

ACA, USDA To Meet Jan. 12, Get '43 Plans

WILL DISCUSS LOCAL PROBLEMS

The Sutton County ACA Committee and Sutton County USDA War Board, are calling a meeting at the Courthouse on Tuesday afternoon, January 12, at 2 o'clock as that day has been designated by President Roosevelt as Farm Mobilization Day. The purpose of this meeting is to inform the people of Sutton County of the demands that will be made on agriculture for 1943.

Information will be given as to what data will be required of ranchmen in filling out the 1943 Farm Plan Sheet, Manpower Inventory, and Farm Machinery Needs. Part of this meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the problems ranchmen are having in this area pertaining to production.

Producers are urged to come prepared to discuss the problems confronting them as individual ranchmen. Anyone else interested in this meeting is invited to attend.

TSGRA Moves To Del Rio January 9

The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers office will be moved to Del Rio on Saturday, January 9, the new office to be set up in the Foster Building in that city. Personnel moving to Del Rio will be Vestal Askew Secretary of the Association, and Miss Metha Thompson, secretary to Askew. Horace Pawcett, newly-elected president of T. S. G. R. A., lives in Del Rio.

Since moving to Sonora from San Angelo in January, 1942, the association's offices have been in the First National Bank Building.

SONORA GETS 20.75 INCHES RAIN IN '42

Rainfall in Sonora for 1942, according to measurements taken at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Co. warehouse, totaled 20.75 inches. Greatest rainfall for any month was 5.23 inches in October, and the least was .18 inches in January.

Measurements taken for other months were February, .53; March, .19; April, 3.81; May, .51; June, .31; July, .97; August, 4.53; Sept., 2.20; November, .74 and December, 1.05.



from the ranch country

Son of a gun

So this is 1943. Although many of us thought our mode of life would be greatly altered, what with the bugaboo of rationing in all its forms hanging over us, the routine seems the same, taxes are still with us—only more so—and all is about the same on the home front.

Nineteen hundred and forty-three promises much, however, in the way of novelties and events in the news, the like of which we have never seen before. News forecasts for 1943 are unpredictable, even though some of our highest military men are predicting a piece of news for this year that will be the All-American headline for all time. That would be, of course, that we will win the War this year.

At that, 1943 promises much for the readers and little for the tax payers.

(*\$1b #1/2\$*)

Sonorans join their neighbors at Junction in pride for one of Junction's native sons who has shown outstanding sportsmanship and ability on the field of sports. Terminating his football career New Year's Day at the Cotton Bowl game in Dallas, this young man, Roy Dale McKay, played a grand game of ball that day. That is typical of all his activities in high school and college. McKay gets his degree from the University of Texas in the spring and will report immediately to the armed service.

(*\$1b #1/2\$*)

High lines of the News, taken from Wednesday's papers: "Soviet Bear Snarls-Nazi Retreat;" "Six Killed, 100 Injured in Bowling Green Fire." Speaker Rayburn says on the opening of Congress, "There must be no stopping until Axis vandalism, paganism are wiped from the face of the earth." Another headline—"George Washington Carver Dies at Tuskegee Institute Home." Carver, a son of a Negro slave, became one of the greatest scientists this nation ever produced, his best work being in behalf of agriculture.

Headlines also show where Speaker Sam Rayburn of Texas was re-elected Speaker of the House by the slim margin of ten votes over Joseph Martin, Congressman from Massachusetts. This is the closest margin the Democrats have had since 1933, and it indicates just the fight that will occur in Washington this Congressional year.

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From time to time, this column intends carrying items concerned with local organizations and institutions, with the purpose of arousing interest among our readers in the workings of our County and City government. A county or city just doesn't happen. They are made and developed by men and women of ideals and convictions. We will attempt to bring out facts that will elicit more appreciation from the public for the workings of the many parts of this Community. We hope to carry an item about Sutton County next week.

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Back to a current and favorite subject, rationing: We heard a story about a lady, not of this city, who went to her grocery store to get some sugar after rationing began, and was no end put out at having to pay for her sugar as well as give up her tickets.

Gas Retailers Get Minimum Margin

SET AT THREE CENTS PER GALLON

To help the retail gasoline dealer during the curtailment of sales, resulting from motor fuel rationing, OPA has established a minimum operating margin of three cents per gallon, which is now in effect at Sutton County filling stations, according to "notice received from John Lee Nisbet, chairman of the local Rationing Board. This minimum carries the same provisions which have been in effect in the East Coast area where gasoline rationing began last summer. As Nisbet pointed out, it is part of the OPA program to help small businesses during the war-time curtailment. The action effects only those prices which allow less than the three-cent margin, it was pointed out.

As protection to the consumer, operators who take advantage of this provision and who increase their prices are required by OPA to file with the local board information on the cost of gasoline delivered from suppliers and their prices for each grade of gasoline sold. Maximum prices on gasoline were established on May 4, 1942. Methods of calculating margins and reporting adjusted ceilings are prescribed in the new regulation.

Methodists To Dedicate Flags

Sunday morning, January 17, at the regular morning service hour at 11 o'clock, the Reverend F. L. Meadow will dedicate the American flag and the Christian flag recently purchased for the church. The dedicatory service used is put out by the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. Two members of the Sunday School will assist in the service.

The purchase of these flags was made possible by donations from members of the church, the Sunday School classes, the American Legion Auxiliary, and individuals.

LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET MONDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night, January 11, at 7:30 o'clock. Mrs. J. F. Howell, president, urges all members that can be present.

Major Ward Made Randolph Executive

GRADUATED WITH '31 BASIC CLASS

Major Roy Ward, brother of Rip and J. A. Ward, Jr. of Sonora and son of Mrs. J. A. Ward of San Angelo, has been made executive officer of Randolph Field at San Antonio. Graduating with the first basic class ever graduated at Randolph, "West Point of the Air," in 1931, he has been serving as post operations officer. In his new position he takes the place of Col. James A. Healy, assigned to the San Antonio Aviation Cadet Center.

Major Ward attended the University of Texas, receiving degrees in advanced accounting and law there. At Randolph he is president of the special court and law member of the general court.

Marine, Army Enlistments Start Feb. 1

Information received from the local Selective Service board states that after February 1, men desiring to volunteer into the Marine or Army service may do so if application is made to the local board and accepted by it. All recruiting will be handled by the local boards after that date.

This order applies only to the Army and Marine services and enlistment may not be made for the Coast Guard or Navy.

Students Shown Films On Brazil

Two films, "Brazil" in technicolor and "How Brazil Gets the News," were shown in the assembly of the High School students Tuesday morning in the High School Auditorium.

Announcement was made by the Principal, C. C. Ball, that mid-term examinations will be held on January 14 and 15, and students not required to take exams will be allowed a holiday on those dates. Report cards will come out the following week.

Ball also said that the use of the library will be denied students who fail to pass courses unless they have permission of a teacher who requires the use of the library in the course of study.

Changes in the physical education schedule will go into effect after mid-term, it was also announced.

Dried Beans Next Victory Special

Dry edible beans will be the next Victory food special, to be furnished in this area from January 16 to January 23, according to information received by Clay Atchison, county agent, from the Department of Agriculture.

Consumers are urged to take advantage of the plentiful supply of dried beans, as they are rich in protein food and there is a greater supply on hand now than there has been in recent years.

According to USDA officials, extensive civilian use of dried beans will release other less plentiful protein foods to our armed forces and for foreign shipment.

Hog Buyers Told About Erysipelas

H. C. Atchison, county agent, warns those bringing hogs from other counties here, of the dangers of swine erysipelas, which though not yet widespread in Texas, may become dangerous with more swine being brought in from other states.

R. M. Regenbrecht, secretary of the A. and M. College Extension Service, cautions farmers who buy out-of-state swine to use every effort to safeguard against possible infection and spread of the disease. The disease comes in different forms, some chronic and some acute. In the acute stage death comes quickly. Symptoms of chronic erysipelas include unwillingness of the animals to move from their bedding, shortness of breath, enlargement of the joints. In some cases, diamond-shaped patches appear on the skin at a later stage of the disease. Sometimes the disease is mistaken for cholera, and in many instances correct diagnosis is difficult.

Marguerite Howell was the guest of Mary Jane Evans in San Angelo last week, returning home the latter part of the week.



Colonel Kinzie B. Edmunds, District Army Recruiting Officer, is meeting this week with Eighth Service Command Officers at Dallas. At the conference new Army recruiting policies are said to be in the making. One of the announced subjects of the officers will be the extension and intensifying of the program for enrolling fifteen times as many WAACS as are now in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

Services Held For W. E. James Tues.

W. E. James, former citizen of Sonora and one-time member of the Devil's River News staff, died Monday night, January 5, in Austin where he and Mrs. James had been making their home for several years. Funeral services were held in Austin Tuesday.

While in Sonora Mr. James was active in civic affairs, having been a member of the Lions Club, for which he served as secretary from 1930 to 1936. He was also a member of the Methodist Church here, and taught music lessons.

Mr. James served as printer and associate editor of the News when it was owned by M. A. Wilson, now of Big Lake. He served in the same capacities when the paper was owned by George Baker, now of Ft. Stockton, and when it was published by Robert Jacobs, now of Marfa.

Mr. James, who had been in ill health for a number of years, is survived by the widow, two daughters, Mrs. Jeff Kelly and Mrs. John McClelland of Texon, and one son, Everett James of Illinois. Also surviving are four grandchildren.

Deadline Set For Transport Ration Issues

Deadline for issuance of temporary transport rations for trucks, busses and other commercial vehicles by the local Rationing Board has been set for January 31, according to J. L. Nisbet, chairman. An amendment to the rationing regulations has also authorized the board to issue transport rations in the following cases:

Where a certificate of war necessity issued by the ODT clearly does not allow enough gallonage to fill an applicant's requirements through January 31; where a previously issued transport ration is insufficient to meet the applicant's needs through January 31, and the applicant has not yet received his certificate of war necessity, nor has had his application denied, and where a transport ration has been granted upon the basis of a certificate of war necessity and the ration is insufficient and the appeal has not yet been acted upon.

Wool Council Opposes WPB Order

Vestal Askew, secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, is in receipt of a letter from Eugene Ackerman of the American Wool Council, concerning the proposed W. P. B. order which will restrict the companies manufacturing lounging robes for men, women and children from using wool fibre. This order has been vigorously opposed by the Wool Council, public relations organ for the wool industry, since its proposal two or three months ago, and T. S. G. R. A. is in full accord with this opposition.

The order has been fought on the grounds since the manufacture of lounging robes is an industry in itself such a ruling would be discriminating against one industry. Also it is claimed to be a step toward compulsory blending, a measure opposed by the Wool Council.

In his letter to T. S. G. R. A. Ackerman wrote in part, "this order establishes a principle we must lick, or we face a series of orders now considered being taken requiring the use of substitute wool out of many products and fibres."

Mrs. H. V. Stokes and Mrs. Bill Fields were in San Angelo Monday.

Happy Birthday

Saturday, January 9
Lois Ann Mann
Sallie Wardlaw
Oscar Lee Carpenter
Sunday, January 10
Peggy Sue Barker
Aldwell Nisbet
Monday, January 11
None
Tuesday, January 12
Davey Dean Locklin
Billie Jean Cobern
Mrs. J. O. Hightower
Wednesday, January 13
Mrs. Gertrude Reming
Thursday, January 14
Ford Allen
Mrs. Jim Perry
Friday, January 15
Mrs. Dorothy Norris
Billy Bryan Savell
Joe Brown Ross

Army Seeks All Qualified Specialists

Authorization has been received by the Recruiting Service, from the War Department, to forward, there for consideration, individual requests from applicants for enlistment who possess mechanical or other special skills needed by the army, but who cannot qualify for available specialist quotas for the Ordnance Department, the Signal Corps, the Corps of Engineers or the Air Corp, and who have passed their thirty-eighth birthday and are physically qualified, according to word received today by Sgt. Max O. Reinbach, Recruiting Officer in San Angelo.

Colored bandsmen, between 38 and 50 years of age, may voluntarily enlist for direct assignment to duty with the Second Band, Barrage Balloon Training Center, Camp Tyson, Tennessee. The following bandsmen may qualify: clarinet, cornet, trumpet, bass and snare drums, euphonium or baritone, flute or piccolo, french horn, saxophone, trombone and tuba players.

"Besides these quotas, unlimited quotas still exist for specialists to enlist for direct assignment to duty with the Signal Corps, the Corps of Engineers, the Ordnance Department and the Air Corps," Sgt. Reinbach stated. Those interested should make applications for enlistment at the Army Recruiting Station in the Post Office Building in San Angelo.

CORRECTION

The story on War Savings Bond sales which appeared in the January 1 issue of the News and which read, in part, "War Savings Bond sales, as reported by the First National Bank, reached a peak of \$305,173 for the month of December" should have read "War Savings Bond sales as reported by the First National Bank, reached a total of \$305,173 for 1943, in Sutton County."

The story, as it was written last week implied that \$305,173 of Bonds had been sold in December; actually that amount had been sold during the year, the figures being compiled at the Bank on December 31.

Clayton White left Tuesday for a visit with Charles Davis in Muleshoe. Davis was formerly employed here by the Santa Fe Railroad. White plans to go from Muleshoe to Glendale, California, to visit his brother, Clayton, who is attending an aeronautical school there.

Elliott P. T. A. Meets Tuesday

Members of the Elliott School P. T. A. in a meeting Tuesday afternoon, voted to continue bringing educational pictures to the students. These pictures are ordered from the University of Texas Visual Extension Bureau and cover a wide variety of educational subjects.

The plays put on by the P. T. A. before Christmas were discussed, with the view of improvements that can be made in future productions of this kind.

M. A. Tant, principal, and treasurer of the P. T. A. presented a financial statement of the association.

2 NEW TEACHERS AT ELLIOTT SCHOOL

Mrs. H. West Evans is teaching the sixth grade at the Elliott School this term, taking the place of Miss Mildred Mund. Miss Mund is teaching the grade Miss Ruby Green had before Christmas, when she left to stay with her family in Marathan.

Another new teacher at the

Lions Told Of Medical Care On Battlefield

C. B. Barker, principal speaker at the Lions Club luncheon Tuesday, January 5, spoke on medical care given service men and how it works in the field.

J. B. Nelson, chairman of the Committee in charge of farewell parties for men leaving for the armed services, reported that the committee had voted to give a farewell party for each group of men leaving on the afternoon before their departure. Programs will be planned for these parties, and the men will be presented with gifts. The next group will leave on January 29.

Former member, Boyd Caffey, was a guest at the luncheon, told of his work in a defense project in Dallas.

Announcement was made of the death of former member and secretary, W. E. James of Austin.

Income Tax Information

WHAT IS INCOME TAX?

The federal income tax is, as the name implies a tax levied upon incomes, and it is payable in relation to the amount of income. Income, for Federal income tax purposes, means in general any compensation for one's services, whether the compensations be in money or in goods or other services; it includes also the net value received for the product of one's labor, as farm produce in the case of a farmer; income from investments; profit from business operations; and other gains from sales and exchanges of goods and property. Certain limited categories of income are, however, tax exempt, and to the extent of such exemption are excluded in computing the tax.

Because of exemptions from the tax given to persons having less than certain stated amounts of income, as well as because of various deductions and credits allowable, only a small proportion of the numbers of persons receiving income have until recently been subject to the tax. Thus, of the estimated 55 million persons in this country who received income in one form or another during the calendar year 1941, only some 26 million persons were required to file Federal income tax returns for that year, while of these same 26 million, more than 9 million were not taxable due to credits and deductions allowable.

As a result of the lowering of exemptions, many more persons are now subject to the Federal income tax than before, and for the calendar year 1942 it is estimated that more than 35 million persons will file Federal income tax returns. To the large numbers of persons now subject to the Federal income tax, who have never reported income before for Federal tax purposes, an understanding of the law and applicable regulations is of prime importance.

An income tax return is a declaration on the part of the taxpayer of his total taxable income for the year, together with the various deductions, exemptions, and credits to which he is entitled. It is in reliance upon voluntary disclosure, and the integrity of taxpayers generation of the income tax can be kept at a minimum. Though the return is a voluntary statement, any person who willfully makes a return which he does not believe to be true and correct in every material matter is subject to the penalties provided by law.

The first requirement of the law is the filing of an appropriate return. For individuals generally, this must be done by March 15 following the end of the calendar year. The return must be filed with the appropriate Collector of Internal Revenue for the district in which is located the legal residence or principal place of business of the person making the return.

Under the present law every single person, and every married person not living with husband or wife, having a total income (earnings together with other income) of \$500 or more, and married persons living with husband or wife throughout the taxable year, who have an aggregate income (total earnings of both husband and wife, together with other income) of \$1200 or more, regardless of the amount of net income, must file a return.

Elliott School is Mrs. Carley Barker, who is teaching the primer class, formerly taught by Miss Mary Helen Atkinson, who is now teaching in San Antonio Schools.

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Announcements

From The Churches



Methodist Church

Men's Bible Class 9:30 a. m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship 10:50 a. m.
 Social 6:30 p. m.
 League Service 7: p. m.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Services held every second Sun-
 day in each month by Rev. Evans
 H. Moreland
 Confirmation Class 10:00
 Morning Service 11:00
 Rev. Moreland will be here for
 a special service Christmas night
 at 7:30, o'clock

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

R. A. Scranton, Pastor
 Sunday School 10 a. m.
 Morning Service 11 a. m.
 Training Union—6:45 P. M.
 Evening Preaching Service will
 be held at 7:30 P. M.
 Brotherhood First and Third
 Tuesday nights.
 W. M. U. Wednesday 3 p. m.
 Choir rehearsal and Prayer meet-
 ing Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.
 A cordial welcome awaits every
 one to all the services.

Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn Hostess To Just Us Club

Mrs. J. A. Cauthorn was host-
 ess to the Just Us Club Monday
 afternoon at the home of Mrs. Rip
 Ward.
 Mrs. Rip Ward won high club,
 Mrs. Evelyn Ward won high guest,
 and Mrs. E. E. Sawyer received the
 cut prize.
 The living room was decorated
 with pot plants.
 Pie and coffee were served to
 Mesdames E. E. Sawyer, C. A.
 Tyler, G. H. Hall, Rip Ward, J. H.
 Brasher, Edwin Sawyer, and Mrs.
 Evelyn Ward.

Art Club Studies Russian Art

Thursday evening the Art Club
 met at the home of Mrs. Howard
 Kirby. Mrs. J. B. Nelson was co-
 hostess.
 The program was "Russian
 Art." The topic was divided into
 three parts. "Architecture" was
 discussed by Miss Ruby Nell Hag-
 gard. Miss Margaret Barton talk-
 ed on "Textile and Metal," and
 Miss Louise Creighton discussed
 "Painting."
 A salad plate, coffee and tea
 were served.
 Found: Key chain with three
 small keys and rabbit's foot at-
 tached. Owner may claim by paying
 for this add at News Office.



Congratulations

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Trainer are
 the parents of a baby boy, born
 December 16, in Claymont, Dela-
 ware. The baby has been named
 Billy Miers.

Taylor Home Scene Of Dinner and Party

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Taylor enter-
 tained the Friday Night Bridge
 Club at their home Saturday night.
 Carnations decorated the living
 room.
 A turkey dinner was served to
 Miss Ada Steen and L. E. John-
 son won prizes for high scores. G.
 H. Hall received the slam prize.
 The traveling prizes went to G. H.
 Hall, Mrs. L. E. Johnson, W. H.
 Dameron, and Mrs. E. D. Stringer.
 A turkey dinner was served to
 Messrs. and Mesdames R. A. Hal-
 bert, L. E. Johnson, G. H. Hall, Ben
 Cusenbary, W. H. Dameron, E. D.
 Stringer; Mrs. R. C. Vicars, Mrs.
 Joel Shelton, Miss Ada Steen, and
 Sgt. George Wynn.

RED CROSS RECEIVES NEW SHIPMENT OF YARN

A new shipment of yarn for
 Red Cross sweaters has been re-
 ceived. Mrs. Ban Odom will issue
 the yarn now. Anyone wanting
 to knit for the Red Cross will
 have to see Mrs. Odom. In a few
 weeks Mrs. T. L. Harrison will
 again assist the Red Cross.

MRS. GEORGE BENNETT ENTERTAINS BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. George Bennett was host-
 ess to the Firemen's Wives Bridge
 Club Wednesday night at the home
 of Mrs. J. H. Brasher.
 Mrs. Lee Patrick won high and
 Mrs. Hubert Fields won low score.
 Refreshments were served to
 Mesdames Pat Lyles, Beamon
 Speed, George Barrow, S. M. Loeff-
 fler, Lee Patrick, A. H. Adkins,
 Hubert Fields, George D. Chalk,
 J. H. Brasher, and Miss Melba
 Kleitches.

THE WOMAN'S PAGE

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MISS JAMIE TRAINER, Editor

Sonora, Texas, Friday, January 8, 1943

PAGE TWO

Mrs. G. H. Hall Speaks At P. T. A. Meeting

Mrs. G. H. Hall spoke to the P.
 T. A. Tuesday afternoon, on "Estab-
 lishing Sound Work Habits in
 Home and School".
 The Boy Scout first aid team,
 winners of the district champion-
 ship, demonstrated a first aid prob-
 lem.
 The program was opened with
 the singing of "The Battle Hymn
 of the Republic."
 It was reported that five doll-
 ars worth of grease a month has
 been shipped.

The Association voted to dis-
 continue the sale of War Stamps
 at the door.
 The treasury report stated that
 the P. T. A. had thirty two dollars.
 A certificate of merit was a-
 ward to the P. T. A. for defense
 work. Only one hundred and thirty
 certificates were awarded in the
 state.

The state president's message
 was read by Miss Emma Hamilton.

BLUE MONDAY CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. W. E. CALDWELL

The Blue Monday Club met at
 the home of Mrs. W. E. Caldwell
 Thursday afternoon.
 A salad plate and tea were
 served to Mesdames Joe Berger,
 O. G. Babcock, John Bunnell, Rob-
 ert Rees, T. W. Sandherr, Lee
 Labenske, and H. V. Morris.

J. A. SYKES FAMILY REUNION HELD DURING HOLIDAYS

A family reunion of the J. A.
 Sykes family was held during the
 Christmas holidays.
 Christmas Eve the family gather-
 ed around the tree and Santa Claus
 presented gifts to everyone. Dinner
 was served Christmas Day.
 Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. A.
 Sykes present were two sons Jack
 and Wesley Sykes, and five daugh-
 ters Mrs. Jim Luckie, Mrs. G. T.
 Rode, Mrs. Artie Joy, Mrs. Emm-
 ett Simon, and Mrs. Ilee Simon.

Sunday School Class Meets With Mrs. Dave Locklin

The Methodist Women's Sunday
 School class met at the home of
 Mrs. Dave Locklin, Monday night.
 Mrs. F. L. Meadow led the devo-
 tional.
 A social hour followed the busi-
 ness meeting. Refreshments were
 served to Mesdames R. C. Vicars,
 Arthur Carroll, George D. Chalk,
 E. D. Shurley, F. L. Meadow, and
 Miss Marie Watkins.

Charles Cusenbary Entertains With Coke Party

Charles Lee Cusenbary enter-
 tained with a coke party last Fri-
 day night at the home of his par-
 ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cusen-
 bary.
 Cokes, sandwiches, and cookies
 were served to Kathryn Ross, Jo
 Ann Featherston, Jimmy Cusen-
 bary, Kathleen Schwiening, George
 D. Chalk, Jr., Tommy Bond, and
 Frankie Bond.

G. H. Davises Hosts At New Years Party

Members and guests of the Idle
 Hour Club were entertained with
 a New Year's party last Thursday
 night at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
 G. H. Davises.
 The dining table, laid with a
 white madeira cloth, was center-
 ed with an arrangement of red and
 white carnations flanked by red
 candles.
 Prizes were won by Mrs. Josie
 McDonald, Mrs. John Lee Nisbet,
 Mrs. Bryan Hunt, and W. H. Dam-
 eron.
 Attending were Messrs. and Mes-
 J. F. Howell, Libb Wallace, Ben
 Cusenbary, I. B. Boughton, G. H.
 Hall, L. W. Elliott, John Lee Nis-
 bet, W. T. Hardy, E. D. Stringer,
 J. C. Stephen, Bryan Hunt, C. A.
 Tyler, W. H. Dameron; Mrs. Josie
 McDonald, and Mrs. Ella Wallace.

MR. AND MRS. DOCK JOY HAVE HOLIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Joy had as
 their holiday guests, Mr. Joy's two
 sisters, Mrs. Helen Boatwright of
 Hot Springs, New Mexico, and
 Mrs. F. Mogford of Hunt, Texas.
 This was the first Christmas in
 twenty-five years that the brother
 and sisters had spent together.

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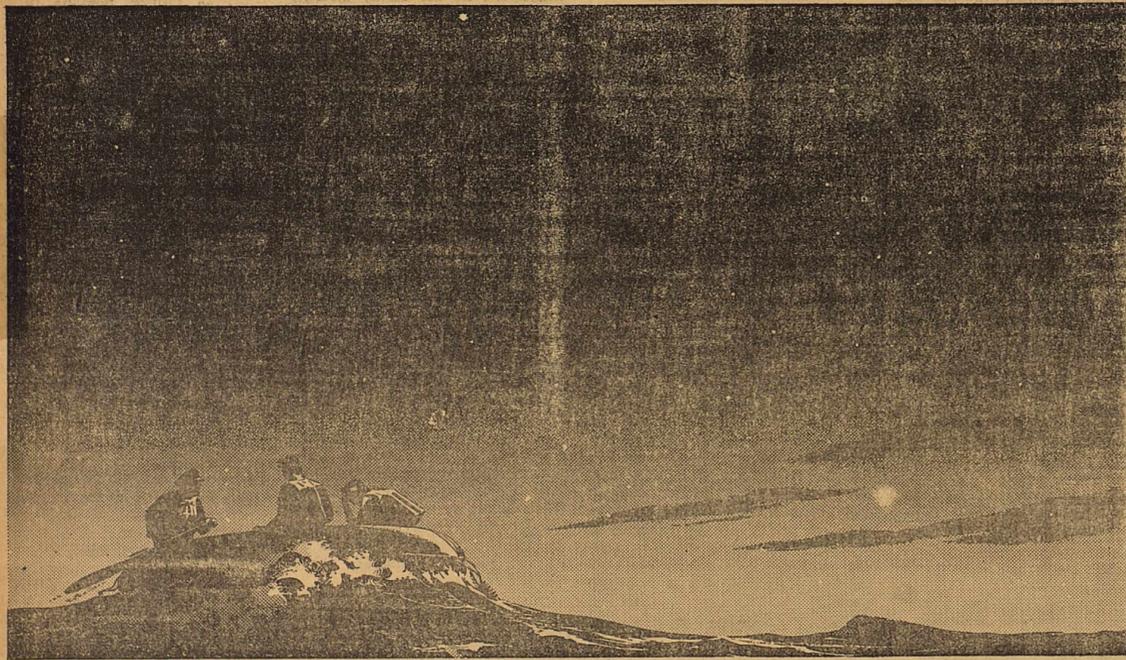
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 carrying stories about local boys . . . killed
 or missing in action . . . or found after many
 days afloat in a rubber raft . . . undergoing
 indescribable hardships and suffering.

West Texas boys, unused to bottomless,
 endless stretches of ocean water, are learn-
 ing to read the sun, the stars, the wind, and
 the drift in order to survive.

They feel a terrible need of training and
 experience to give them a better chance of
 reaching land—maybe 700 miles away.

Whatever the job—be it navigating a
 rubber raft or operating a light and power
 system—experience and training are needed
 to successfully cope with the technical prob-
 lems involved.

Because the men and women who run

this company had that training and experi-
 ence over many long years, you've under-
 gone no inconvenience resulting from a
 shortage of light or power.

The war created new and greater needs
 for electricity. But the problems of sup-
 plying it were not new to us. Our plant
 engineers, linemen, servicemen already had
 the know-how.

This is one of the advantages of free
 enterprise and business management as
 opposed to political control and bureau-
 cratic mis-management. You've got to know
 how to run a power plant . . . or navigate
 a rubber boat. There's no time or place for
 inexperience!

West Texas Utilities Company

BEST WISHES

for 1943!





ROLL OF HONOR

When you know something of interest about a member of the armed force from the Sonora area, write or telephone us. We'll appreciate it and the men in uniform will be glad to hear about their friends and buddies in other parts of the world. This feature page will act as a clearing house for the activities of the service men, many of whom receive the News.

The News received a letter from Mancil Crumley, S 2-c postmark at the San Francisco Fleet Post Office. He says, "Dear Mates and Buddies, Well I am back aboard after twelve-days leave which I enjoyed to the utmost of human satisfaction. However my leave was marred by the fact that my good friend Clay Puckett let himself be hoodwinked into the Marines. That grieved me sorely because he was such a good boy and seemed to have above average intelligence. I am sure by now he sees and regrets his mistake. Be that as it may, I no whave one man in the Marines with whom I must stay on speaking terms.

I want to take this opportunity to correct a statement made in this department, some time ago, by one of my good friends in the Navy. He stated that the A.S. after his name meant Navy Reserve. I think if he will check up and square away, he will find that V6 stands for Navy Reserve, and A. S. is the abbreviation for Apprentice Seaman. If I am wrong I stand to be corrected.

Enough of this, I must get off the deck and go to work, as it is nearly time for my watch. Lets keep the "Devil" going to every service man from our community. I am always waiting for the "Devil" to get the news from my friends in all departments of the Service. So long mates."

Cpl. Alfred Schwiening, Jr., Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, writes, "I sure wish that I could



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have been there Christmas Day to help eat that turkey. I really would have enjoyed it. I'm sorta homesick for you folks, because this weather and country here isn't to my taste. I wish I could see you folks once more before I go, but I guess that will have to wait awhile. I'd like to be home, and have some fresh meat. It would taste pretty swell. No news, so I'll stop."

From Pearl Harbor, Pete Cook, S 2-c writes, "Today is Sunday, and I have just returned from liberty and have decided to write home.

I still haven't finished school, and I don't think I will very soon. We didn't have a written test; instead we just have to show our instructors what we have accomplished. I have been doing fairly well so far, and I hope I keep on doing so. Radio isn't too hard after all. Not as hard as I thought it was going to be.

I guess life with me lately has been about the same. Eat chow in the morning, go to school until chow again, go back to school until chow again, write a few letters, take a shower and go to bed. That doesn't sound like a very interesting schedule, but I get a lot of



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fun out of school. I didn't know there was so much going on that I knew so little about. It is getting real interesting lately. I think we will be here for a good while yet, but that won't bother me a bit. I am beginning to like it here."

Cpl. A. W. Awalt of Camp Walters, states, "I'm really planning on a big celebration for seeing the New Year in tonight. I'm in charge of a quarters detail in a building full of men with severe colds and this light pneumonia epidemic that is in Camp. I'm on duty from 5:30 o'clock New Year's Eve until 5:30 o'clock New Year's Day. To top it off I think that I will get guard over the week-end. I'm going to take it with a smile and make up for it when I get my furlough. I can hardly wait until January 8, when I can come home. I'll really be glad to get out of here for awhile.

Louis Davis called me just before he left. He is being transferred to California. He is coming to Sonora."

Cpl. Andrew Randolph, who is stationed in Ft. Lewis, Washington, says, "This is certainly wet country. It has rained every day I've been here. I will probably be in Oregon next week."

Pvt. Cecil Pierce, Fort Lawton, Washington, writes, "I arrived in Seattle, December 8. The reason I haven't written is that I thought I would be home before now. I can't say just now when I will be home.

I am getting along fine. I am stationed here in the States now. I just came from the Aleutian Islands. It was pretty disagreeable there. I am thankful to be in the States on Christmas and New Year's even if I didn't get home."

Word has been received that Albert Murray, who is in Santa Ana, Calif., classified as a bombardier. In his tests he qualified for either pilot training or bombardier training. In case he washes



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out as a bombardier he can become a pilot.

Pvt. J. R. Hudson of the U. S. Marines, address unknown, writes, "How are you all getting along? Fine, I hope, as for me I'm O. K. and feeling fine. This is sure a beautiful country, and the people are very nice here. I can't tell you how the weather is or where I am but I am O. K. and having a lot of fun."

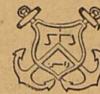
Pfc. Sam Odom, Camp Bowie, says, "Hope that it isn't as cold down there as it is up here. It started snowing about twelve o'clock last night, and turned into sleet early this morning. It has been sleeting all day long, and doesn't look like it is going to warm up any."

Pvt. Jessie Kring, U. S. Air Force, A. P. O. 603 c P. M. Miami, Florida, states, "I am getting along fine I guess, I got busted back to a private. I went to sleep on duty. It's a wonder I didn't get shot. I'll have my sergeants rating back before long. I haven't received any Christmas presents yet, except one from a lady I met in New York. It sure was nice. She is with the American Theater Wing up here. I am working tonight. I have some music on the radio from London. It is pretty good.

I sure would like to have some lettuce or something. I haven't had any green vegetables since I have been here."

W. C. Gilmore, Msmith 1c, writes from San Francisco, California, "Just returned from a week-end in Los Angeles, and had a very good time, however, did not get to do anything that I had planned on doing. I got a ticket to the "Chocolate Soldier" on the stage, it was quite highbrow and a lot different from the picture, and in full operatic form, also went to one picture show but did not stay till the end of it (got sleepy). This early to bed is getting me in bad habits. I can't take this night life any more. Going to Los Angeles yesterday

In The Service



COAST GUARD 1

I went down the ocean road through Malibu Beach and Santa Monica, and the drive is really beautiful, in fact everything looks so good here that we can't get over it, no snow and slush, just good old sunshine and lots of it.

By the way when I was going down the road to catch a ride along with the other fellows that got off at noon (no bus till after three) someone standing along side of the road called to me and I looked around and it was Roy Hoggett, he is here and in the thirty-ninth battalion. It might even be possible that we will be shipped to the same advance base. I had not too long a visit with him, but plan on going over to their area tomorrow. Tell Tom Davis that I saw Roy, and that he is looking fine."

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RED CROSS ASKS DONATIONS FOR SERVICE MEN'S KIT BAGS

Donations are being taken by the Sutton County Chapter of the Red Cross to buy kit bags for service men. These bags cost \$1.00 each, and include such articles as soap, razor, stationery, shoe polish, and cloth, pocket size books, shoe laces, pencils, chewing gum, cigarettes, tobacco, playing cards, buttons and thread.

Several donations have been made by organizations, but not enough to fill the chapter's quota which was set at \$400. The donations already made are greatly appreciated, and others wishing to contribute are asked to see Mrs. Alvis Johnson.

The annual Red Cross drive will be held in March.

MISS MARIE WATKINS SINGS AT U. S. O.

Miss Marie Watkins visited in San Angelo last week. She sang at the U. S. O. while there. Several informal parties were given in her honor.

Lt. Walter Louis Davis, who has been stationed at Camp Walters is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Davis.

Boyd Caffey, who has been working in Dallas, is here visiting his wife.

REPORT OF AN AFFILIATE OF A NATIONAL BANK

—Published in Accordance With Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes—
Report as of December 31, 1942, of
SONORA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
SONORA, TEXAS

—which is affiliated with FIRST NATIONAL BANK, Sonora, Texas, Charter No. 5466, Reserve District No. 11.

Kind of Business:
CONSTRUCTION OF BANK BUILDING

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Stock held by First Loan Company, Trustee for stockholders of First Loan Company, an affiliate of the First National Bank, Sonora, Texas.

Financial relations with bank:

Obligations to, or known to be held by, affiliated bank—Bonds \$3,000.00

I, GEO. H. NEILL, active vice-president and treasurer of Sonora Construction Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEO. H. NEILL
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1943.
(SEAL) H. C. KIRBY, Notary Public.

CHARTER NO. 5466 RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK SONORA, TEXAS

In the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31, 1942. Published in response to call made by Comptroller of the Currency, under Section 5211, U. S. Revised Statutes

ASSETS	
1. Loans and discounts (including \$10,868.20 overdrafts)	\$463,151.56
2. United States Govt. obligations, direct and guaranteed	115,000.00
3. Obligations of State and political subdivisions	383,911.44
5. Corporate stocks (inc. \$6,000.00 stock of Fed. Res. Bank)	6,001.00
6. Cash, bal. with other banks, inc. ahrdlaoridlutaaoimfluatoidliaoion	
6. Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	624,009.06
7. Bank premises \$13,200.00, furn. and fix. \$2,200.00	15,400.00
8. Real estate owned other than bank premises	1.00
9. Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other estate	3,000.00
11. other assets	13,391.08
12. Total Assets	\$1,623,865.14
LIABILITIES	
13. Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	1,235,238.70
14. Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, corps.	33,253.96
16. Deposits of States and political subdivisions	98,613.74
18. Other deposits (certified and cashier's checks, etc.)	22,352.69
19. Total Deposits	\$1,389,459.09
24. Total Liabilities	\$1,389,459.09
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
25. Capital Stock:	
(b) Class B preferred, total par	100,000.00
(c) Common stock, total par	100,000.00
26. Surplus	100,000.00
27. Undivided profits	28,406.05
28. Reserves	6,000.00
29. Total Capital Accounts	234,406.05
30. Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	\$1,623,865.14

MEMORANDA	
31. Pledged assets (and securities loaned) (book value):	
(b) Other assets pledged to secure deposits	24,000.00
(e) Total	24,000.00
32. Secured liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets	60,697.99
(d) Total	60,697.99

STATE OF TEXAS,
COUNTY OF SUTTON, ss:
I, GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
GEO. H. NEILL, Cashier
CORRECT—Attest: E. F. Vander Stucken, S. H. Allison, Edwin E. Sawyer, Directors.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of January, 1943.
(SEAL) H. C. KIRBY, Notary Public.

The New Year's Big Events

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39 Years Ago

John W. Reiley was in from his ranch Tuesday attending to some land business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Clarkson were in from their Lost Lake ranch Saturday shopping.

William Harris, the fence builder, has finished his contract for C. T. Turney. Mr. Harris was in Sonora Saturday to attend to some business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Cauthorn and some of their children were in Sonora Tuesday for supplies.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Stuart spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. Mayes in Crockett County.

Abe Mayer and George Lehan were over from the T half Circle ranch Sunday and Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cornell Jr. left for Brackettville Tuesday to spend the holidays with the old folks.

Corbet Spears, who is looking after Charles Metcalf's cattle on the Reiley ranch, was in Sonora Monday.

Coleman Whitfield, the sheepman, came in from his flocks Tuesday to spend the holidays with his family. Mr. Whitfield says his sheep are doing fine.

W. C. Linden, of San Antonio, writes the News to inform witnesses from Sutton County in the Miles murder case that the said case has been set for January 26, 1903 at San Antonio and that all witnesses under process are expected to be present.

W. L. Locklin came up from Devil's River, where he has his sheep, Saturday and left for his home in Sherwood, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Graves and Mrs. Mat Keeton came in from Bob Peacock's ranch Monday. Mrs. Graves, who is not very well, will remain in town for some time.

W. C. Bryson was in from his ranch Tuesday with one of his friends, Prof. G. C. Jones, of Ozona. The professor will spend a few days at Mr. Bryson's ranch.

Mrs. George W. Stephenson left on a visit to relatives at Eminence last week. Mr. Stephenson accompanied her to San Angelo.

Will Talbert, one of San Angelo's prominent commission men, was in Sonora several days last week looking around.

Billy Wright Taylor spent last week in San Angelo, visiting R. E. Taylor, Jr.



I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

I felt sorry for the little, old man as he peered bewilderedly through the heavy bars that looked so unnecessary. The jail was clean but cheerless and there was the smell that hangs about all jails—a mingling of cleaning antiseptics and the body odors of men shut off from sunlight, free air and the perfume of grass and flowers.

The prisoner and a youth had engaged in a drinking bout. His companion had become threatening, (the old man related), and then had left the house, with the warning that he would be back to cause trouble.

"I heard him at my door and I shot one time—just to scare him; I didn't mean to kill him," and the gray-haired man repeated the last remark, over and over.

Sheriff's deputies had already removed the body of the slain man before the district attorney and I drove to the house of tragedy. It was a day of deceptive sunshine, for a keen-edged wind was blowing and there were sheets of ice on the "tanks" just inside the fences. We turned at last into a rutted lane that was bordered by frustrated scrub-oaks, twisted and bare that December morning.

And there was the weather-beaten hovel, looking ready to fall. Entering the single room, we saw a scene of indescribable poverty. There were no panes in the windows, which were covered with strips of cloth. The floor looked as though it had never known a broom. A few chipped dishes contained the remains of an old meal. There were two backless chairs. In the middle of the place was a bed, the quilts little more than rags.

Much in few words: All that I am or hope to be, I owe to my sainted mother. (Abraham Lincoln)

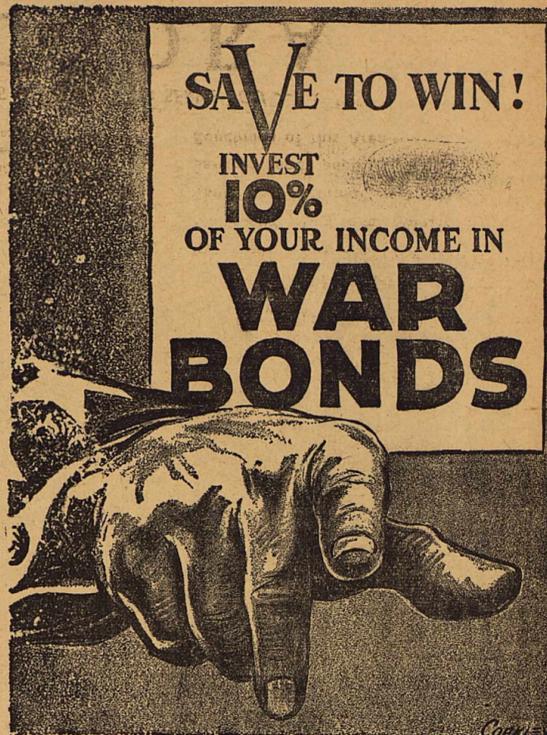
Duty is the most sublime word in the English language. (Robert E. Lee)

I have never known a man I didn't like. (Will Rogers)

The protest against the Austin bureaucrats declaring a prolonged vacation at Christmas when the

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FOLGER'S COFFEE, 2 Lb. Jar 67c	FOLGER'S COFFEE, 1 Lb. Jar 35c
DEL MONTE, SLICED Pineapple, No. 2 1/2 Can 3 For \$1	SCOTT COUNTY CORN, 2 Cans 23c
Rice Krispies, 2 Boxes 25c	Grapenuts, 2 Boxes 27c
CHARMIN Tissue, 4 Roll Carton 23c	SCOTT'S TOWLS, 2 Rolls 23c

GRAPEFRUIT, Seedless, 96 Size, 3 For - - - 10c

BUTTER COOKIES, Box 10c	RITZ Crackers, Large Box 23c
TENRERONI, 3 Boxes 21c	WHEATIES, 2 Boxes 25c
RINSO, Giant Box 69c	LIFEBUOY SOAP, 3 Bars 23c
K. B. MEAL, 5 Lb. Bag 20c	K. B. MEAL, 10 Lb. Bag 30c
FRESH STOCK DRIED APPLES, 1 Lb. 25c	HERSHEY'S COCOA, 1-2 Lb. Box 11c

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K. C. Baking Powder, 25 Oz. Can 19c	CLABBER GIRL Baking Powder, 25c Can 22c
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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

NO. 1 GRADE YAMS, 2 Lbs. 15c
WINESAP APPLES, Doz. 18c
RUTABAGAR TURNIPS, 2 Lb. 13c
SPINACH, 2 Lbs. 15c
STRAWBERRIES, Box 25c
2 BUNCHES Turnips, Carrots, Beets 13c
WHITE OR YELLOW SQUASH, Lb. 10c
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