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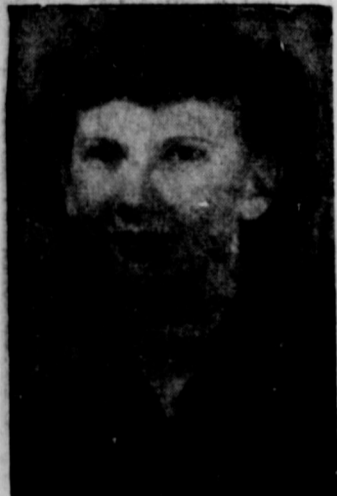
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Russian Armies Converge On Odessa

HOME ECONOMIST



Miss Mary Sue Herndon above, has been named Home Economist by the Lone Star Gas Co., for the southern portion of its Abilene district which includes Eastland.

Miss Herndon Is Lone Star Gas Home Economist

Appointment of Miss Mary Sue Herndon as home economist for the south portion of Lone Star Gas Company's Abilene Division of Distribution, which includes Eastland, has been announced by M. L. Bird of Abilene, division superintendent. Miss Herndon will aid homemakers in cookery problems and in the preparation and conservation of food under war time restrictions. Mr. Bird said she will assist customers in securing greater efficiency in operating gas-fired kitchen equipment. Her services will be available for all customers of the gas company.

A native of Nashville, Arkansas, Miss Herndon attended Magnolia A. & M. College at Magnolia, Arkansas, and Texas State College for Women at Denton where she received her B. S. Degree in foods and nutrition. She joined Lone Star Gas Company home economics department last November when she was stationed in Dallas to undergo a company training program. Prior to coming with Lone Star Miss Herndon served as assistant home-making supervisor for the Farm Security Administration at Hampton, Arkansas; home making teacher for the Elaine, Arkansas, schools, and dietitian for the Children's Hospital of Texas in Dallas. While in Dallas, Miss Herndon was a member of the Dallas Dietetic Association and the Highland Park Baptist church.

"Adequate food and its proper preparation is one of the most highly important elements in our struggle for victory," said Mr. Bird. For this reason we believe the services of Miss Herndon will be of great benefit to our customers as we consider it our responsibility to assist gas customers in obtaining the very best use from their gas service and gas appliances. Modern gas appliances, when properly used, conserve food and fuel, and after the war they will be even better than they ever were. But until the war is won, everyone must take care to keep gas ranges, water heaters, refrigerators and house heating equipment in the best possible operating condition."

Corrected List Workers Wearing Service Stripes

Mrs. R. C. McCarter, Record Chairman, Surgical Dressing Division of the American Red Cross, states that through a misunderstanding as to the number of hours required to earn a service stripe for work in the surgical dressing rooms of the American Red Cross, an erroneous list was sent in from the Cisco Chapter and that the following list is correct:

—Your Blood May Save A Life—
SCHOOL TRUSTEES
K. B. Tanner, F. T. Crowell and E. H. Jones were re-elected as members of the Eastland Independent School board at the annual election held Tuesday.

COUNTY GOES OVER QUOTA IN MARCH SALES

Cyrus B. Frost, county chairman for the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, has issued the following statement with reference to the sales in March:

"Again Eastland County does the usual by over subscribing her March quota of \$51,400.00 by more than fifty per cent. Cisco leads all other towns in the county by a wide margin with Eastland second, Gorman third, Ranger fourth, Rising Star fifth, Carbon sixth and the other communities in the amounts hereinafter set out, making a total for the month of March of \$76,113.50. When you add to this the employer-employee credits, which will finally be reported to this office, approximately another \$10,000 will be added."

A breakdown of sales for March follows:

Cisco	\$32,670.20
Eastland	\$19,371.25
Gorman	\$11,996.25
Range	\$6,674.90
Rising Star	\$4,889.25
Carbon	\$337.50
Olden	\$127.50
Seranton	\$18.75
Pioneer	\$14.50
Okra	\$5.90
Dothan	\$3.50
Nimrod	2.90
Desdemona	has not as yet reported.

"Before we have hardly had time to get on our feet again from the Fourth War Loan which was put over during the months of January and February, the Secretary of the Treasury did on April 1, 1944, announce the Fifth War Loan Drive to begin June 12, 1944, and end July 8, 1944, the amount of the loan to be Sixteen Billion Dollars and all to be purchased by individuals, partnerships, corporations and other business interests except commercial banks. Of the Sixteen Billion dollars, Six Billion is to be purchased by individuals alone. This will be the largest individual assignment since the beginning of World War No. 2."

"Our regular monthly quota for April has not been announced yet but it will in all probability be the same as the quota just oversubscribed for March and as we go about subscribing for our part of the April quota, let us begin to shape out business in such a way that we will be ready to meet our duty when the Fifth War Loan Drive opens on June 12, 1944."

Again your County Chairman, together with all local chairmen and committees wishes to thank the citizenship of this county for more than doing its duty toward the financial effort of this war."

AAA Office Ready To Accept Dairy Production Bills

Dairy Production Payment on whole milk during March and April will be 60¢ per cwt. Butterfat rate will be 8¢ per pound. The same procedure will be followed as in the past months. Payment will be made direct from the AAA Office to producers who furnish satisfactory evidence of sales.

Receipts showing date, name of seller, name of buyer, and amount of sale will be considered satisfactory evidence. Those who are unable to furnish written evidence may make a personal certification of the amount sold, number of cows milked, amount and type of feed used, and customers served. This type of evidence may be accepted by the committee if consistent with the committee's knowledge of the producer's business.

—Wanted: A Pint Of Blood—
\$2 County Board Members

W. P. Roach of Rising Star, president of the County Board of school trustees, and J. Frank Dean of Gorman, were named as members of the five-member county board in the election held Saturday.

MANGUM DAM PROJECT IS DISCUSSED

Aims and purposes of the Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation District were discussed by R. D. Collins of Mineral Wells, general manager of the district, before the Eastland Rotary club Monday.

Fred Brown, member of the Rotary club and in charge of the program for the day, introduced Collins. Accompanying Collins from Mineral Wells were Allen Quinn, district manager of the Texas Power and Light Company, and Homer C. Tatum, treasurer of the Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation district. Tatum formerly lived in Eastland and was one time Eastland City Manager.

The purpose of the Brazos Valley organization is not to produce power as some have thought, Collins said, but to conserve and store water on the water shed for domestic and commercial use and to prevent floods that have been and are still causing loss of life and millions of dollars damage.

The Mangum dam, in which all of Eastland county, is interested is a part of the Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation district project, Mr. Collins said. He gave many facts and figures showing the value of flood control and soil conservation to the county and especially in the Brazos watershed.

It has been the plan of the district, Mr. Collins pointed out, to construct a certain number of master dams, such as the Possum Kingdom dam, and then constructed a series of dams on the upper portions of the watershed and that the Mangum dam is one of these lesser dams. He stated that in all probability the Mangum dam would be constructed in due time.

Construction of the Mangum dam, it was pointed out by Mr. Collins, would make it possible to secure industries for this immediate section that at the present would not consider locating here because of the lack of sufficient water.

Mr. Collins stated that the authorities of the Brazos River district are endeavoring to get the United States Army to send engineers to survey the Mangum dam project.

A number of visitors from the Lions club and from other towns in this section attended Monday's meeting of the Rotary club.

C. S. Eldridge To Run For Office Of County Judge

C. S. (Claiborne) Eldridge of Desdemona has authorized this newspaper to announce that he will be a candidate for the office of county judge in the coming democratic primaries and he earnestly solicits the vote of the Ranger people.

Eldridge has resided in Eastland county for the past 33 years and is at present superintendent of schools at Desdemona. He is 52 years of age and served 14 months in service during World War I. He has been an active church member, a member of the American Legion and the Masonic Lodge.

He is the father of two children, a daughter who is a graduate of Ranger Junior College and a ten year old son.

Eldridge stated that he will make a formal announcement of his platform in the near future.

AS CASSINO FELT ALL-OUT ALLIED ATTACK



EARTH AND RUBBLE rocket skyward in geyser-like formations as the ancient Italian town of Cassino takes a terrific air and artillery bombardment from Allied planes and guns. This is an Official United States Army Signal Corps photograph.

Abilene Man Buys Business In Eastland

Marvin Lewis, owner and operator of the Royal Crown Bottling Company in Abilene, this week purchased the Nehi Bottling Company business and plant owned and operated in Eastland by Louise Rifkin. The Nehi building in which the plant is located no other real estate owned by Mr. Rifkin was included in the sale.

Mr. Lewis announced that Barney Shoemaker, who for the past two or three years has been connected with the Royal Crown Bottling Company of Abilene, will be in charge of the Eastland business. Mr. Shoemaker is moving his family to Eastland and will occupy the Rifkin residence on West Main street near the bottling plant. He formerly lived in Gorman and in Eastland is well known to the bottling trade in this section.

Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Shoemaker stated that it was their purpose to take care of the splendid trade that Mr. Rifkin had built up and been serving and to improve the service.

Mr. Rifkin, who has been in the bottling business in Eastland for the past 25 years, stated that he was retiring from business in order to take a rest. "I am retaining my real estate interests and home in Eastland, but will be away some of the time as it is my plans to travel some," Mr. Rifkin said. He expressed his appreciation for the business given him over the quarter of a century that he has been in business in this section.

The business, which under Mr. Rifkin, was operated under the name of Nehi Bottling Company, will be operated by the new owner under the name of Royal Crown Bottling Company.

The plant is located at 1010 W. Main street in Eastland.

Dotch Poole, who has been with Nehi for more than 10 years, Mrs. Ruth Guyton, Glenn Martin, Robert Murray and Lee Boyett, who have also been with Nehi for a number of years will remain with the new owner.

—Give A Pint Of Blood—
COAST POSTWAR PLANNING

BERKELEY, Cal. (UP)—A recently created bureau of Public Administration at the University of California will act as a clearing house for all information relating to postwar planning in California.

Samuel C. May, professor of political science at the university will direct the bureau's operations. May also has been appointed chairman of the technical committee of the California reconstruction and re-employment commission.

Mrs. Goodman's Funeral Rites Were Sunday

Funeral services for Mrs. Alpha Winston Goodman, who was killed in an automobile accident at El Paso Thursday night, March 30, were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the Eastland Baptist church with the pastor, Rev. H. J. Starnes, officiating. Hammer's of Eastland was in charge of the body. Burial was in the Eastland cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, R. B. Goodman of El Paso who was injured in the car accident; Mother, Mrs. P. L. Parker, stepfather, P. L. Parker, and stepbrothers Guy and Don Parker, all of Eastland; sister, Mrs. Walter Durham of Comanche. Also surviving are Dr. T. M. Collins, Big Spring, and John Winston of Brownfield; uncles, Mrs. Mattie Baker, Rosenberg, and Mrs. Ester Huggins, Paris, aunts.

Pallbearers were Carl Angstadt, Hubert Toombs, Clifford Wilson, Charles Eaton, Ben Harkyard, Curtis Hertz, A. H. Furse, E. E. Woody.

Sam Young and wife of El Paso, sister and brother in law of Goodman, accompanied the remains from El Paso to Eastland.

Alpha Winston was born at Rosenberg. She married R. B. Goodman of Eastland before moving to El Paso from Eastland 16 years ago. She came with her family to Eastland in 1912.

Phi Kappa Phi florist had charge of the large and beautiful floral offerings.

—Your Blood May Save A Life—
Judge Frost Was Lion Club Guest Tuesday At Noon

Judge Cyrus B. Frost was guest speaker at the Eastland Lions' club Tuesday at noon when he spoke on the subject of "Good Citizenship Now And After the War." He was introduced by Clyde Karkalits, who had charge of the program.

Next week's program will be in charge of Lion Kenny while the following week's program will be in charge of Lion Hood King.

Visitors at Tuesday's meeting included Hal Jackson who was the guest of Lion Wes Harris.

—Give A Pint Of Blood—
PROMOTED

With The Fifth Army, Italy—Sgt. Lee A. Harbin, son of Mrs. Etta Harbin, who lives on Route 1, Eastland, has been promoted to staff sergeant.

He is a squad leader with the 36th "Texas" Division of the Fifth Army in Italy.

Two Members Of City Commission Named Tuesday

At the City Election Tuesday in Eastland two commissioners were elected, John W. Jackson as a new member to take the place of Clyde Wellman, who was not a candidate for re-election, and C. T. Lucas, re-elected. Lucas has served as a member of the Commission since August 6, 1935.

Holdover members of the Commission were Victor Cornelius, Parks Poe, and Dave Finney.

The commission re-elected Victor Cornelius as chairman of the board.

Holdover commissioners and Mr. Lucas stated that they were indeed pleased to have Mr. Jackson join the commission as a new member. The holdover commissioners also expressed gratitude at Mr. Lucas' re-election and assured both he and Jackson of the whole hearted support of themselves and the City employees as a whole.

Local A. & M. Exes Participating In Muster Roll Call

Local Ex-students of Texas A. & M. College participating in the 1944 Muster Roll Call, will meet at the American Legion Hall from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock Friday evening, April 21. "The Old Aggie Spirit will be exemplified by your presence," a committee announcement states and adds, Ladies are invited.

Committee members E. L. Miller, Charles M. Richter, Charles Eaton, Roy L. Young, Andy J. Taylor, and George I. Lane, Roll Call chairman, will meet at 7:30 p. m. Monday, April 10th, at the Texas Electric Service Hall.

—Wanted: A Pint Of Blood—
POSTWAR CONVENTION

CHICAGO, (UP)—The Stevens Hotel received the following request from Capt. Samuel L. Hamilton, serving overseas: "Will you please reserve two good rooms for the first American Legion convention after the war, which will be soon."

Late Bulletin

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—Tokyo radio said today Allied planes attacked Truk Atoll in the Carolines again Monday and Tuesday nights.

1944 INCOME DECLARATIONS DUE APRIL 15

The personnel of the Eastland office of the collector of internal revenue, today issued a reminder that April 15 is the deadline for filing estimates of 1944 income.

It is estimated that fifteen million people will be required to file the declarations and following is a brief outline showing the brackets of income which are subject to the declarations:

Every "single person" who is a citizen or resident of the United States must file a Declaration of Estimated Tax (Federal income and victory taxes) for 1944 if he expects to receive during the year more than \$2,700 (equivalent to \$51.92 per week or \$225.00 per month) of wages that are subject to withholding, or more than \$100 from all other sources provided his total income is expected to amount to \$500 or more.

The term "single person" includes not only those who have never married but also widows, widowers, divorcees, and married persons separated by mutual consent at the date prescribed for filing the declaration. It also includes a taxpayer who qualifies as a "head of family" for the purpose of the personal exemption but who is not married and living with husband or wife at the filing date and is therefore treated as a single person in determination whether a declaration is required.

Every married citizen or resident, living with husband or wife at the time prescribed for filing the declaration, must file a declaration if he expects to receive in 1944, either alone or together with his spouse, more than \$3,500 (equivalent to \$67.30 per week or \$291.66 per month) of wages that are subject to withholding, or more than \$100 from all other sources if the total of such income for the year plus the wages subject to withholding is expected to amount either to (a) more than \$624 for his total separate income, or to (b) \$1,200 or more for their total combined income.

In addition, a declaration is required of aliens who are residents of Canada or Mexico and who received wages, subject to withholding in this country, within any of the groups stated above.

Don't Become Confused About These Dates

A printed circular being circulated over the County advertising a memorial service to be held in Desdemona, and which, reads in part: "Singing Convention, Desdemona, Texas, April 6, 1944," should not be confused with publicity on the Eastland Singing Convention which meets in Desdemona on Sunday, April 9, A. E. LeClaire, convention president, states.

LeClaire stated that a number of people had called him regarding the confusing statement and he wished to make it clear that the County Singing Convention meets on the 9th of April, which is next Sunday.

—Wanted: A Pint Of Blood—
Bad Luck Stalks District Clerk

LONGVIEW, Tex. (UP)—Bad luck, besides being on the trail of District Clerk Dozier Skipper, seems to have caught him and delivered several telling blows.

While taking his physical examination at the Tyler Induction Center he received a painful bruise during the blood test. The next evening lightning struck his home, burning out light wires and breaking light bulbs. The lightning also ripped a hole in the roof through which rain poured.

In addition to looking for an available carpenter, which is said to be as hard to find as a needle in a haystack, both of his children have the measles.

BLACK SEA IS ONLY ESCAPE FOR TRAPPED NAZI TROOPS

Russian mobile forces converged from three directions over the immediate approaches of Odessa today, clearing the way for storming the biggest Soviet city still in Nazi hands and bringing the German disaster in the Ukraine to a quick end.

Gen. Rodion Y. Malinovsky's Vanguard was within artillery range of Odessa to the north, northeast and east—distances of 10 miles or less.

The Red army held out two months under siege in the Black Sea port in 1941.

The London Evening News said the Russians were within sight of Odessa, "which now can be seen clearly."

German troops in the Odessa pocket, numbering about 100,000 a few weeks ago, appeared doomed to death, captured or an attempting Dunkirk evacuation because of Malinovsky's flanking drive which cut the escape route to the northwest.

U. S. Liberators Attack Invasion Coast of France

LONDON (UP)—Eighth air force Liberators attacked the French invasion coast for the second straight day today and Berlin reported bombers over southeast Germany, indicating a two-way assault by American planes striking from Britain and Italy.

The Nazis said American heavy bombers and their strong fighter escort fought air battles with German defense planes over northern Yugoslavia in the areas of Zagreb and the border town of Marburg.

Heavy bombers of the Royal Air Force put the Allied offensive back on a full-time basis last night with a destructive blow at German aircraft repair plants at Toulouse, in southern France near the Spanish frontier.

Thunderbolt fighters escorted the Liberators in the daylight smash at German military targets in the Pas de Calais coastal area of France across the Straits of Dover.

Still Seeks Farm Youth After 18 Years Searching

MT. STERLING, Wis. (UP)—The search for a Crawford county farm youth, who disappeared with his sweetheart 18 years ago amid nation-wide publicity, still continues today through the efforts of Bernhard Olson, the girl's brother.

On the night of Sept. 26, 1926 Erdman Olson and Clara Olson (no relation) vanished. Clara's body was found two months later in a shallow grave 100 yards from her home—the skull crushed. Erdman was never seen after that, although a warrant was issued for his arrest and newspapers throughout the country carried his picture.

Clara's brother, Bernhard, says he is still continuing the hunt, although it was officially abandoned four years ago when the Crawford county board dropped a 14 year old \$3,000 reward from its budget.

Bernhard, who lives on his father's farm near Prairie du Chien, Wis., says he has spent a large amount of money in futile search, but will expect the board's reward if he is successful. After exhausting the routine methods of searching, Bernhard hoped selective service records would furnish the answer. However, today he is back at his original starting point—Gale College, near LaCrosse, Wis., where Erdman was last seen.

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Inside WASHINGTON

Balkan Collapse May Precede German Fall
F. I. Checks Charge Gestapo Rules P. W.'s

Special to Central Press

WASHINGTON—The Balkan time bomb appears set to explode in the near future in what may be the blowing up of the temporary communist empire which Adolf Hitler chiseled out of Europe in four and a half years of warfare and political intrigue.

As daily news reports tell of Nazi military reverses on the eastern front, international experts look for a counterpart of the Balkan collapse which brought an end to World War I. It was the withdrawal of Germany's Balkan satellites that played the principal role in the termination of that long struggle and this may happen again.

Occupation—Occupation of Hungary by Nazi legions had the two-fold purpose of bolstering the "back door" to Germany and preventing Hungary from negotiating a settlement with Stalin. Now Washington expects that Germany's move into Hungary will be followed by similar military movements into Rumania.

However, there is a growing feeling in both Washington and London that Russia may overthrow these two Balkan states, overcoming their resistance there and taking them out of the war altogether—thus suspending, though in a different way, what happened in 1918. This and success of the so-called second front invasion of western Europe are the two factors which competent observers are basing hopes of an early collapse of the Nazi military power.

CHARGES THAT THE NAZI GESTAPO rules German prisoners in the American camps are being quietly investigated by the department of justice.

Investigations—Kidnaper, murder and prison riots—all laid at the door of the Gestapo are being investigated by J. Edgar Hoover's G-2 unit. The unit's department has conducted its own investigation, but the FBI stresses its to-forth check and congressional committees have been reluctant to act until the department of justice completed its charges.

Chief barrier now to the repatriation of German prisoners is the Army's refusal to recognize that serious political differences exist among the German captives. The Army says that American prisoners in Germany are not captives because of political affiliations and that German prisoners here will not be repatriated so long as their welfare is not insured.

Army's policy and that there is a difficulty in the way of separating prisoners in this country, even if it were to be repatriated. The Army's policy is to repatriate only those prisoners who are not politically active in this country.

Political situation—The political situation in this country is the main factor in the Army's refusal to repatriate German prisoners.

ARMY'S RETURNING FROM THE PACIFIC are beginning to wonder whether the Japs have any "impenetrable" defenses—except in their own land.

Several Navy pilots who took part in the raid on Truk admitted on their return that they were "astonished" when ordered to hit Truk the first time. The Japs had spent more than 25 years building up Truk as the first of a series of bases in the Pacific and would be so well equipped that they could withstand any attack.

Attacking the Truk raiders found the anti-aircraft fire highly effective and the defending forces were reported to be "well trained."

When word of the time carrier force moved east toward Saipan, the Japs again abandoned it. They would have been in a better position to defend Truk. Again, the Japs' defending forces were reported to be "well trained" and United States forces were "well trained."

Now the question is: have the Japs got any powerful defense forces—any around Peleu and Yap, which are west of Truk and quite close to the Philippines? Or will they, too, prove to be "well trained?"

Army and Navy air force leaders expect tough months of work ahead, however, and are taking no chances by underestimating the enemy. When they move against Japan again, they'll have both air and sea power to take care of anything the Japs may offer.

LAFF-A-DAY



LIONS CANDIDATE



Ivan P. Oliver

Oliver Nominated by Stephenville Club for Office

STEPHENVILLE, Tex., April 1.—The Stephenville Lions Club has nominated Ivan P. Oliver for the office of District Governor of District 2-E Lions International.

Oliver became a Lion in 1928, joining the Graham Club. He is a past president of the Jackboro Lions Club, is a past Zone Chairman, and past Deputy District Governor, and is at present serving as president of the Stephenville Club.

A West Texas school man for the past 20 years, he has taught at Ballinger, Graham, Jackboro, and has been Superintendent of City Schools at Stephenville for the past three years.

The District 2-E War Conference, at which time district officers will be elected, will be held in Fort Worth May 2 and 8.

Mrs. A. D. Anderson, E. J. Aycock, F. J. Barman, Geo. P. Fee, Austin Flint, Les Jenkins, Sam Kinemell, O. G. Lawton, C. A. Williams, Joe Lovelady, H. J. McArdie, W. C. McDaniel, R. C. McCarter, Dan McEachern, Harold McGowan, G. R. Nance, Paul Poe, A. R. Purifay, Alex. Speare, J. J. Talleman.

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Partial list of Ranger patrons of record who have reserved space for their sons, brothers, or husbands.

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- List of names and relationships: Mr. and Mrs. Jess E. Houghton 4 sons; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bryan 3 sons; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eakin 2 sons; Dr. and Mrs. E. R. Green 1 son; Mary Lou Basham 2 sons; Mrs. R. J. Matthews 2 sons; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Landtroop 1 son; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meroney 1 son; Mrs. Julia Brown 1 son; Mr. and Mrs. John F. Whitefield 1 son; Mrs. H. E. Angus Husband; Mrs. J. E. Ferris 1 son; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kitchens 2 sons; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sewell 1 son; Mrs. Maurine Williams Husband; Mrs. J. Higdon 1 son.

PROCEEDINGS OF COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS

EASTLAND, Tex., March 31.—The following proceedings were had in the Court of Civil Appeals, Eleventh Supreme Judicial District:

Affirmed: D. W. Stephens vs. Laura Stephens, Jones.

Motions Submitted: Mary S. McCall, et vir, vs. L. W. Randall, appellee's motion to dismiss appeal.

Arthur G. Lundine, et al. vs. James F. McKinney, et al., appellee's motion to strike "Suggestions of Amicus Curae."

Motion Granted: Arthur G. Lundine, et al. vs. James F. McKinney, et al., appellee's motion to strike "Suggestions of Amicus Curae."

His Easter Parade To Be In A Jail

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—A man who admittedly passed a "hot" check to acquire wearing apparel fit to lead the Easter parade will not get a chance to wear his new clothes.

Instead the man, Paul W. Parker, will wear blue denim and sit out the boulevard stroll in jail. He is faced with two forgetful charges in district court. He pleaded guilty to swindling in the county court.

Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

COUNTY CLERK: W. V. (Virgil) Love

COUNTY JUDGE: C. H. (Harl) O'Brien

C. S. (Clabe) Eldridge

COUNTY TREASURER: Mrs. Ruth (Garland) Branton

For Election

For Tax Assessor, Collector: Clyde S. Kankaita

DISTRICT CLERK: John White (Re-Election)

Lois Eyerton

STATE LEGISLATURE: A. R. (Bob) N. Graham

OFFICE OF SHERIFF: JOHN HART (re-election)

Floterial Representative: F. J. CALLAWAY

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Speech Disorder Hospital Aided 2,933 During '43

NEW YORK (UP)—Among the 2,933 patients treated by the National Hospital for Speech Disorders last year were a number of servicemen referred by Army, Navy and Red Cross officials, the hospital's annual report has revealed.

Of these a number were discharged soldiers "with speech de-

fects and associated emotional maladjustments, who broke down under the strain of military service." Other patients, after treatment, have been able to adjust to military life, the report said.

"There are some speech cripples who are wholly unsuited to the rigors of military service, especially stutters," the report continued. "Therefore, the hospital continued its campaign to have stutters exempted from active combat duty. Since the stutterer is emotionally unstable and becomes disorganized under the comparatively minor strain of

WAC Slogan Back Fires At Wolters

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex. (UP)—"Join the WAC and release a soldier for active duty" is a famous WAC recruiting slogan that backfired here.

A WAC at the station complement message center received orders assigning her overseas. Then came the job of replacing her. The WAC was replaced by a soldier, Pvt. Elmer Gunishan.

Back The Attack



Announcement

Marvin Lewis of Abilene has purchased the Nehi Bottling Company business in Eastland from Louis Rifkin effective as April 3. Barney Shoemaker, for the past two years connected with Royal Crown Bottling Company of Abilene, will be in charge of the Eastland business, which in the future will be known as the Royal Crown Bottling Company. Mr. Shoemaker will be located in Eastland.

The new owners of the Nehi plant, are anxious to serve Mr. Rifkin's friends and customers and the general trade in the very best manner possible, and solicit your patronage.

THANKS

In selling his plant and retiring from the bottling business, Mr. Rifkin, who has served this territory for 25 years, expresses his appreciation and thanks to your for your past patronage and asks that you give his successors a chance to prove that they can and will serve you better than he was able to do.

MARVIN LEWIS LOUIS RIFKIN

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 7:00 p. m. Training union.
 8:00 p. m. Evening worship.
 Monday—
 3:30 p. m. WMS and Sunbeam.
 Wednesday—
 8:00 p. m. Mid-week service.
 Thursday—
 7:00 p. m. Choir practice.

Church of Christ
 A. F. Thurman, Preacher
 Corner Daugherty and West
 Sumner Streets
 LORD'S DAY
 Bible Classes 10 a. m.
 Devotional, Preaching 11 a. m.
 Devotional, Preaching 8 p. m.
 MONDAY:
 Ladies' Bible Study 3 p. m.
 WEDNESDAY:
 Bible Study and Pray Meeting
 8 p. m.
 EACH SECOND LORD'S DAY
 Business Meeting 3:30 p. m.
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First Christian Church
 J. B. BLUNK, Pastor
 Sunday school 9:45 a. m.
 Men's Bible class 10:00 a. m.
 Judge Clyde Grissom and J. F. Collins, teachers.
 Morning worship and communion service 11:00 a. m.
 Evening service 7:30 p. m.
 Youth choir meetings Wednesday nights at 8:00 o'clock.
 Missionary Society meets on the first Monday in each month.
 Church Board meets on the first Sunday night in each month.

The Church of God
 At Lamar and West Valley Streets
 W. E. Hallenbeck, Pastor
 Program for the week:
 Sunday
 Sunday School—10:00 A. M.
 Preaching—11:00 A. M.
 Young People Meeting at 7:15 P. M.
 Evening Services at 8:00 P. M.
 Wednesday
 Midweek prayer services at 7:45 P. M.

Church of the Nazarene
 P. L. Pierce, Pastor
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. Everybody ought to attend Sunday School.
 John Wanamaker said "I know of no other work that begins to compare in results with that attained by the Sunday School."
 Preaching, 11:00 a. m. Subject "The Resurrection, the greatest event in history."
 Young People and Junior Societies, 7:15 p. m.
 Evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m. Subject, "Six Personal Questions." Everybody should attend church on this Easter Sunday.
 Visitors will receive a hearty welcome with us; or with any other church in the city, and the following week will be brighter.

St. Frances Catholic Church
 South Halbyran Street
 Mass at 9:00 a. m. Sunday by Father Duesman.
 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICE
 "Are Sin, Disease, and Death Real?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, April 9.
 The Golden Text is: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction" (Psalms 103:2-4).
 Among the citations which comprises the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).
 The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Sickness, sin and death, being inharmonious, do not originate in God nor belong to His government. His law, rightly understood, destroys them" (page 472).

County Singers To Meet Sunday At Desdemona
 The Eastland County Singing Convention will hold its first quarterly meeting for 1944 Sunday at Desdemona, it was announced by A. E. LeClaire of Eastland, president.
 An all-day program has been arranged and singers all over Eastland and adjoining counties are expected, President LeClaire stated.
 The Eastland County Singing convention is one of the old singing organizations in this section and its meeting always draw good crowds and plenty of good singers.
 The meeting at Desdemona is due to elect officers.

WASHINGTON (UP)—Fuel administrator Harold L. Ickes said today that refusal to defer miners under 26 years of age would have a "very serious effect" on the nation's coal stockpiles and might result in severe restrictions on metal consumption.

Knights of Pythias
 meet every Tuesday night at Castle Hall, South Side of the Square
 Tom Lovelace
 K. R. S.

The Baptist Herald
 Rev. Homer J. Starnes Pastor
 First Baptist Church

Sunday is Easter Sunday. If there is one day during the year when more people than usual turn to the church it is on this day. A church full of attentive worshippers is an inspiration to those who sing, to those who listen, and to the Pastor. We are anticipating a good attendance Sunday morning. We trust that some who have neglected their church during the past year will get new inspiration and a new vision that will bring them to the services of the church Sunday after Sunday.

Of course we are expecting a large attendance for the Easter Cantata on Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock. The program is a good one. The choir has practiced twice each week for some time in preparation for this Cantata. The Choir Director and the Organist are the best. They are a credit to the church. The choir has some of the best voices to be found anywhere. Every member of the church will want to be present Sunday night to show the appreciation of the church for these fine, willing workers. Many from the other churches will be present. We welcome each one as warmly as we know how. To the public we say, "come and share this Easter Cantata with us." Truly worship can be done in song.

Two meetings of interest to our Sunday School workers are the Sunday School Convention in Dallas next week, April 11 & 12, and the Training School at the church April 17-21. Anyone would find the "convention in Dallas" inspiring and profitable. Certainly every teacher and officer will make every effort to attend the Training School. However, it is not just teachers, etc. It is for all who wish to learn to be more efficient workers and fit themselves for a place of service. The books offered will include those on the Bible, Methods, Teaching, Records, etc.

The Brotherhood again meets Monday night, April 10th. There are those that are very faithful to the men's work. Others haven't yet seen fit to attend these meetings. Let us urge the men to be present Monday night. This is a man's organization. It will give each an opportunity to work with others in worthwhile undertakings. Floyd Lynch is the good president and needs the support of every man of the church. C. S. Karlalits is the Program Chairman and will have a worthwhile program arranged.
 There is a good interest in the Mid-Week Service on the part of those who attend. It seems that the times we are in would cause more people to turn to the prayer service of the church. It seems that no church would have fewer at prayer meeting than it has boys in the armed service. What would it mean if every church had even one in prayer service for each star on the service flag? Come. Give one hour to prayer and devotion on Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.
 The general theme for the sermon Sunday morning will be The Resurrection. We will want to look into the meaning of the empty tomb of Christ and seek to find lessons for our day from Christ's Resurrection. We welcome the public to share this study with us.
 Judge Clyde Garrett will teach the lesson for the Men's Bible Class at 9:45. Let us have a good attendance Sunday morning. Let each man bring a friend. Your presence will inspire the teacher.

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Worm Damage To Livestock Can Be Eliminated
 Research work shows that 65 percent of screwworm damage to livestock can be eliminated, says Floyd Lynch, County Agent.
 "Until we can reduce the number of cases of screwworms that we have to treat, we have not got the job done," he added.
 Thirty-five per cent of the screwworm cases are due to man made wounds such as castrating and dehorning. Thirty per cent more is due to animals being born during screwworm time. Wire cuts and horn scratches can be reduced.
 By knowing the life history of the screw worm fly, farmers and

HOLY WEEK SERVICES
 Special services during this week commemorating the Passion of Jesus have been held in our sanctuary and have proved to assist many in their deeper understanding of the meaning of Holy Week, climaxed by Easter Sunday.
 Mr. Fleming has spoken each evening on one of the persons that was associated with Jesus during his last week in this life. These personalities have included, Peter, Pilate, Judas, Dismas, Joseph of Arimathea. Special music, arranged by Miss Dragoo, has been an added worship aid to the services. Miss Morehart has been the organist.
 Worship centers for each service have been created by the young people of the church under the supervision of Mrs. Joseph Perkins.
 A Communion Service was held Thursday evening. The setting was as nearly the New Testament one as could be made. The young people assisted the minister in this unusual service.
 Those worshippers that came during the week are better equipped for the values that Easter has for us than had they not been present. Our regrets are very deep in the behalf of those that passed these significant services by "without notice."
EASTER SUNDAY WILL BE GREAT
 "Come early Sunday morning if you want to get a good seat!" is the advanced notice that we are giving for Easter Sunday. Every effort is being put forth to make it an outstanding day—one to be long remembered by those who are present.
THE SCHEDULE IS FULL
 You would expect the worship program to be very full, and it is. We want to cooperate with our congregation in so far as possible. In order to do this, the organ prelude will begin promptly at 10:55 a. m. The service will last until 12:15 but no longer, and this announcement will give you notice so that you may plan accordingly.
SERVICE OF INFANT BAPTISM
 The minister will conduct the service of infant baptism early in the order of worship. This is one of the most impressive services we have in our ritual and is a service primarily for parents. We urge Methodists to take advantage of its beauty and sacredness.
 If you are planning to have this service for your baby or young child, you are requested to call Mr. Fleming or phone 24 and talk with him about it. Simple instructions will then be given.
A NOTE TO PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS
 Many Methodists live in our community who have not affiliated with our church, and this is an invitation for you to make this decision and join Easter Sunday.
 The minister is making every effort to see many of you before that time, but you need not wait for a "formal invitation." You really belong with us if you live in Eastland and we want you to feel welcomed to come.
 There is no more significant time than Easter to unite with a "Church Home," and we hope you will put this aside no longer!
NO EVENING SERVICE SUNDAY
 In order that our people may have the privilege of hearing the Easter Cantata at the Baptist church, we will have no evening service in our church Sunday.
BOARD OF STEWARDS
 The Board of Stewards will meet Monday evening at 8:00 for their April Board meeting. All stewards will want to be present.

Worm Damage To Livestock Can Be Eliminated
 ranchers may eliminate at least 65 percent of the damage. The screw worm fly breeds throughout the year in parts of south Texas. Usually about the first of March, the fly starts north. It travels about 5 miles a day. Therefore, it is late April or early May before it gets to this area. True, there are only a few that migrate, but the offspring from the few is what causes the trouble from about 4 to 6 weeks later. If the first few cases were treated at the proper time, the number of cases would be kept to a minimum.
 One female fly produces 3,000 eggs. They are adults in 25 days. Half are females so it is obvious how important it is to be on the alert for the immigrant flies.
 The best known remedy is government formula smear no. 62. It controls infections, kills the larva and repels the adult.
 The old adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" certainly applies in this case. Therefore livestock men should plan their castrating, dehorning, and breeding program to occur during the months that do not invite trouble from the pest.

ETTA KET
 THE COLONEL WANTS ME TO COME DOWN TO CAMP TO DISH OUT THE PIN-UPS OF ME IN PERSON!
 HERE'S A LETTER FROM THE ARMY PUBLICITY BUREAU!
 HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF ETTA?
 ARMY PUBLICITY BUREAU AND WAS T A DOPE TO FALL FOR THAT GAG! NOW I'M STUCK FOR THEIR PHOTOS!
 NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN!

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY
 A DRINK OF WATER? LAND SAKES, CHILD, I KIN DO BETTER THAN THAT. I'M JUST FIXIN' MY OWN YOUNGSTERS HOT VITTLES FOR 'EM—
 WHEE!—I'M AS HUNGRY AS A CATFISH.
 THANK YOU, MA'AM.
 TAIN'T PERLITE TO ASK QUESTIONS, I'M THIN'KIN' SHE'S ON THE BOAT THAT CAME IN LAST NIGHT.
 DON'T LOOK LIKE NO CANALER, SHE'S TOO DUDISH. LOOKS CITY-LIKE TO ME.
 HURRAY! THAT'S A SWELL FISH!
 LINGER A SPELL, YOUNGUN; AN I'LL KETCH A DINNER FOR YOU.
 GEE, IT SMELLS SO GOOD!
 FRESH FISH AN' HOE CAKE AIN'T FANCY, BUT IT'S MIGHTY TASTY AN' FILLIN'—
 THAT DINNER TASTED NICER THAN TURKEY, NOW I'LL WASH THE DISHES AN'—
 SHUCKS, YOUNGUN, WE NEVER WASH TIN DISHES—
 WATER MAKES DISHES RUSTY. JUST WIPE 'EM. A HANDFUL OF GRASS AN' SOME ELBOW GREASE MAKES 'EM LOOK LIKE SILVER—

THE LONE RANGER
 DEPUTY, I'M WARNIN'! A FER THE LAST TIME! GIT OUTO' MY HOUSE!
 WHAT'S IN THAT CLOSET?
 NONE OF YER BUSINESS! GIT A SEARCH WARRANT AN' YOU CAN LOOK!
 IF THERE'S NO ONE IN THERE, A SHOT WON'T DO ANY HARM, WILL IT?
 YOU TIGHTEN TRIGGER FINGER, ME SHOOT!
 WHAT!
 THERE'S ONE OF 'EM! HE'S WANTED FOR HELP! MISSOURI OUT OF JAIL!!
 I'LL TEACH YUH TO COME INTUH THIS HOUSE WITHOUT A WARRANT!
 YOU TWO—STAND UM STILL!
 I-I GOTTA COME UP FER AIR!
 SO YOU WERE IN THERE, EN, MISSOURI?
 THE LAW'S ON OUR SIDE! I KNOW MY RIGHTS!
 THE SHERIFF KNOWS THE LAW! HE WOULDN'T COME IN LIKE THAT BUZZARD-FACED DEPUTY!

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OLDEN NEWS
 OLDEN April 4.—The district class B Track Meet was held in Ranger last week and Olden won first place with 42 1-2 points in senior track; Strawn came second with 41 points; Morton Valley placed third, getting 30 1-2 points. In junior track Olden got 30 points; Morton Valley, 14; Strawn 2; Moore, Olden; and Neely Strawn; tied for individual high point honors.
 Mr. Heatley was accompanied home last week end by Miss Grace Vertillion who visited his daughter, Patsy.
 Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hickey, son and daughter, Lena Jim, of Dallas, visited relatives here and in Eastland, last week end.
 Rev. Russell Dennis of Brownwood, evangelist for the Baptist revival is staying with Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Nelson, his sister and her husband, while the revival is being held.
 A-S Forrest Keith of Great Lakes, Ill., visited relatives here and friends in Ranger, Brownwood and here while on a furlough.

Miss Dorothy Colburn, of Arlington, visited relatives and friends here the past weekend.
 Miss Mattie Jane Parks, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Daffern, has returned to her home in Munday, due to illness. She expects to return soon.
 The Seniors sponsored a box supper at the auditorium Monday March 27. The program that was given was enjoyed by the crowd that attended, and the Seniors cleared over \$88 from the proceeds.
 Mr. and Mrs. Millard Bryant and family of Fort Worth, visited the home folks this week end and purchased the Charlie Burkett home while here.
 A new pastor, whose name we were unable to learn, preached at the Church of Christ Sunday, in James Le Fan's place.
 Y. A. Wright, from Arlington visited relatives here and in Eastland last week end.

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Society

MRS. T. A. BENDY HOSTESS TO WMS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. T. A. Bendy and Mrs. Airey Bendy were hostesses to the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Christian Church Monday afternoon. Mrs. N. L. Smitham, president, presided over the meeting which opened with the singing of "This So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," led by Mrs. J.

A. Beard. Mrs. J. C. Koen gave the devotional on the resurrection, "Christ Arose."

The lesson was on "Learning About Family Life." Mrs. Cyrus Miller gave a paper on "A Christian Home." Miss Ethel Watt read a paper on "Victory Gardening in China." It was announced that the Society members would meet Monday at the church and bring clothing to be collected for sending to the Hazel Green Academy.

NOTICE OF SALE

In accordance with the terms of notice addressed to W. H. (Buck) Hall and his wife, Ludia Hall at their last known address, 703 Southwest 5th Ave., Mineral Wells, Texas, and in accordance with Article 5644 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, I shall proceed to sell at public auction the following described personal property belonging to W. H. (Buck) Hall and his wife Ludia Hall, on whose account the said goods are held, at my place of business at 306 North Lamar Street, Eastland, Texas, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on Monday, April 24, 1944, to satisfy a claim of storage of said property in the amount of \$68.00 and a claim of \$1.50 for hauling said property to the place of storage, all in the amount of \$69.50, said charges having accrued and were due and payable on the first day of June, 1941 in the amount of \$1.50 and \$2.00 due and payable on the first day of each month thereafter to the first day of March, 1944.

Said personal property is described as follows:

2 iron bed ends; 2 wood bed ends; 2 wood bed rails; 2 iron bed rails; 2 gas heaters; 1 dining table; 14 bed slats; 1 refrigerator; 1 stool; 1 table; 1 chest drawers; 1 dressing table; 1 vanity dresser; 5 slat bottom chairs; 1 overstuffed settee; 1 overstuffed chair.

A warehouseman's lien is claimed on said goods for the payment of said charges and said lien may be discharged and said goods released to the owner by the payment of said charges in the amount of \$69.50 and all charges due since the first day of March, 1944, and all costs and expenses which have accrued since March 1, 1944.

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sided over the gift table; Mrs. Jack Ammer and Mrs. Lewis Crossley served punch. Mrs. Kelley was at the exit door. Misses Amy P'Poole, Betty Lane, Virginia Garrett, Rita Barton, and Nan Mickle assisted with the serving. Miss Julia Brown furnished piano music and Miss Emily Jean Grissom sang.

The clubhouse was decorated in spring flowers and pot plants. The table, with white cutwork cloth, was center with spring flowers and white candles. Iced punch, white cake squares topped with rose buds in pastel colors and salted pecans were served, and white paper napkins bore the announcement, "Frances Ann and Emmett, Wednesday, April 5th."

Seventy-five persons attended the shower.

METHODIST WSCS HAS PROGRAM ON CHINA

Mrs. Frank Castleberry was leader of a program on Social and Evangelistic work in China at a meeting of the WSCS Monday afternoon at the Methodist church. Others having topics on the program were Mesdames Hassell, Leslie, Mulling and Davenport.

MRS MARY THORP HONORED ON 94th BIRTHDAY

Mesdames Betty Wilkes, W. A. Stiles, Clyde McBee and Miss Ida Chandler honored Mrs. Mary Thorp on her 94th birthday Tuesday with open house in the afternoon and a chicken dinner with all the trimming in the later afternoon.

The white birthday cake with pink trimming was made by Mrs. Wilke's daughter of the honoree. A number of cakes and gifts were presented Mrs. Thorp.

Those calling and at the dinner were: Mesdames D. J. Baggett, Exa Hunt, Margaret Clegg, Eugene Day, Cecil Lindley, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Lyerla, Mrs. M. A. Thorp, Mrs. W. A. Schultz and children, Betty Joe and Robert Wynne, Mrs. S. E. Kinsey, Mrs. W. A. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McBee, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stiles, Pleas Thorp, Mrs. Wilkes and Mrs. Pate.

EASTER EGG HUNT IS PLANNED FOR YOUNGSTERS

The Primary Department of the Methodist Sunday school will meet at the church Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock to go on an Easter egg hunt. Mrs. Brashier, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Roper, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Drago will accompany them.

CHURCH OF CHRIST CLASSES ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Dan Childress and Mrs. Harry Wood entertained the Primary and Beginners classes of the Church of Christ with an Easter egg hunt and picnic Thursday afternoon at the City Park.

CLUB SHOWERS MRS. PARKS POE

Mrs. Hilton Kuykendall was hostess to the Stitch and Chatter club Wednesday afternoon at which time the club gave Mrs. Parks Poe a storks' shower. Easter decorations were carried out. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Plate favors were Easter bunnies.

Present were: Mesdames Kenneth Garrett, Parks Poe, B. M. Fulton, Aubrey McBee, Howard Upchurch, Henry Van Geem, Bobby Burkett, Guy Robinson, Clarence Penn, Clyde Stancil, Cecil Roe, J. H. Roe, and hostess, Mrs. Kuykendall.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. B. M. Fulton.

PERSONALS

Little John Hugh Fleming, accompanied by his grandmother, Mrs. Hugh January of Dallas, returned home Tuesday after a visit in Dallas.

Hugh January, father of Mrs. L. Durwood Fleming, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Fleming and little daughter, Rosemary, all of Dallas will be guests here over the week-end in the home of Rev. and Mrs. L. Durwood Fleming, Edwin Fleming, an attorney of Dallas, is a brother of Rev. Mr. Fleming. He is preparing to enter the U. S. armed forces.

Lt. and Mrs. Roland Tornquist were guests of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Taylor and Mr. Taylor, over the past week-end. They had just returned from California where they visited his parents.

S-Sgt. Joe Livingston, who has been overseas one year, is expected here this week-end to visit his daughter, Marie, whose mother is Mrs. Ruth Poe. Sgt. Livingston's home is in Breckenridge.

Vern C. Campbell of Drumright, Oklahoma, was here this week visiting his father, W. C. Campbell, who is confined to the Payne hospital.

Tommie Overby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Overby, and who is with the United States Coast Guard at Fort Pierce, Florida, is spending this week here with his parents.

W. C. Campbell, who has been ill and confined to the hospital for several days, has improved to the extent that he was able to go home Thursday.

B. L. Beal, Machinist Mate first class, who has been ill at the Mare hospital in California, is expected home within a few days. He has been in the Southwest Pacific for about 18 months and has been granted a 30-day sick leave. He is a brother in law of Joe Tow.

LOANS TO BE MADE BY RACC ON FARM CROPS

The Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation will make loans in 1944 in Texas to finance the production of Irish Potatoes, Peanuts, and rice that otherwise would not be produced, according to an announcement made today by B. F. Vance, Chairman of the State U. S. D. A. War Boards. "Although loans will be made primarily to produce Irish potatoes, peanuts, and rice," stated Mr. Vance, "if farmers' programs contemplate diversification, they may be financed for their total production, provided not less than 50 percent of their total acreage is in these three crops."

In announcing this decision, Chairman Vance said that some time ago the board reported to the War Food Administration that credit of the kind requested is necessary to needed production. Following the recommendation of the Administrator, the Secretary of Agriculture designated the state as a region in which the making of RACC loans is necessary.

Chairman Vance said, "Loans will be limited to worthy farmers who are found unable to procure from other sources the credit necessary to finance the full production which they plan and are capable of carrying out. These sources include commercial banks, agricultural credit corporations, production credit associations, Farm Security Administration,

Richard Jones is able to be out again after an illness.

Mrs. Carlisle Littlejohn of Malone, was a recent guest of Mrs. Harry Wood. They were former college roommates.

Mrs. E. T. Spence has returned from Abilene where she was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harvey L. Hays of Mockingbird Lane. Mrs. Hays is the former Miss Lena Bentley who taught art in Eastland.

Mrs. L. H. Frost of Kilgore will be the guest of her mother, Mrs. Spence, and her brother E. T. Spence and family, this week end.

and the emergency crop and feed loan offices.

"A farmer, to qualify for this credit, should show reasonable probability of successful production in his farming operations. Security for the loans will be a first lien on all crops financed, with such additional security as may be needed to give reasonable assurance that the loan will be paid. Loans will carry full personal liability. Limited liability loans, similar to the F-2 advance made last year for the production of certain crops, will not be made this year."

Chairman Vance explained, "It will not be the policy to make loans to borrowers of direct government lending agencies or those sponsored by it making production loans. No loans of less than \$400 for crop production purposes will be made where the needs can be met by emergency crop and feed loans."

"Interest on RACC loans will be at 5 1-2 percent for the actual time the money is outstanding on the actual amount of money used. In addition, one-half percent will be deducted for inspection fees and service charges. Application forms will be available for farmers in county war board offices.

Object of Search Is Rana Pipiens

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UP)—Frightened by a man crawling in the rear of her house with a

flashlight, a woman called the police. When the officers arrived they found a 16 year old boy on his hands and knees.

When asked what he was doing, the boy answered, "I am searching for a Rana Pipiens." He was asked to enlarge on his answer and replied that he was a biology student and needed a frog for experimental purposes.

He added that he lived next door.

Huskies Boast Six Conference Court Records

SEATTLE, (UP)—The University of Washington Huskies hung up six new northern division, Pacific coast conference, basketball records in winning the 1944 championship.

The new records were: Boosting to 10 the number of times the title was won by Washington, more than twice the number of times it has been won by the nearest rival, Oregon State. A team scoring mark of 906 for 16 games or an average of 56 1-2 points per game. The Huskies also bettered their own mark of 507-16 points per game made in 1943 by setting this new mark. Fourteen straight victories during the season.

A total of 15 victories during the 16 game season. The old mark was 13 games. An individual scoring mark of

34 points in one game, by Dou McMillan, a forward. An individual scoring mark of 155 points set by Jack Nichols, a freshman. He was the first freshman in Washington history to head the scoring column.

Asks Judge For Written Verdict

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Charged with speeding, a solemn, white haired electrician had his case dismissed after proof of a faulty speedometer.

Then he worriedly asked the Judge to put the "not guilty" verdict down in writing. The electrician explained that he was a notoriously slow driver and wanted a good answer for the "fellows at the shop who've been calling me Barney Oldfield for the last two weeks.

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