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## Lt. Walter Escue, Prisoner of War, Is Awarded DFC

### Ozona Bombardier Guided Ship to Target Despite Damage

Another saga of heroism of American fighting men in which an Ozona boy played a leading role is told in sketchy form in the language of a citation accompanying award of the Distinguished Flying Cross to Second Lieut. Walter Escue of Ozona, now a prisoner of war in Germany.

Lt. Escue was bombardier on a B-24 Liberator bomber based in Italy. The DFC award to the young airman was based on the heroic action of the crew on the plane's ill-fated flight of June 26, 1944, a "highly strategic bombardment mission against a target of high priority in Austria," in which the plane was savagely attacked by enemy fighter squadrons and fatally crippled. In spite of damage from enemy gunfire, which forced it out of formation, and flames which completely enveloped the doomed plane, the gallant crew rode it through the final bombing run, loosed its bomb load on the target and then bailed out seconds before the plane exploded and disintegrated in mid air, according to the citation.

Notice of the award to Lieut. Escue was given in a letter received here by Mrs. Alma Escue, the flier's mother, from Gen. J. A. Ulio, Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D. C. Since the award cannot be formally presented to the flier, it is to be presented to the mother at a date and place to be decided by the Commanding General, Eighth Service Command, Dallas, Texas, the letter informed Mrs. Escue.

"I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President the Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to your son, Second Lieutenant Walter H. Escue, Air Corps," the letter from General Ulio to Mrs. Escue began. The citation is as follows:

"For extraordinary achievement in aerial flight as crew of a B-24 type of aircraft. On 26 June 1944, this gallant crew participated in a highly strategic bombardment mission against a target of high priority in Austria. The destruction of this target was of paramount importance to the war effort and through the heroism, courage, coolness, decisive action and devotion to duty displayed by this crew, the accomplishment of this mission was greatly enhanced. Enroute to and over the target, their aircraft was savagely attacked by many determined en-

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## Bank Deposits Show Half Million Seasonal Decline

### Despite Income Tax, However, Total Million over Year Ago

Despite the fact that a seasonal decline in bank deposits was accentuated by heavy drains on balances of Crockett county citizens to meet income tax payments, deposits in the Ozona National Bank at the close of business Mar. 20 were approximately a million dollars above the same date a year ago, albeit a half million under the figure as reported at the beginning of this year.

Total deposits on March 20 were about a million under the present figure, reflecting the steady financial gain being made by the community.

Total loans for the latest reporting period had climbed by approximately \$200,000 from the first-of-the-year statement, from \$1,065,775.43 on December 30 to \$1,271,135.11 on March 20. This gain was made in regular loans, the bank's wool loan account to finance Commodity Credit Corporation's wool purchase program showing a slight decline from the first of the year.

## Parents Urged to Cooperate in County Scholastic Census

Parents of school-age children in Crockett county are being asked to co-operate in completing the annual scholastic census of the county, now in progress, with Claude Russell assuming the task of enumerating scholastics in the county.

Since every child enumerated in the county means approximately \$30 in state aid for the local schools during the coming year, it is important that every child be enumerated. All residents of the county, both newcomers and long-time residents, are urged to contact Mr. Russell and sign the enumeration blanks. Either parent or guardian may sign, and since the time is short in which to complete the enumeration this voluntary cooperation will be necessary if the census is to be completed on time.

## Victory Garden Growers to Get Water Concession

### District Offers 2,000 Gallons Monthly to Encourage Gardens

Since government officials continue to predict food shortages the balance of this year, therefore, encouraging Victory gardens again this Spring, officials of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District have decided to offer again the 2,000-gallon-free water concession each month as an inducement to Ozonans to plant and tend Victory gardens this year.

The Victory garden special is already in effect, from the last meter reading on March 25, the 2,000-gallon credit to be allowed on all water bills for the month of April, according to announcement by Manager Bill Cooper.

The 2,000-gallon credit will be allowed only after the first 5,000 gallons used in any one month. Victory gardens must occupy a minimum space of 125 square feet, under the rules of the plan, and Victory gardeners must report their gardening plan sometime this month to the water office in order to qualify for the free offer.

## Committee Plan Clothing Drive in Meeting Tuesday

### Ozonans Asked to Donate Used Clothing For War Relief

Plans for Ozona's participation in the United National Clothing Collection for the millions of destitute peoples in war-devastated lands abroad will be formulated at a meeting of the local committee, headed by the Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Methodist Church, at the Methodist Center at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 3. Rev. Carter announced this week.

The steering committee for the drive will be composed of representatives from each organization in the city. At the Tuesday meeting the committee will discuss means of conducting the local collection drive and will organize the campaign in the light of national planning.

Participation in this drive, which is scheduled to get under way April 1, are the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and more than 50 of the volunteer war relief agencies. The goal of the campaign is 150,000,000 pounds of serviceable used clothing to be sent to war ravaged areas all over the world for relief of the civilian populations.

The collection will include all serviceable items, clothing for infants, boys, girls, men and women. Such clothing will be gathered in communities all over the nation, sent to some assembly point and there cleaned, repaired and distributed to designated areas.

## Ozona Children Immunized after Diphtheria Case

### Mexican Child Dies of Disease; No New Case Has Developed

Diphtheria immunization was in order for several hundred Ozona children this week following the death of a 7-year-old Mexican boy Friday morning in a San Angelo hospital from an attack of the disease. The child, son of Lucia Vela, became ill early last week and when Dr. G. L. Nesrsta was called in Thursday, the disease had developed to the critical stage. The child was rushed to San Angelo and given anti-toxin treatment but died Friday morning.

In a mass immunization session at the Community Center Wednesday afternoon, Dr. Nesrsta gave the immunization shots to 388 Mexican children of all ages. Several hundred Anglo-American children have also received the immunization during the week.

Dr. Nesrsta reported last night that no new cases of the disease had been reported in the town. All children known to have been exposed to the Vela child have received anti-toxin treatment and it is believed that the disease will be kept under control.

## TSGRA Officers Explain Work of Grower's Group

### Ray Willoughby, Vestal Askew Speakers at Rotary Meeting

Benefits of organization for the promotion and protection of the sheep and goat and wool and mohair industries were cited when Ray Willoughby, president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, and Vestal Askew, secretary of the organization, spoke before the Ozona Rotary Club at its Tuesday luncheon to explain the workings of the grower association and to "put in a plug" for greater support on the part of growers and business interests generally to this largest livestock organization in North America.

Mr. Willoughby, prominent West Texas ranchman who was named to the presidency of the Sheep and Goat Raisers Association at the annual meeting in December, declared that in the complex and highly competitive world of today, cooperative effort on the part of every industry is necessary if that industry is to survive and prosper. There are 17,000 sheep and goat producers in the state of Texas and only 10,000 members of the TSGRA, he said. The primary purpose of the organization is to protect the industry, he declared, there is a place for everybody in it, for the grower and for all supporting business interests. For an outline of the functioning and services of the association, Mr. Willoughby introduced the veteran secretary, Vestal Askew, who has served in that capacity for several years and has represented Texas growers in many battles for the industry's advantage in Washington and Austin.

Mr. Askew traced the history of the Association from its organization in 1915 at a meeting of ranchmen in Del Rio. He pointed to the brilliant record of an Ozona rancher, T. A. Kincaid, Sr., as president of the organization in the trying days of its beginning. Mr. Kincaid served the group twelve years as president, and Mr. Askew declared "there is no telling how much of his own money and time he spent in his untiring efforts to serve the industry."

Pointing out that Association's activities and accomplishments benefit all growers as well as those who are members, Mr. Askew named but a few of the many services on behalf of the membership and sheep and goat raisers generally, the list including the government's wool purchase program; effort, successful so far, to prevent a ceiling price on mohair; (Continued on Last Page)

## Pvt. Jas. E. Davidson of Third Army And Famed Bostogne Rescue, Back in States Recuperating from Trench Foot Infection

Disabled by "trench foot" contracted while engaged with units of General Patton's hard-fighting Third Army sent to rescue the trapped 101st Airborne Division in the Bostogne area during the famed December breakthrough, Pvt. James E. (Slim) Davidson is back in Ozona for a 28-day furlough from Camp Carson general hospital at Colorado Springs, Colo. Mrs. Davidson had gone to Colorado Springs to visit her husband after he had been evacuated from England by plane to the States, and the couple arrived yesterday for a visit with Mrs. Davidson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sparks.

Pvt. Davidson, who went into the service in April, 1944, shipped for overseas service on October 22, 1944, landing in France November 16 at St. Avoird France, and was in the front line fighting of the Third Army across France and to the German breakthrough area until Christmas day, when he came off the line a victim of the dread and often crippling trench foot.

From the front lines, he was brought to the evacuation hospital at Metz, France, and thence to Paris, where he spent five days before being flown back to England, landing there January 6 to remain until two weeks ago, Mar. 13, when he was loaded aboard a transport plane and flown to Mitchell Field, N. Y., and to Colorado Springs for treatment in the general hospital. The flight across the Atlantic took just 23 hours from Scotland to New York, Pvt. Davidson said.

"It was pretty rough," Pvt. Davidson said of the fighting in the Third Army sector of the German breakthrough. "It was 10 below zero and wet. You could dig a foxhole a few feet deep and it would fill with water and then freeze." As for the fighting, he said his unit went up with 15,000 men and came back with only 8,000.

As a result of the exposure, wet and cold, Pvt. Davidson suffered also from arthritis and doctors thought for a time he had suffered a back injury as a result of being "bounced," as he put it, by a big shell, but aside from the trench foot, he was uninjured. "But that's enough," he commented.

Pvt. Davidson was granted a 28-day furlough for a visit home after which he will report back to the Camp Carson general hospital for further treatment.

## Squad of 24 Boys Out for Spring Grid Practice

### 10 Lettermen to Form Nucleus for '45 Defending Champs

Coach L. E. T. Sikes, looking to the fall struggles in defense of the District 7-B football crown in the 1945 campaigns, has had his husky squad of gridiron prospects, 24 in all, going through Spring practice during the past two weeks and the boys are showing every sign of presenting another serious threat for the district gonfalon come autumn weather, Coach Sikes declares.

With a nucleus of ten husky lettermen to build to, Coach Sikes believes that he has the makings of another fine Ozona gridiron crew. These ten veterans, five backs, two ends, a guard, a tackle and a center, will tip the scales for an average weight now of nearly 146 pounds, and come fall that average weight is expected to be shoved up several pounds. Weights now run from 125 to 175 pounds in the group. And from the reserves, there is promising material, both in performance and in weight, and all in all, Coach Sikes is not too downhearted about decimation of his championship squad this year via the graduation route.

As lettermen for next season's starters there's five husky backs, (Continued on Last Page)

## Blazing Well Still Defies Control Efforts

### Fire Fighter Crew to Attempt to Kill Oil Flow with Mud

After boiling smoke and flames in a seething cauldron for nine days, Conoco No. 13, which blew in a producer from the Ellenburger formation Tuesday of last week and caught fire from a nearby electric plant in operation at the rig, still defied the efforts of oil well fire fighters who have been at work all week in an effort to bring the blazing oiler under control.

Fire fighters yesterday had completed cutting the Kelly above the gushing hole which is feeding the roaring flames at the rate of an estimated 50 to 60 barrels of oil hourly. An ingenious method for cutting the drill stem was devised by the fire fighter crew, a long cable being wrapped about the pipe and attached at either end to a winch truck, the cable being drawn back and forth, passing through water before entering the fire area, until the stem was finally severed.

With this obstruction out of the way, the fire fighter crew planned next to attempt to place a fitting into the well casing and to pump mud into the hole to kill the oil flow and thus extinguish the flames. Workmen have been busy during the week removing red hot fittings, derrick wreckage and other metal from the burning pit in preparation for the attempt to snuff out the flames.

## Seven Crockett Men Leave Tonight for Pre-Induction Exams

Seven Crockett county men will leave tonight by bus for Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio for pre-induction physical examinations at the Army induction station. In addition to the Crockett county registrants, there will be four others, transferred from other counties, to go with the local contingent.

Included in the local group will be Charles McDonald, L. M. Morrison, Jr., Levon Parker, Robert Lee Holden, Lester J. Allen, Jose Hernandez Gonzales and Ethard Glover. The four transferred here include Stanley N. Heap of Dallas, Dewayne Clarence Anderson of Monahans, Willie R. Downs of Coleman and Elbert R. Haire of Paris, Texas.

## Red Cross Knitters Urged to Complete Knitting of Socks

Mrs. Roy Henderson, chairman of the local Red Cross knitting production program, this week urged all women who have taken yarn quotas for knitting socks to complete the work and turn in the finished socks as soon as possible. More help is needed in getting out the chapter's quota of knitted socks for service men, Mrs. Henderson said, and she urges those who have taken yarn to finish the knittink and get more yarn from her to help finish the lot. Some forty to fifty pairs are yet to be knitted from the yarn on hand, Mrs. Henderson said.

## ABILENE MAN TO PREACH HERE SUNDAY

James A. Fry of Abilene, minister of the Church of Christ, will preach at the regular worship hour Sunday morning at the Church of Christ in Ozona, church officials announced here this week. All members of the church and other friends are cordially invited to hear the speaker.

Jim Ad Harvick, A. S., U. S. Navy, is here on leave for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Seaman Harvick has been in training at San Diego.

## Pablo Diaz, 19, Killed in Action In France Mar. 15

### Second Son of Ozonan Killed; Third Prisoner of Germans

For the third time in a span of some seven months an Ozona mother has received a telegram from the adjutant general's office, War Department, conveying news that one of her sons is among the mounting casualty lists of Americans in this war.

That mother is Enemencia Diaz, and of her three sons in the U. S. Army in the European theatre, two are dead and the third is a prisoner of the Germans.

The third telegram was received Tuesday morning announcing that Pfc. Pablo S. Diaz, 19, was killed in action in France on March 15, 1945.

The other two sons, Pfc. Manuel Diaz and Pfc. Lucio Diaz, were both captured by the Germans, Lucio on August 7 and Manuel on October 16, 1944. Manuel Diaz was wounded before being captured and died the following day in a German prison camp, according to information conveyed to the mother by the War Department through office of the International Red Cross. Lucio is still a prisoner of the Germans, confined in Stalag 7A in Austria.

Manuel and Lucio Diaz were both riflemen of the 117th Infantry, 30th Division, while Pablo was a rifleman with the 157th Infantry, 45th Division, all fighting in France.

Pablo, youngest of the trio, entered the service from Ozona on July 17, 1944. He was here early in December to spend a furlough with his mother before shipping for overseas duty in January of this year.

Surviving are the mother and two younger brothers, Bekie, 17, and Teodulo, 14, and four sisters.

## Concert Group Presents Program Here April 4th

### Hugo Brandt Musical Organization Sponsored by Schools

Under the sponsorship of the schools, with the Senior Class to receive any profits from free will offerings from the audience, the Hugo Brandt Concert Company will be heard in a variety program in the high school auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, April 4, at 3 o'clock.

The musical organization has been popular throughout the United States for a number of years. The personnel this season consists of Eleanor Gall, soprano; and Louella de Windt, alto; and Mr. Brandt, pianist.

The afternoon's program will consist of vocal and instrumental numbers grouped for a varied and entertaining hour. Mr. Brandt's ability to play almost any number requested by the audience and his combination of dozens of melodies into a "Musical Fruit Salad" is an outstanding feature of the program.

This musical program is the last of a series of six entertainment groups brought to Ozona this year under sponsorship of the schools. No admission charge is made, but a free will offering is taken at each performance, the first \$30 of such collection being used to pay for the entertainment, the balance going to the sponsoring group, the Boy Scouts and the Senior Class having shared this year's series.

Seven such programs have been booked for the school next year, C. S. Denham, superintendent, announced this week. The series will consist of musical programs, a magician show, dramatic artist, juggling and trained dog acts, a science feature and variety programs. Dates for the appearance of the entertainment groups here will be set during the summer months by the booking agency.



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### Holy Week Program Is Featured at Meet Of Woman's Society

The Woman's Society of Christian Service met in the home of Mrs. R. A. Harrell Wednesday afternoon. The Executive Board met at 10 o'clock a.m. to complete quarterly reports and to plan the next quarter's work. A covered dish luncheon for members of the Society was served at 12 o'clock, followed by a special Holy Week program, "A Day Apart," with Mrs. Scott Peters as leader.

On Tuesday, April 3, at 3 p.m. in the home of Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., the book, "Anna and the King of Siam" by Margaret Landon will be reviewed by Mrs. Joe Ripple. All ladies of the church are invited.

On Wednesday, April 4, at 3 p.m. at the Methodist Center, the first lesson of the Spring study course, "The Unfolding Drama in Southeast Asia" will be given. This is a very timely and informative study of conditions and post-war planning for this section.

The Society's bazaar opened at 10 o'clock this morning at the Methodist Center.

Present for yesterday's meeting were Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. Scott Peters, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. Jack Wilkins, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. E. B. Baggett, Jr., and Mrs. R. A. Harrell.

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Mrs. Sherwood Story, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brock of Ozona, underwent an appendectomy in a hospital in Iran Monday. She was reported doing well the middle of the week.

Sgt. C. W. Tallaferra, who recently completed his training in the States as an aerial gunner, has landed in Italy and has been assigned to 15th Air Force for active duty against the enemy, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Tallaferra of Ozona have learned.

Mrs. A. A. Carter, Jr., whose husband is in the Naval service, is visiting her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Carter.

N. W. Graham is in a San Angelo hospital where he is recovering from an operation performed last Saturday.

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Sheriff, Crockett County

### Music Program Is Featured at Meeting Of Woman's Club

A business meeting and musical program was enjoyed by members of the Ozona Woman's Club in regular session Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Joe Pierce and Mrs. S. M. Harvick as hostesses.

After a business meeting, presided over by the president, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. Lee Childress discussed Primitive Music and Mrs. J. M. Dudley "Modern and Ultra-Modern Music." Illustrations of the types of music discussed were given at the piano by Miss Katie Sue Good.

Sherbet and cookies were served to Miss Katie Sue Good, Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Mrs. Neal Hannah, Mrs. P. T. Robinson, Mrs. J. M. Dudley, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. Hubert Baker, Mrs. O. L. Simms, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. Lee Childress, Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. Charles Williams and Mrs. Joe Pierce.

### THE METHODIST CHURCH A. A. Carter, Pastor

### PRE-EASTER AND EASTER SEASON - 1945

Friday evening, March 30, 8:30 p.m. — A Good Friday Service — Methodist Center

Easter Sunday — April 1  
Easter Service — 11:00 a.m. at high school auditorium.

Infant Baptism

Reception of new members.

Special Crusade for Christ offering for World Relief and Reconstruction.

Easter is always a high-point on the Church Calendar. It comes but once each year and I am sure no one will want to miss the Easter opportunity to worship the Lord in scripture, prayer, song, sermon and in the Church Rites.

Mrs. James Childress is in Fort Hill, Okla., to be with her husband, Pvt. James Childress, who is in training there.

Elmon F. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Powell of Ozona, recently discharged from the Army, visited here last week. Powell is employed by Boehme's Bakery in San Angelo.

Lt. and Mrs. Bill Clegg are here for a visit with Mrs. Clegg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Carson. Lt. Clegg, who has been stationed at San Angelo, will be transferred soon to a new station in Florida.

### NOTES FROM SHERIFF'S OFFICE

By Sheriff Frank James

Take all old license plates off your car — attach the 1945 plate.

You must have 1945 plate on the rear of your car on and after April 1.

Check up on your driver's license. Don't let them run out.

This is "Safety Week" in regard to driving. School authorities are stressing safety, especially motorists passing the school grounds and driving slowly at 12 and 3 o'clock when the school children are on their way home. The speed limit of 30 miles per hour should be observed more cooperatively on all downtown streets. Boys should not ride bicycles on sidewalks in front of business buildings.

In a town of this size, one has plenty of time to travel about at the set speed limit. Fortunately no one has run over a child — but let's slow down and keep that record, rather than break it.

The Sheriff's Department confiscated 13 cases of beer and

four quarts of whiskey from three of the colored population of the county and each was fined for transporting liquors into a dry county.

### Widespread Interest In Revival Meeting At Baptist Church

Mounting interest was being manifested in the revival meeting which got under way Sunday morning at the First Baptist Church here, attendance showing a steady increase at each service.

The preaching is being done by the pastor, Rev. Wm. Waldrop, who came here in January as pastor of the local church to succeed the Rev. Clyde Childers. Song services are being directed by Ed Lovell of Somerville, Texas, evangelistic singer.

A cordial invitation is extended by the pastor and church to Ozona people to attend services during the remainder of the revival period. The meeting will continue through April 3rd. Services are held each morning at 10 o'clock and evening services start at 8 o'clock.



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**MANY WOMEN SAY:** "But I never have fats left over." Certainly it's good economy to re-use your fats...but there's always some left over even after that...and that little is more important than you can imagine. Only one tablespoonful of used fat will help make 5 machine-gun bullets. So there just can't ever be too little to save! Come on, everybody, scrape your broiling pan, your roaster, skillet. Save meat trimmings and scraps of fat left on plates.



**OTHERS TELL ME:** "But my fats are often too dark to turn in." It doesn't make a mite of difference how dark or blackened...or what smelly things like onion or fish you've cooked in your fat. Every drop of it will help make parachutes, synthetic rubber, soaps for the fighting and war fronts. Don't feel ashamed to hand it in to your butcher. If you save every bit of fat you possibly can, you're doing a job to be proud of!



**THEN YOU HEAR:** "But what sort of container will I use?" Any kind of tin can will do. The next time you open a can of fruit or juice or soup or vegetables, save it. But please don't use glass...it almost always breaks and makes the fat difficult to salvage. When the can is full, take it to your butcher. For every pound, you'll get 2 red points. If you have any difficulty disposing of your fats, call your Home Demonstration or County Agent.

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# THE LION'S ROAR

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### JUST GOING AROUND

Bill Mc seems to be in quite a few about something or other. Few people know the exact details at the trouble seems to be about 10 Senior girls.

Daphne and Carlton have up a case from all accounts, and it is rumored that there is a lawsuit involved.

Bill Wilkins is sporting a new spring haircut which is completely devoid of the "winter red" — and, by the way, most of the black. Incidentally, it won him a new nickname, "Egghead."

Billie Rose claims that their mail box is strictly for Patsy's use. She seems she gets about three letters a day, lucky girl.

Joyce's trim ankle is encircled with a very lovely gold ankle bracelet, a gift from none other than the "Willy" McWilliams, in person.

Lefty seems to have had quite a time keeping Benny Gail in the car while he went to play practice.

Ted Mankin seems to have a great deal of trouble getting the exact measurements of the library desk. Nobody knows exactly why but he gives the impression that it is urgent. By the way, I think now is as good a time as any to pay tribute to this remarkable young record breaker. He really went over the top by earning five detention hours in just one study hall. Congratulations!

Two old exes, Jim Ad Harvick and Boochie Coates are home and two others, Chappo Morrison and Charles McDonald leave Thursday night for a physical.

Lowell entertained quite a few girls at play practice Tuesday, he kept wanting to know if they were "mad at him, too."

The freshmen are conscious of the spring weather, too. Jane is wearing Buddy (P.)'s ring.

Corinne got what someone described as a "cool" letter from Ricksprings.

Be sure and come to "Every Family Has One" tonight at 8:30, High School Auditorium.

### BOOO, I SEZ TO MABEL —!!

Spring must be here for keeps (knock on wood) and just seven more weeks of school. Goodness, how time flies. — Nan is doing all the good. Saturday night, Lowell (reckon they could be starting

all over?) Sunday night Bill Wilkins, Monday night Lowell again, and Tuesday night Bill Mc. — Louise was with Leroy Clemens ("the Shoulders") Saturday night. Seemed to be enjoying herself, too. — Larry had a date with Joy Coates after play practice Monday night. Barbara went with Jimmy. — Ann, Sue and Corinne were with Lynn Lester and Chap- no Saturday night. — Be Phillips and B. Womack are still in the groove. Always together and always having fun. — Elaine is back in school. Of course, she can't climb the stairs yet but we're all glad to see her back again anyway. — Sue Beasley and Bob Bissett really have up a case (a sad case). She walks in the drug store and immediately he walks out. — Jane Augustine was with Mike Friend Sunday night. — Jo Nell had a date with a little blonde called "Rink" Saturday night. Come on, Jo, tell us where he came from. — The Senior Play is really gonna be a wow. Don't miss it! Tonight - 8:30.

### THE SHOW MUST GO ON

First, for publicity's sake, I must mention to everyone that the following does not have anything to do with the way the senior play will turn out — because the senior play is going to be worth your money — we hope! You've heard the old saying that the play will be a success if the dress rehearsal is bad? We hope so — because some of the characters are having trouble locating costumes before the dress rehearsal — and we may have to do without — the rehearsal, I mean. If we couldn't have a dress rehearsal, we would be in as much suspense as the audience.

Joyce is going to rig up a small microphone so you can hear her subtle voice — oh, I mean her subtle jokes! That is, she's going to use the microphone if Bill McWilliams carries out his threat to get a noisier typewriter so no one can hear the can hear the love scenes she plays except him!

Byrd is looking everywhere for pink vitamin pills. He wants to know what he's taking — and camel tablets don't appeal to him.

Bill Womack is practicing up as Doctor Frankenstein. The noises he produces by his mechanical genius are nothing short of miraculous — although they always occur at the oddest moments — before the cues instead of after them.

Lowell and Barbara have quite a surprise in store for everyone. Can this have something to do with the "one" in the title of the play? Don't know — guess I better buy a ticket from one of the Seniors and see for myself Thursday night.

### O. H. S. AT HOME

"The Lady of the Lake" was finished this week with "Oh's" and "Ah's" from the freshmen. Now they are about to come to blows over whether they shall cast Ronald Coleman or Clark Gable as James Fitz James in their screen production. Bob Bissett insists that if they will wait only a few years he will be a natural for the blond, romantic lead, Malcolm Graeme.

Six week's exams coming up are certainly no happy thought, but the Juniors are convinced that if they live over American Literature, they can take anything else in their stride. Right now they have learned some new superstitions to add to their list. For instance, "Be sure to burn every hair that drops from your head, for if a bird finds one and uses it to help build its nest, your mind will leave you until that nest drops to pieces.

Here are some answers found in a note to the question: If you were out on a lonely island, what would you miss most?

Barbara: The male service.  
Mugs: Freshmen who giggle.  
Bill W: and  
Max: Girls  
Mr. Sikes: Coca-Cola (He never drinks them).  
Billie Rose came in after her "vacation" and said, "Will you tell a stranger the assignment?"  
"The Fleet's In" — that afternoon when Seamen Coates and Harvick established a position in the dry dock of O.H.S.

The talk of the town, of course, is the Senior Play. This will be a

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### Girls Outrank Boys In A Grades Among Ozona's Collegiates

Although girls heavily outscored the boys in the number of A grades scored, the boys held a slightly better average for the number of F's or failing grades among Ozona High School graduates attending the various colleges and universities this year, according to a composite report of grades received by Supt. C. S. Denham.

The report covers four boys and 15 girls from Ozona now at institutions of higher learning. The girls chalked up a total of 25 A's for a percentage of 17.3 of total grades earned while the boys scored 2 A's for a percentage of 7.1. Failing grades numbered 7 among the girls, a percentage of 4.8 while the boys had only one failing grade, a percentage of 3.5.

In English alone, the girls proved much more capable, chalking up two A's and 7 B's, while the boys could not get above the C grade, three with that grade and two with D's. Two of the girls, however, came up with F's.

### NAMED TO STUDENT BODY

CANYON. — Charles McDonald, freshman at West Texas State College here has been selected as a member of the Student Rostrom. This organization will appear on public programs and will represent W.T.S.C. in discussion groups. Charles is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan E. McDonald of Canyon, former residents of Ozona.

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Pierce left Tuesday for Fort Riley, Kans., to visit their son, Lt. Miles Pierce, who expects to leave soon for overseas duty.

### Army to Give College Qualifying Tests for 17-Year-Olds Apr. 12

AUSTIN, Texas. — Seventeen-year-old young men throughout Texas will have an opportunity April 12 to take Army College qualifying tests for the Army Specialized Training Reserve Program, Dr. H. T. Manuel, University of Texas education professor and regional director of the AST-

The tests are open to young men whose 17th birthday falls between October 1, 1944 and August 31, 1945, and they will be held in local high schools.

Assignments to the program will be made in July, August, and September 1945. Reports of the tests will be sent to Eighth Service Command Headquarters in Dallas.

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ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts including \$1,760.60 overdrafts)	\$1,272,895.71
2. United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,153,325.00
3. Obligations of States and political subdivisions	92,426.88
5. Corporate stocks (including \$6,000.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	6,000.00
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	770,601.76
7. Bank premises owned \$6,000.00, furniture and fixtures	6,000.00
11. Other assets	1,270.44
12. Total Assets	3,302,519.79
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	2,413,999.60
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	129,200.00
15. Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	378,653.27
16. Deposits of State and political subdivisions	115,587.15
19. Total Deposits	\$3,037,440.02
24. Total Liabilities	3,037,440.02
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(c) Common stock, total par \$100,000.00	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided Profits	65,079.77
29. Total Capital Accounts	265,079.77
30. TOTAL LIABILITIES and CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,302,519.79
MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(a) United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed, pledged to secure deposits and other liabilities	732,500.00
(e) Total	732,500.00
32. Secured Liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of laws	479,866.01
(d) Total	479,866.01

STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF CROCKETT, ss:  
I, Lowell Littleton, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LOWELL LITTLETON, Cashier  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1945 (SEAL)  
Mrs. Joe Oberkamp, Notary Public, Crockett County, Texas.

CORRECT — Attest W. W. West, J. M. Baggett, Scott Peters Directors.

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**Senior Play to Be Presented in Auditorium Tonight**

Members of the Senior Class will present their annual class play in the high school auditorium at 8:30 tonight. "Every Family Has One" a three-act comedy by George Batson is the vehicle by which the class will show off its dramatic talents for the entertainment of the townspeople and students.

Admission charges will be 55 cents for adults and 30 cents for students. Advance ticket sales indicate that a good crowd will be on hand to witness the performance.

The play is under the direction of Miss Virginia Craven. Members of the cast include Ruth Townsend, Nan Tandy, Marie Williams, Louise Arledge, Daphne Meinecke, Jimmy Read, Barbara White, Bill McWilliams, Byrd Phillips, Larry

Arledge, Joyce West and Lowell Sweeten.

Bill Womack is stage manager, Joy Hubbard, Elaine Oathout and Barbara White in charge of advertising and Rosalie Lemmons and Ada Ballard, properties.

Proceeds from the presentation will be used by the class toward the purchase of its parting gift to the school, a trophy case to be added to hold the growing collection of trophies garnered by O.H.S. athletic teams.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Schwalbe of Hope, N. M., were here this week for a visit with Mr. Schwalbe's mother, Mrs. Fayette Schwalbe, and other members of the family. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Williamson of Carlsbad, N. M., parents of Mrs. Verne Schwalbe. Mrs. Fayette Schwalbe accompanied her son and daughter-in-law back to Hope for a few weeks visit.

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**Squad of 24 Boys -**

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Bill Wilkins with 175 pounds; Ira Yancy at 140 and lots of speed; Max Word and Nat Read, both at 125 pounds but with plenty of speed, and Bernard Lemmons who can put in a lot of drive with his 140 pounds.

For the line, there's that three-year veteran, 170-pound Joe Perry at tackle and 158-pound Carlton Smith at center as the spark plugs, reinforced by Bill Hoover, 140 pounds, at guard and Joe Corbell, 145, and Don Cooke, 140, at the ends.

The rest of the squad contains some excellent material. Included are Charles Ratliff, 170 pounds guard, out last year with a leg injury; Joe Ross Hufstедler, 135, good at end or center; Bob Bissett, 115-pounder and Kerry Tandy, 135, for guards; Buddy Phillips at 160 for tackle and Joe Harris, 130, another end. More materials for the back position are Ted Mankin, 115; Jack Coates, 110; and Ray Piner, 95. Sam Perner, 115, and Chris Perner, 105, are trying for ends; Charlie Davidson, weighing 110, is grooming for a try at center and Lynn Hicks, 130 and Don Hoover, 140, for tackles.

**TSGRA Offers -**

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freight rate fights; efforts to bring about an increase in the Texas truck load limit; advertising to promote use of wool and mohair to combat the encroachment of synthetic fibers, and numerous other activities and services of the organization.

Mr. Askew explained that a uniform system of dues collection had been inaugurated a few years ago by the association, grower dues being 10 cents per bag on wool and mohair, the fee being collected by the warehouse and remitted to the association. Membership includes subscription to the Sheep and Goat Raisers Magazine and the National Wool Grower, he said. Associate memberships, to business men, corporations, etc. are \$5 a year.

A number of Ozona ranchmen were guests for the day's program.

**Lt. Walter Escue -**

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enemy fighters.

"A direct hit on the bomb bay was scored and large clouds of smoke and flame poured from their aircraft. Dropping to a lower altitude in order to protect the rest of the formation, the heroic crew continued toward the objective. Fighting off successive waves of enemy aircraft, each man remained at his post. After successfully bombing the target, the crew pulled their stricken aircraft away from the formation.

"Although the aircraft was by this time completely enveloped in smoke and flames, the entire crew parachuted to safety. Seconds later, the aircraft exploded and disintegrated in the air. Through this heroic and extraordinary display of courage, coolness, teamwork, determination and devotion to duty in fulfilling their assigned mission, regardless of their personal safety, this crew has upheld the highest traditions of the Military Service, thereby reflecting great credit upon themselves and the Armed Forces of the United States of America."

Lieut. Escue is being held in a German prisoner of war camp for American fliers at Stalag Luft I, about 100 miles north of Berlin on the Baltic coast.

Mrs. A. W. Jones has returned from Christoval, where she has been for the past two weeks, and has announced that she will re-open her health and body building studio in her home Tuesday, April 3.

Lee Pearce, auto mechanic formerly employed here at the Wilson Motor Co., will soon return to his old stand as head of the Wilson mechanical department, it was announced this week. Mr. Pearce was here in 1942 and has lived in Austin for the last two years.

**World Peace Plans Topic for WMU Meet**

Members of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union met in the home of Mrs. Ernest Dunlap Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Green Mankin assisting Mrs. Dunlap as hostess.

An interesting program on "The Things Which Make for Peace in Tomorrow's World" was presented. After the program, an Easter basket of gifts was presented to Mrs. Pink Beall by little Bill Waldrop.

Refreshments of jelly roll and coffee were served to Mrs. T. J. Bailey, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. J. T. Keeton, Mrs. S. L. Butler, Mrs. O. C. Webb, Mrs. J. T. Patrick, Mrs. Lewis Williams, Mrs. H. A. Gustavus, Mrs. William Waldrop, Mrs. Pink Beall, Mrs. Ernest Dunlap, Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. Green Mankin and Miss Leta Powell.

**NOTICE**

The Ozona Theatre is observing the Midnight Curfew Law.

Please try to be on time for the two shows in order to see a complete show. The first feature will start about 8:15, the second about 9:45 or 10:00.

All lights must be out by 12 midnight.

Thank you,

Mrs. B. B. Adwell, Mgr.

**Men's Class to Meet in Auditorium**

Beginning next Sunday morning the Men's Bible Class of the Methodist Church will change its Sunday morning class sessions from the Methodist Center to the High School auditorium, C. L. McDonald, class teacher, announced.

**Ozona Scout Leaders Attend Ranch District Meeting in Sonora**

Three Ozona Boy Scout leaders, Lee Wilson, chairman of the local Scout committee and Ranch District chairman; Frank James, member of the local committee and district Neighborhood Commissioner, and Bill Cooper, Scoutmaster of Troop 53, attended the Ranch District meeting of Scouters held in Sonora Tuesday night. H. C. Grafa, president of the Concho Valley Council, San An-

gelo, was present for the gathering. Representatives from a number of towns in the district were on hand for the gathering, and reports indicated Scouting on the upgrade throughout the Ranch District area.

A special Easter program will be held next Sunday morning and all men of the community are invited. Mrs. V. I. Pierce will act as pianist for the class.

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The only conditions attached to this offer are:

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