up of sayings and writings of the emperor, with blank pages for the soldier to write other "verses" which the emperor might later issue. Another was a Jap soldier's address book. Lt. Bunker said that he had had it interpreted and that it contained names and addresses of girls, all living in Formosa. He opined he would keep that for future reference should he be among

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those who will ultimately take that Jap stronghold. Some of the Jap currency was destined to be spent in the United States, he said, some in Australia and some in the Dutch colonies. One of the interesting souvenirs was a Jap sniper's rifle, a short barrel type with a long Jap style bayonet.

"The rifle has a long history," Lt. Bunker said. "I haven't time to tell you, but it got lots of U.S. Marines before I got it."

Some of the Japs captured on Peleliu thought they were on Mare Island, U. S. naval base off the coast of California. Lt. Bunker said and some of them in Guadalcanal thought they were in Southern California.

DR. MCINTIRE HURT

Dr. F. T. McIntire, San Angelo physician and former Ozonan, suffered a broken leg last Thursday while horseback riding at the old Nasworthy place, near San Angelo which he has under lease. Dr. McIntire was attempting to mount his horse and had one foot in the stirrup when the animal bolted. The horse either kicked or stepped on the leg, shattering the shin bone just above the ankle. A Dallas bone specialist, who happened to be in San Angelo at the time, performed an operation on the injured leg to set the shattered bones.

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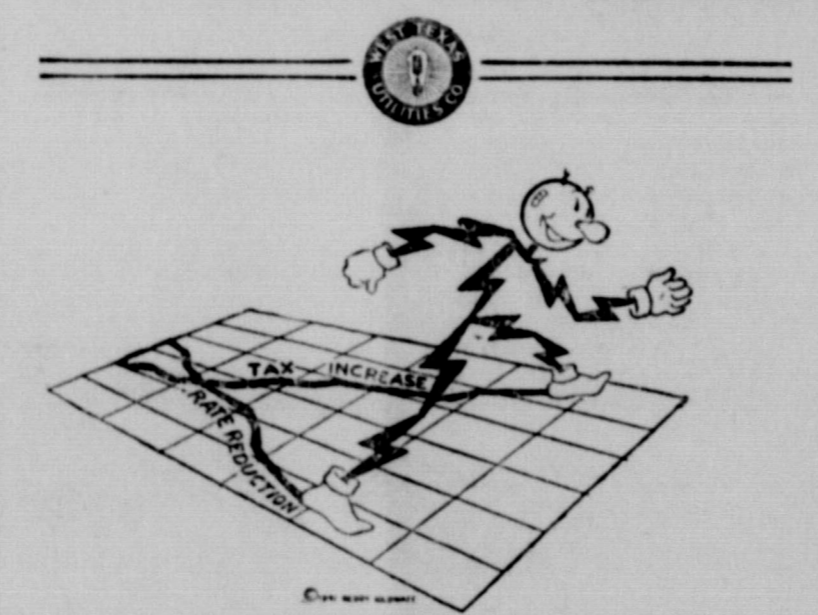
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