



# The LETTER BOX

Again we call attention to the Aquatic School at Camp Mystic, Hunt, Texas, which starts June 1, 1941, for instructors in First Aid and Water Safety and Life Saving. Anyone wishing to take this course will please lose no time in getting in touch with one of the branches of the Red Cross either at Cisco, Rising Star, Gorman, Ranger or the County Chapter at Eastland.

The chapter would like to have as many as a half dozen to take either one or both courses.

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## Zeke Sez

By Nugent Ezekiel Brown

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(Spl.)—"The last of the old statesmen has passed." Morris Sheppard, senior

senator from Texas, is no more in this mortal life. The whole of Capitol Hill, particularly the Texas delegation, was shocked when word was flashed early Wednesday morning of last week that the senator had passed away at the Walter Reed Hospital to which he had gone only five days before. The writer saw and talked with Senator Sheppard in his office in the Capitol on Thursday, April 3, his last day there. The dean of the Senate was in his usual good humor at the time, apparently in the best of health. One of his friends from Texas, R. D. McCain of Daingerfield, was there at the time. They were even then discussing plans for the 1942 campaign when the senator would have run for his sixth term.

D. Roland Potter, private secretary and close adviser to Senator Sheppard during the last eight

years, says of the passing of his boss: "The last of the old statesmen is dead. Never will we have another man like him here in the Senate. He was here during three transitions of history, the period before the World War, the World War days and the depression period later on. He had the respect of all his colleagues. Although sometimes accused of being idealistic, Senator Sheppard always lived up to his ideals. He held the highest respect of his private secretary and his confidential stenographer, two sure signs that he was truly a great and good man." Such tribute to the late senator, from his close associate, is the greatest compliment man was ever paid.

Senator Sheppard's body lay in state in his beloved senate chamber for three hours Thursday afternoon, before the departure of his train for Texarkana. When the senate convened at the noon hour, there was a great hush as the chaplain delivered a very beautiful prayer. Senator Tom Connally then simply announced his colleague's death, after which the body adjourned. Later, they formed a group to enter the chamber and pay last respects to the body of the great statesman. Senator Connally earlier had paid tribute to his senior in the following words: "He was a man of unimpeachable integrity. In private life, he was the synonym of purity and probity. Overwork and exhaustion struck him down at the post of duty. I feel a deep, personal loss. In public life, during a service of 38 years in Congress, he was a faithful, industrious, able and patriotic servant of the people. His personal relations were of the most tender character. He was an honest man. Texas and the nation have lost a distinguished, faithful and patriotic public servant and an outstanding citizen."

There were literally thousands of tributes and expressions of sympathy for Mrs. Sheppard and the three surviving daughters, one of whom had married less than two weeks before her father's untimely death.

### Immediate Results of Senator Sheppard's Death

Washington circles were alive, over the week-end, with rumors as to the probable successor to the senator. Up here, it was thought by many that a race between Congressman Martin Dies and Governor O'Daniel is in the immediate offing. However, those close to the governor believe he will name either Carr P. Collins of Dallas or Jim West of Houston, personal friends, to the temporary appointment, to serve until after a special election to be called soon. Employees in the senator's office

were assured they would be kept on the payroll for 30 days longer. But none of them count on being fortunate enough to work for the senator's successor, such being the custom of politics. A successor could well afford to keep the services of Secretary Potter as the latter would be worth a year's service in putting the new senator in touch with matters here.

### Texas Girl Named "Queen of Capitol Hill"

It remained for a diminutive, vivacious, pretty Texas girl, Bonnie Patton, 21-year old daughter of Congressman Nat Patton of Crockett to "make" the headlines hereabouts last week. For Bonnie won the title of "Queen of Capitol Hill" following a spirited contest among the members of the "Little Congress," an organization composed of secretaries and other employees of Congressmen.

Miss Patton is the charming receptionist to the lady members of Congress. As such she has become very popular. Backed 100 per cent by the Texas and Southern delegations, Bonnie won over three other popular girls. In addition to the title, she won a trip to New York City for Easter Sunday, leading a delegation of 300 from Capitol Hill. She will be featured in Life magazine in addition to nation-wide newspaper publicity and her friends claim she may get a bid from Hollywood before it is over. This pretty young lady from the Piney Woods of East Texas is the first girl to be chosen for this honor, setting a precedent. Her father, "Cousin Nat," was all smiles as a result of his daughter's success.

### J. H. BURKETT TO BE SALUTED OVER RADIO

J. H. Burkett of Clyde, Callahan County, celebrated for discovering and developing the Burkett pecan, will be saluted over the new and popular radio program, "I Give You Texas and the Great Southwest" by Boyce House next Sunday at 12:45 p. m. over KGKO.

Mr. Burkett, though 80, is still active in the field of agricultural research. He is the father of Representative Omar Burkett, who represents Eastland and Callahan counties in the Legislature.

### ELIGIBILITY OF REGISTRANTS

A man convicted of a felony, but who receives a suspended sentence, is still eligible for induction into the military service if otherwise subject to the Selective Service Act, it was announced at State Headquarters.

General J. Watt Page, State Director, pointed out that this rule

applies in those cases in which the suspended sentence is still pending, as well as in those cases in which the suspended sentence has been set aside.

"All Texas Selective Service boards have today been instructed to check their classification records, and to reclassify and induct in the order of their order numbers all registrants heretofore placed in Class IV-F as felons who come within the purview of this ruling," General Page said.

### SALADS FORM A SUBJECT FOR 4-H CLUB MEETINGS

"Salads from your own frame garden," was the key phrase from the demonstrations conducted over the county by assistant county home demonstration agent Alice Wheatley as she showed 4-H club girls how to use green and yellow vegetables.

Carrots were used as the yellow vegetables in salads because of its high nutritious value and its popularity with the girls. It was found that the majority of the girls preferred new carrots to cooked ones.

"A few spoons of grated carrots with some raisins and enough salad dressing to moisten makes a tasty, nutritious, and attractive salad when it is served on a lettuce leaf fresh from the garden," said Miss Wheatley.

Next month which is May, will be devoted to care of windows beginning with cleaning and then go into making and caring for curtains for the girls' bedroom.

Miss Wheatley will meet with all clubs in the county next month by the original schedule beginning the first Monday and going on in the order that they come.

Peggy Dixon, Billy Bob Stewart, Mary Frances Stubblefield and Weldon Kirk were visitors in Eastland Saturday night.

D. W. Alsop and family of Rucker were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leander Bennett Monday.

Mrs. Joe Loughry returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

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Mrs. Dorothy Schwartz of Comanche was a guest of Louise Baker Tuesday. Louise accompanied her home and stayed until Thursday.

Mrs. J. E. Brewer of Abilene accompanied Frank Dean and Jimmie to Arkansas where she will visit relatives.

Marjorie Grisham and Doyle Linder were visitors in Eastland Saturday night.

Mrs. W. E. Meaders and sons, Bill and Bob, of Glen Rose were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Wylie and family last week.

Junior Stone and Weldon Humphreys of Brownwood spent the week-end here with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stone.

Sylvia Rodgers of Fort Worth spent last week here visiting her parents.

Ruby Jean Love, Gene Mauldin, Jo Stewart, Bob Kirk, Bertha Faye Snider and Joe Bob Browning were visitors in De Leon Saturday night.

Mrs. J. H. Wylie of Winnsboro, Texas, is spending the week in the home of her son, T. C. Wylie, and family.

Dennis Norton of Weatherford spent Sunday here visiting with Miss Rosa Lee Jobe.

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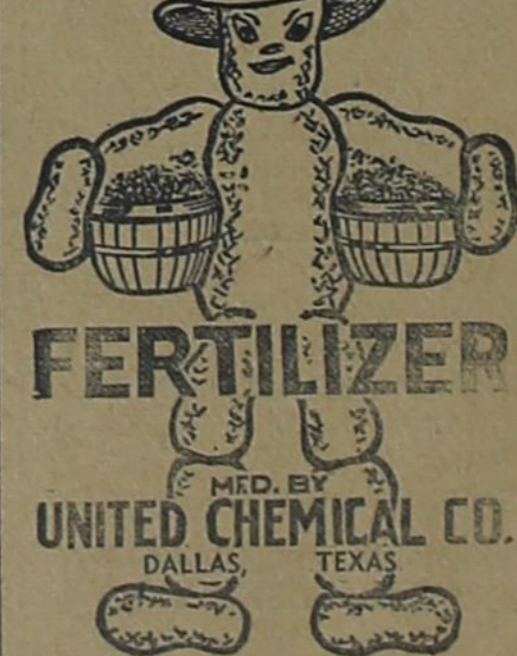
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# LOCAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Palmer of Lubbock have been in the C. T. Moorman home to be with her father the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ode Monroe are visiting in Little Rock, Arkansas this week.

Z. O. Mehaffey, T. C. Mehaffey, Amos Eaker, Dr. Edward Blackwell and Ed Sutton left Wednesday afternoon on a fishing trip to Lake Buchanan.

Miss Iola Chambers and J. W. Virden attended the rodeo in Dublin last Friday night.

Peggy Frances Underwood of Eastland spent Thursday here with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pittman and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hamrick were visitors in Ranger Sunday.

Mrs. Jimmie Ellison is in Austin visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gene Ellison.

Mrs. Andrew Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert and children, of Carbon, spent Friday in Brownwood.

Calvin and Clifton of Goree have been here the past week or so with their father, C. T. Moorman.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Underwood and children of Eastland were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrow and Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood Sunday.

Mrs. Millie Warren of Los Angeles, Calif., is here to visit her mother, Mrs. Mahan. To the older residents she will be remembered as Millie Hall.

W. J. Ormsby, Bob Moseley, B. F. Pendarvis and Dick Ormsby attended the rodeo in Dublin Friday night.

Virginia Pullig, Sara Stewart, Sam Richey, Neill Sutton and Bob Kirk of Tarleton spent the week-end here with their parents.

Miss Lois Lowry and Mrs. Hill accompanied by Mrs. Luther Wright were visitors in Brownwood Saturday.

Mrs. W. D. Harper of Abilene has been at the bedside of her father, C. T. Moorman, for the past few weeks.

Mrs. Eva Harper has been here several days with her father, C. T. Moorman.

Dr. C. D. Judd, who was formerly County Superintendent of Eastland county and is now teaching in T. S. C. W. at Denton, spent the week-end with Dr. and Mrs. Stubblefield.

Mrs. Bert Bennett is spending the week in Fort Worth visiting relatives.

Mrs. John Slaton was a visitor in Ranger Tuesday.

Mrs. Ben Fulbright, who lives in Dallas with her son, L. H., is visiting friends here this week.

Miss Mary Dell Stewart of Denton spent the week-end here visiting her parents.

Miss Elva Shell was a visitor in Abilene over the week-end.

Imogene Love spent the week-end in De Leon as a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Loudermilk.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Gilbert and children of Carbon were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Underwood, Monday night.

Melvin Shell was a visitor in Austin Sunday.

Odell Kirk spent the week-end in Austin with Mr. and Mrs. Ardell Kirk.

Elder and Mrs. Herman Echols of Pleasanton are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leandar Bennett and other relatives. Elmo Franklin, who is making his home with them, is visiting his mother.

S. H. Huckabee of Abilene came in Tuesday night from Corpus where he had been to visit his daughter, Mrs. Peckham. He stopped for a visit with friends who are always glad to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clea Alsbrook of Overton arrived Tuesday night to see his mother and to be present at her 87th birthday dinner on Wednesday. They are enjoying being back and seeing old friends again.

Mrs. Helen Darby returned Friday after several days spent in Louisville, Ky., flying there from Dallas, the previous Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Ormsby was in Austin the first of the week to take the State Board examination in Beauty Culture.

Mrs. Whitfield spent Sunday visiting relatives in Dublin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Blair were visitors in Abilene Sunday.

Joe and Ed Harrison of Ranger were here over the week-end.

### YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE CHARGE OF SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

The young people of the Methodist church had charge of the Sunday evening service this week and rendered the following program:

Talk - Mary Ruth Moorman.  
Trio - Rex Carnes, Katherine Webb and Glenn Mehaffey.

Piano number - George Edward Eppler.

Talk - Glenn Mehaffey.  
Piano duet - Peggy Dixon and Minnie Lee Ormsby.

Mary Frances Stubblefield was the leader.

It appears that the initials CIO which the public is told means Congress of Industrial Organization is a misnomer, it should be Communists Issues the Order as this group is associated with too many of the strikes where labor is employed in the National defense program.

## I Give You Texas

By Boyce House

The wheel of events spins and we are today where the world stood nearly a century and a quarter ago, which makes timely and significant the words of Robert G. Ingersoll regarding another military genius whose far-reaching ambition at last resulted in his own downfall:

A little while ago I stood by the grave of Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a dead deity, and gazed upon the sarcophagus of black Egyptian marble where rest at last the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world.

I saw him walking on the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris. I saw him crossing the bridge of Lodi with the tri-color in his hand. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the crags. I saw him in Egypt in the shadow of the pyramids, where thirty centuries looked down upon him.

I saw him in Russia where the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipsic in defeat and disaster—clutched like a wild beast—banished to Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius.

I saw him on the frightful field of Waterloo where Chance and Fate combined to wreck the fortunes of their former king. And I saw him on the lonely isle of St. Helena, with his hands clasped behind his back, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea.

I thought of all the orphans and widows he had made—of the tears that had been shed for his glory—and of the only woman who ever loved him thrust from his heart by the ruthless hand of ambition. And I said: I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes; I would

rather have lived in a hut with the vines growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the amorous kisses of the autumn sun, with my loving wife knitting by my side as the day died out of the sky—yes, I would rather have been that man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial personation of force and murder known as Napoleon the Great.

This columnist is about to realize a long-cherished ambition; to have a radio program of my own. Beginning Sunday, April 27, and each Sunday thereafter, at 12:45, during the noon hour, you can hear the "I Give You Texas" man over KGKO. Hope you'll like it.

Reading the papers:  
The man who brags, "I run things in my house," usually refers to the lawn mower, washing machine, vacuum cleaner, baby carriage and errands. —Comanche Chief.

Salesman—I represent a wool company, lady. Would you be interested in some coarse yarns? Lady—Gosh, yes; tell me a couple. —Lometa Reporter.

The army has a language of its own, colorful and often more expressive than plain English. If you hear a soldier say, "Two brass hats and a padre just went by in a jeep," the soldier merely means two members of the general staff and a chaplain drove by in a reconnaissance car. —Cross Plains Review.

Under existing laws, if it can be shown that there is a public

need, railroads can operate truck lines. During the past two years, railroads have applied for 23 permits and 21 were granted. Now, however, it seems that at least some of the railroads want to repeal that provision in the truck law that they must show public convenience and necessity. Now county judge, no city official nor the Highway Department would have anything to say as to operations over the highways. And what about public safety—a subject about which railroads have long been deeply concerned? Opponents of the legislation declare it would eliminate the small independent truck operator whose competition has given to the consuming public store-door delivery with lower rates and faster service.

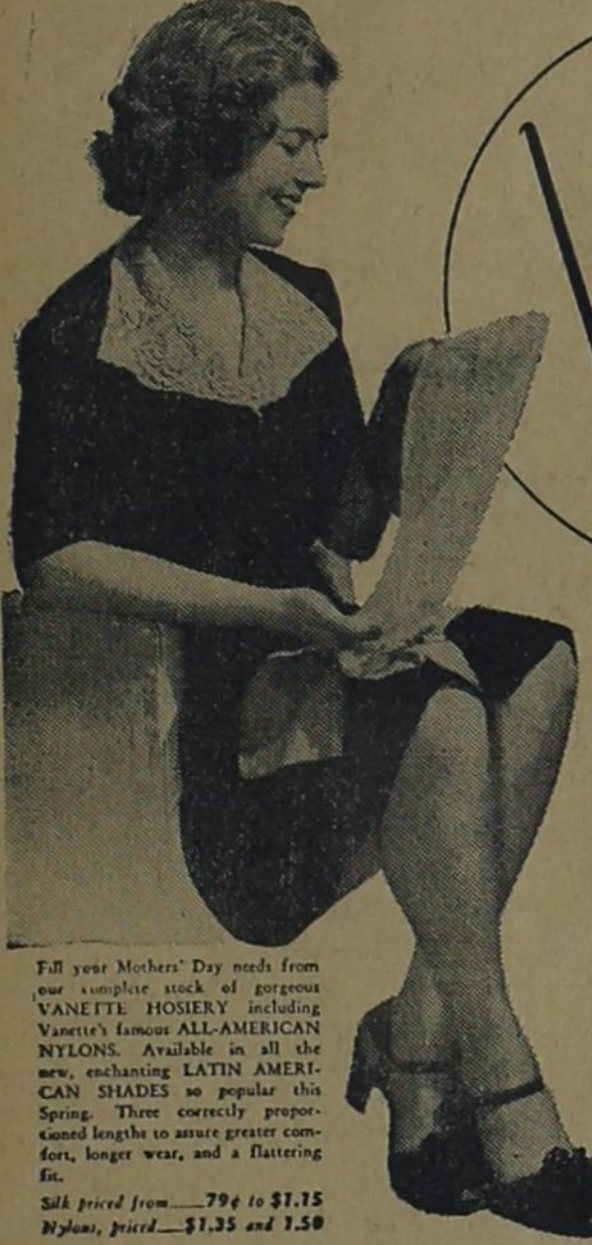
Gaspard Neal's Newcastle Register is responsible for these jokes: A very pretty nurse who was attending a masculine patient reported, "Doctor, every time I take his pulse, it gets faster; what shall I do?" The doctor replied, "Blind-fold him."

The owner of a new car was asked how it was running. He replied, "I can't get her throttled down." His friend then inquired, "How's your wife?" And the man answered, "She's the same way."

A job-hunter was offered a position as a lion tamer. The circus owner assured him, "It's easy; all you have to do is to show the lion you are not afraid of him." The man said, "No, I couldn't be that deceitful."

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